

DAU and NDIA to Sponsor Defense Systems Acquisition Management Course Offering for Industry Managers

The Defense Acquisition University and the National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor an offering of the Defense Systems Acquisition Management course Jan. 11-15, 2010, at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel, in Long Beach, Calif. The course is targeted for industry program managers, assistant program managers, systems engineers, industry personnel serving on DoD Integrated Product Teams, and other personnel who must interface with DoD program offices involved in program development and execution. The result of successful completion of this course is a comprehensive understanding of the environment and driving forces affecting your DoD counterparts that will significantly increase your awareness and effectiveness in dealing with programmatic issues.

The course is also open to a limited number of DoD personnel in grades 04-06 and GS-13-15, tuition-free. Government students should already be certified at Level II to obtain maximum benefit from this course. Government employees and supervisors may apply the DSAM course towards fulfillment of the DoD requirement for acquisition workforce personnel to earn 80 Continuous Learning Points every two years. DSAM counts for 34 CL points, or 3.4 Continuous Education Units (CEU). DSAM presents the same acquisition policy information provided to DoD students who attend the DAU courses for acquisition certification training. It is designed to meet the needs of defense industry acquisition managers in today's dynamic environment, providing the latest information related to:

- Defense acquisition policy for weapons and information technology systems, including discussion of the DoD 5000 series (directive and instruction), and the *Defense Acquisition Guidebook*
- Defense acquisition reform and initiatives
- Defense acquisition procedures and processes
- The Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process, and the Congressional budget process
- The relationship between capability needs determination, resource allocation, science and technology activities, and acquisition programs.

All course materials will be provided to students on CD-ROM. It is highly recommended that students bring a laptop computer to the class. If you do not have access to a laptop, please contact the respective meeting planner as soon as possible. There will be a limited number of laptops available for use through NDIA, so please call early.

For further information, see "Courses Offered" under "Meetings and Events" at <www.ndia.org>. Industry students contact Mary Katherine Saladino at msaladino@ndia.org or 703-247-2540. A limited number of experienced government students may be selected to attend each offering. Prospective government students must first contact Karen Byrd at 703-805-3728 or e-mail Karen.Byrd@dau.mil prior to registering with NDIA.

PM e-Toolkit Announcement

The new Program Managers e-Tool Kit, <<https://pmtoolkit.dau.mil>>, provides the program management resources of the popular print version available in a dynamic format. It features continual content updates, live policy links, and links to informative ACQuipedia articles and related Communities of Practice. Please visit and bookmark <https://pmtoolkit.dau.mil> now to keep this convenient tool at your fingertips! Future development will include tools to make policy, guidelines, and document flows more readily available and understandable to the Acquisition workforce at any ACAT level.

Strength Deployment Inventory Workshop Now Available at DAU

The Defense Acquisition University now offers a half-day workshop, Strength Deployment Inventory®. SDI is a proven, memorable tool for improving individual and team effectiveness and reducing the costs of conflict. The effectiveness of an organization depends on the quality of its relationships. SDI can help people enrich their interpersonal relationships in the workplace and manage conflict more productively.

The tool is based on the theory of relationship awareness—a learning model for effectively and accurately understanding the motive behind behavior. When people recognize the unique motivation of themselves and others, they greatly enhance their ability to communicate more effectively and handle conflict more productively.

During the workshop, you will receive a brief overview of the tool, complete the assessment instrument, do a self validation, participate in fun activities to reinforce learning, and receive general feedback. The workshop will help you to improve your interpersonal relationships, both professionally and personally, as well as resolve conflict more productively.

For more information in setting up an SDI workshop for your organization, contact Art Greenlee at 703-805-4993 or arthur.greenlee@dau.mil.

DAU's Web Site Gets a Facelift

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Have you visited <www.dau.mil> lately? If so, you'll have

noticed that the DAU Web site is sporting a new look and feel. We hope you like the changes and that they serve your needs.

A small team was formed to assess how the original DAU site could be moved into a user-friendly Web 2.0 environment. The team researched user needs and benchmarked best practices as they worked to build a site that better meets DAU stakeholders' needs. The best approach, the team decided, was a more icon-driven site with tab organization. The team also wanted to incorporate Web 2.0 technologies such as RSS to enable users to subscribe to the "DAU Ticker" alerts, which send notification of new postings; and a quick-look calendar for fast access to DAU events.

The Web site design aims for a clean, updated look and easy navigation, so users can easily access all the information they need to support them on the job. Redundancy was eliminated and information grouped into logical "buckets."

A Web site is a constant work in progress, so we rely on you to let us know what we can do to improve access to information and make the site even more useful to you. If you can't easily find information you're looking for, or if you have suggestions for improvement, please e-mail the webmaster at webmaster@dau.mil.

DAU Wins Two National Level Awards

DAU has been awarded the 2009 Chief Learning Officer Vanguard Award for incorporating gaming and simulations within its learning products; and the DAU e-Learning and Technology Center (eLTC) won the 2009 Chief Learning Officer Learning Team Award. The Chief Learning Officer Learning in Practice Awards honor those who have demonstrated excellence in the design and delivery of workforce learning and development programs.

Both awards were presented on September 29 at the Chief Learning Officer Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colo. For a complete list of winners, go to www.clomedia.com/awards/.

Product Support Assessment

Dr. Ashton B. Carter, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology, and logistics has released a year-long study of weapon system product support and life cycle management. The study focused on efforts needed to achieve better stewardship of the billions of dollars spent each year in product support, and achieving more cost-effective weapon system readiness outcomes. The study culminated in a report entitled "DoD Weapon System Acquisition Reform: Product Support Assessment," which captures the findings

and recommendations needed to drive the next generation of product support strategies. Led by the office of the deputy under secretary of defense for logistics and materiel readiness, the study team identified eight principal areas that, if developed or improved, will make product support more effective and acquisition reform more far-reaching:

- Product Support Business Model
- Industrial Integration Strategy
- Supply Chain Operational Strategy
- Governance
- Metrics
- Operating and Support Costs
- Analytical Tools
- Human Capital

The Product Support Assessment report is available on the Defense Acquisition University's Acquisition Community Connection Web site at <https://acc.dau.mil/Community-Browser.aspx?id=328610&lang=en-US>.

DAU Publishes 2010 Catalog

The 2010 DAU Catalog is now available and can be viewed at <http://icatalog.dau.mil/>. You may request a hard copy from the Student Services Office at student.services@dau.mil. However, the printed catalog contains information accurate as of the date it was published. All updates and changes after publication are captured in the online version of the iCatalog, which is your source for the most current information.