

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. 23-28, 2011, at the Sandpearl Resort in Clearwater Beach, Fla. 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 O4-O6 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 Michelle Hariston at mhariston@ndia.org or 703-247-9478. 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.

DAU is now on Facebook!

Are you interested in connecting through social media? Are you looking for ways to network with other Defense Acquisition Workforce members? Check out DAU's new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Defense.Acquisition.University. Here you will find out about the latest happenings at DAU and connect with other members of the acquisition community.

Career Management Brochure

In collaboration with the Service Defense Acquisition Career Managers, the 4th Estate DACM team has led the creation of a *Defense Acquisition Career Management* brochure. The brochure, published in 2010, serves as a resource for the acquisition workforce community and provides general acquisition workforce information, contact information, and registration websites for all DACMs, as well as descriptions about the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act certification process. Download the brochure at www.dau.mil/doddacm/Shared%20Documents/DAW%20DACM%20brochure.pdf.

New Continuous Learning Module on Human Systems Integration (CLE 062)

As a technical professional working in acquisition, what do you need to know about Human Systems Integration? DoDD 5000.01 requires "...optimizing total system performance and minimizing the cost of ownership through a 'total system' approach to acquisition management..." The *Defense Acquisition Guidebook*, Chapter 6, defines total system to include not only the prime mission equipment, but also the people who operate, maintain, and support the system; the training and training devices; and the operational and support infrastructure. Program Managers and those who support them must have the necessary background and understanding to design and develop systems that effectively and affordably integrate with human capabilities and limitations. How do you account for the human in your tradespace in systems development? To learn more about Human Systems Integration and why it is important for systems engineers and other career fields like life cycle logistics, test and evaluation, and of course, program management, register for DAU's new continuous learning module, CLE 062, Awareness of Human Systems Integration, at <http://>

icatalog.dau.mil/onlinecatalog/courses.aspx?crs_id=1726. This course will not only contribute two continuous learning points, but will give you an example-driven understanding of how to consider the human element with the same level of importance given to system hardware and software.

Acquisitions Involving Environmental Sampling or Testing

The Defense Acquisition University has established a new area within the Environmental Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) area of the Production, Quality, and Manufacturing (PQM) Community of Practice entitled Acquisitions Involving Environmental Sampling or Testing. The area contains an online training module and downloadable copies of relevant documents. DAU, in coordination with the Naval Civil Engineer Corps Officer School, is pleased to offer a Web-based training module, Introduction to the Department of Defense Policy and Guidelines for Acquisitions Involving Environmental Sampling or Testing, at <https://acc.dau.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=294892>. This module explains requirements and procedural guidance for implementing minimum quality systems performance standards into solicitations and contracts involving environmental sampling or testing services. It applies to sampling or testing services procured by, or on behalf of, the Department of Defense. It also applies to orders placed by non-DoD Agencies (e.g., General Services Administration). Based on national and international standards, the policy supports the implementation of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement with respect to higher level contract quality requirements. Implementation of the policy is a necessary measure to ensure that environmental information disseminated by the Department of Defense meets basic levels of quality required by the DoD Information Quality Guidelines.

DLA-DAU Troop Support Activity/DAU Satellite Campus Opens in Philadelphia

The Defense Logistics Agency-Defense Acquisition University (DLA-DAU) Troop Support Activity/DAU Satellite Campus, DAU Capital and Northeast (CNE) Region, officially opened as a satellite campus on Sept. 24 in Philadelphia. The ceremony was well attended by both the host command—the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)—and DAU. CNE Dean Robert Daugherty was joined by the Senior Service College Fellowship Director and the CNE Academic Site Director for Aberdeen and Philadelphia, Jim Oman and John Fallon respectively. DLA Troop Support Commander Brig. Gen. Scott D. Chambers was joined by senior staff and retired Navy Capt. Bill Walsh, chief of staff for Congressman Joe Sestak (D-Pa.). Sestak's office provided a citation expressing official congressional recognition and appreciation of this partnership. The ceremony marked the beginning of

the new DLA-DAU Troop Support Activity/DAU Satellite Campus as well as a re-energized relationship between DAU and the agencies co-located with the Naval Support Activity in Philadelphia.

The new facility represents a best-in-class teaching environment, with state-of-the-art equipment, including projectors, laptops, LCDs, white boards, and a new touchscreen control center with excellent sound capabilities. New furniture was also purchased for this site. The classroom easily accommodates up to 36 students. Two newly constructed breakout rooms each feature 52-inch LCDs with laptop and DVD connections, white boards, and a host of new tables and chairs. DLA also constructed a DAU faculty office along with storage space for books, miscellaneous supplies, and a laptop storage cabinet that also charges the computers each evening. Two printers and copiers are located in the lobby area for students and faculty. A fully equipped DAU office will assist visiting faculty and the DAU Academic Site Director in performing their duties.

The new DAU Satellite Campus, according to Chambers, has energized the local workforce in Philadelphia and will strengthen DLA's relationship with DAU as together they seek additional, targeted training. Chambers noted that he is already seeking to renovate existing classroom space to meet the new standard so that any DAU overflow classes will have the same exceptional teaching environment. The general has also invited DAU to participate in the DLA Executive Training Committee meetings to assist in mapping out the skill gaps and training requirements for the local workforce. The new facility and its vastly improved capabilities will promote DAU's presence and ability to assist in meeting these additional requirements.

DAU is receiving final comments and edits regarding the Memorandum of Agreement between DAU and DLA and anticipates formalizing the relationship in 1st Qtr, FY 2011. Further, DAU is seeking to utilize the new DLA classroom for DLA-specific training, which is co-located at the DAU Satellite Campus. As DLA, the U.S. Navy, and various local agencies (i.e., Defense Contract Management Agency, Naval Facilities Engineering Command) continue to hire interns and identify training needs for the existing workforce, DAU's presence and new facility will be fully engaged to assist these dedicated employees in meeting their critical missions in support of the warfighter.

DAU Partnership with AACEI

DAU and the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACEI) recently signed a cooperative agreement that creates the framework for both organiza-

tions to pursue mutually beneficial educational opportunities by leveraging the best practices of government and of the contractor community. Areas of mutual interest include cost estimating, scheduling, and earned value management—collectively known as project controls.

Advanced Contingency Contracting Course Review

DAU has recently conducted a thorough review and update to its Advanced Contingency Contracting course. The review addressed several training gaps identified by various congressional committees, senior contingency members, and Government Accountability Office and Inspector General findings. The course was thoroughly reviewed and the content updated. The latest changes in rules, regulations, policies, tools, and websites were incorporated to provide contingency contracting officers with the knowledge and resources to support the warfighter in any contingency operation.

DAU Pilots New Course on Understanding Industry

In fall 2010, DAU held the pilot offering of its new course, Understanding Industry. The fellows of the Senior Service College Fellowship program at Huntsville participated as the students for the pilot. The class consisted of two days of instruction/discussion and a half-day business panel of four industry representatives. The goal of the class is to increase the Defense Acquisition Workforce's awareness of the defense industry's business environment and how it differs from the government's procurement environment. The course also identifies ways government personnel can leverage the strengths of industry while recognizing the distinct roles and responsibilities of the procurement relationship.

Requirements Management Curriculum Update

Responding to a Congressional mandate to train the Requirements Management community of military and civilian personnel, DAU has created a comprehensive set of online and classroom courses. These include: three online continuous learning modules; one distance-learning course; a 1-week resident course; and an executive-level overview.

- CLM 041—Capabilities Based Planning describes the framework that unites strategic guidance, the three elements of defense acquisition, and the operational “here and now” elements of Global Force Management and Adaptive Planning.
- RQM 110—Requirements Management is a distance learning course on Core Concepts for Requirements Management. This course covers the requirements manager's role within “Big A” acquisition and examines the requirements generation process from end-to-end, highlighting the intersection between acquisition, resources, and requirements.

- CLR 250—Capability-Based Assessments (CBA) explores CBA history, context, and procedures.
- CLR 252—Developing Requirements investigates how to document CBA results as Key Performance Parameters (KPPs) and as Key System Attributes (KSAs).
- RQM 310—Advanced Concepts and Skills for Requirements Managers is a capstone classroom course for Requirements Managers that goes beyond facilitated discussions, exercises, and case studies. In-class computer simulations let students organize a CBA study team, prioritize project development milestones, respond to a rapid response situation, and coordinate requirements documents. Turning Point handheld clicker “voting” technology is used during facilitated class discussions and evaluations.
- RQM 403—The Requirements Executive Management Overview provides general/flag officers/senior executives with an understanding of the role of the requirements manager within “Big A” acquisition.

Additionally, DAU has created a Requirements Community of Practice at <https://acc.dau.mil/requirements>—an online 24/7 resource that provides information resources and an interactive discussion forum. The FY11 schedule provides six offerings of RQM 310 with an expectation of 10 offerings in FY12. Regional campus support will be solicited to meet future demand. For questions or comments, contact Dr. Chuck Court, DSMC Requirements Management Department Chair, Charles.Court@dau.mil.

DAU 2011 Catalog has Arrived!

DAU has another great year in the works, with new training and services to offer the Defense Acquisition Workforce! Another year means another catalog released, and the DAU 2011 Catalog is now available for viewing at <http://icatalog.dau.mil/onlinecatalog/doc/catalog2011.pdf>. For a printed copy of the 2011 catalog, send an e-mail to Donna Reece at donna.reece@dau.mil or to Student Services at student.services@dau.mil. Remember, however, that supplies of the printed catalog are limited. The most current catalog information is regularly downloaded to the iCatalog at <http://icatalog.dau.mil/>.