

Around the Acquisition Community

A brief compilation of major acquisition news items, career development announcements, Defense Acquisition University initiatives, and leadership changes.

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DAU Graduates its 1 Millionth Student

The Defense Acquisition University recognized its 1 millionth graduate in a ceremony held Nov. 20, 2009, at the Fort Belvoir campus. Wilfred Cruz-Camacho, team leader for the U.S. Munitions Team at the Armaments Research Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny, N.J., completed DAU's Program Management Tools (PMT 250) course, making him the 1 millionth graduate of a DAU certification course.

DAU President Frank Anderson presented Cruz-Camacho with a plaque commemorating the occasion, and DAU Alumni Association President Bill Bahnmaier welcomed Cruz-Camacho with a free one-year membership to the association. Martha Newman, chief, Career Program 16 Office, presented the graduate with a certificate of congratulations on behalf of the Army Career Program 16 for Engineers and Scientists (Non-Construction).

Anderson acknowledged the teamwork that makes such an accomplishment possible. The Service or DoD Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM) office works with DAU to ensure enough course offerings are planned each year, and the DACM office coordinates the training requirements within its own workforce to send the right employees to the right courses at the right time. DAU must consistently provide the highest quality training and staff support to the student, and the student must be dedicated enough to fully participate, learn, and successfully complete the course.



Wilfred Cruz-Camacho, team leader for the U.S. Munitions Team at the Armaments Research Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny, N.J., and DAU's 1 millionth graduate. DAU photo

New Defense Acquisition Guidebook Web Site

The Defense Acquisition Guidebook Web site, <<https://dag.dau.mil>>, has been redesigned to provide the acquisition workforce and DAU's industry partners with a more effective, user-friendly capability to instantly access best business practices, supporting policies, and lessons learned. The revised DAG content includes the guidance needed to implement the acquisition policy changes in DoD Instruction 5000.02 and additional policy implementing the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009.

New DAG features:

- Redesigned pages that now include more information. The revised presentation improves readability and eases navigation, and users no longer need to view individual paragraphs separately.
- An improved search feature provides more precise search results. It also allows the user to search within the initial results, enabling identification of the most useful information for the task at hand.
- A redesigned Life Cycle Framework view allows the user to quickly determine the information requirements required for each decision event and program type—major defense acquisition programs, major acquisition information systems, and ACAT II and below.
- A Defense Acquisition Portal quick links feature places a wide array of tools at the user's fingertips such as links to additional resources such as the Defense Acquisition Portal (DAP); the Program Manager's Toolkit; the DAU-hosted ACQuipedia; and a Best Practices Clearinghouse site.
- A Defense Acquisition News feature, which provides users with information on the latest acquisition news.
- More timely updates. As new statutes, policies, and direction are introduced, appropriate DAG content changes can be made quickly.

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2010 Business Managers' Conference

This year's Business Manager's Conference will be held May 18 and 19 at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. The Business Managers' Conference is a free conference supported by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and hosted by the director for Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Dr. Nancy J. Spruill. Targeted attendees include the DoD acquisition management workforce as well as members from the DoD financial management, cost estimating, and program analysis and evaluation communities. Defense industry personnel are also welcome to attend. To register or view the conference agenda, go to <<http://bmc.dau.mil>>.