

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 Sept. 12-16, 2011, at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga. 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 2 years. DSAM counts for 34 CL points, or 3.4 continuous education units. 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; and
- 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 Introduces Log21: Logistics for the 21st Century

Log21: Logistics for the 21st Century is a week-long executive education program designed for early-career, high-potential logisticians from industry, the military, and other DoD/government agencies. Log21 provides early-career logisticians or those entering a second career in logistics with a comprehensive and tailored educational experience to assist with their professional development. Logistics is considered the core enabler at the base of an organization's global competitive strategy. Competence in such a complex and important area begins with the initial professional development process, crucial in nurturing early career interest and success. This program serves to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the participants while linking them into a broader network of logisticians. It also reinforces the logistics strategies of participating organizations; expands and facilitates knowledge transfer within participating organizations; and helps to retain talented, early-career logistics leaders. Learn more about Log21 at <http://idb.org/centers/log21/register>.

Program Management Educational Partnership Signed in Middle Georgia

DAU, Macon State College (MSC), Robins Air Force Base (RAFB), and Aerospace Industry Committee (AIC) hosted a signing ceremony on June 20, to embark on another partnership. The official memorandum of understanding was signed by Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahan, commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, RAFB; Jim McCullough, Dean, DAU South Region; Dr. David A. Bell, president, Macon State College; and Daniel Penny, chairman of the Aerospace Industry Committee.

During the ceremony at Macon State's Warner Robins campus, McMahan said, "Today is all about relationships."

This new relationship will allow employees of RAFB who already work in program management and MSC students working on a business and information technology degree with a major track in management, marketing, or general business to choose a program management concentration. The program management concentration encompasses all the DAU acquisition professional development program training requirements for Level II certification in program

management. Of course, students and employees are still required to satisfy the experience requirements.

"I am pleased to have Macon State lock arms with DAU to increase the opportunities for acquisition professional development training for the Defense Acquisition Workforce," McCullough said. "This partnership benefits DAU, the AIC, Macon State, and the Robins Regional Chamber. I call this a win-win-win-win. Thank you for including DAU, and we hope to forge more partnerships in the future."

The memorandum of understanding for program management builds on the previous contracting partnership signed back in 2007. Since then, MSC has graduated more than 200 students in this partnership, which in return has given RAFB the trained employees needed for contracting jobs. This type of relationship had been a model for DAU, DoD agencies, and academia.

DAU Recognized by *Computerworld* as a 2011 Program Laureate

On June 20, DAU was named a 2011 Program Laureate by International Data Group's *Computerworld* Honors Program during the Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony and Gala Awards at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. The *Computerworld* Honors Program recognizes organizations from around the world in 11 categories of industry-related endeavor, with visionary applications of information technology that promote positive social, economic, and educational change. Nominated organizations—with information technology use that has been especially noteworthy for the originality of conception, breadth of vision, and significant benefit to society—are invited to submit case studies. This year's program was especially competitive, with more than 1,000 nominations submitted. DAU was recognized in the Training/Education category for its case study, "Defense Acquisition University Delivers Training to the Defense Acquisition Workforce through the AtlasPro-Learning Suite."

Services Acquisition Continuous Learning Module Released

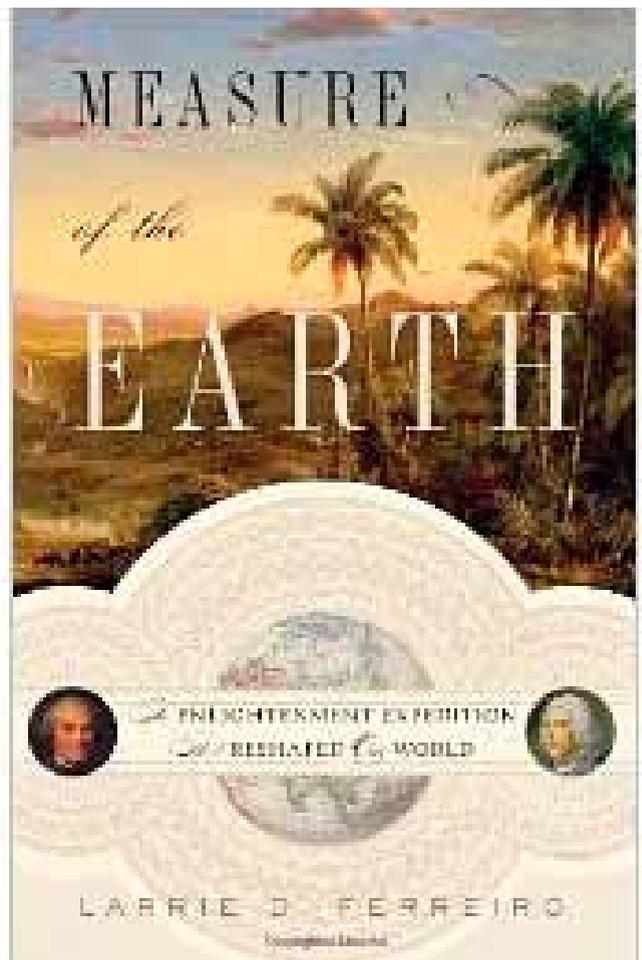
DAU recently released a new Continuous Learning Module on Services Acquisition (CLC 013). The module incorporates updated DoD policy, the new DoD Services Guidebook, and the latest changes to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS). It also includes numerous links to content on DAU's Service Acquisition. CLC 013 will eventually be linked to the Better Buying Power Community of Practice (CoP), as it addresses new ideas in "Improving Tradecraft in Services Acquisition."

Continuous Learning Center Update

The Continuous Learning Center is busy building more continuous learning opportunities for the acquisition workforce. Many modules, games, and new mobile learning assets are on the way. Check out the Continuous Learning Center at www.dau.mil/clc or go directly to the Defense Acquisition Portal to sign up for the RSS feed on the latest updates added to the blog at <https://dap.dau.mil/training/cl/blogs/default.aspx>.

DAU's Director of Research Authors Book

In June, a new scholarly book by Dr. Larrie D. Ferreiro, the DAU director of research, was released. *Measure of the Earth: The Enlightenment Expedition that Reshaped Our World* examines a scientific expedition in the 18th century and its impact on global politics and international exploration. *Measure of the Earth* introduces a very important work, linking science, politics, and military power, and marks DAU as a world-class center of strategic thought leadership on par with major academic and military universities.



DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Through the years, the Defense Acquisition University has established strategic partnerships with universities and colleges, defense-sector corporations, professional associations, other government agencies, and international organizations. Such partnerships with academic institutions allow Defense Acquisition Workforce members to transfer DAU course work toward college and university degrees and certificates. Partnerships with industry, professional societies, government agencies, and international organizations focus on sharing training materials, tools, modules, and training opportunities. A complete database of DAU Strategic Partnerships can be found at www.dau.mil/aboutDAU/Pages/partnerships.aspx. In recent months, DAU has added the following additional partnerships to the database:

Regent University and DAU

In March, Regent University Dean of the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship Dr. Bruce Winston and DAU Vice President James McMichael signed a strategic partnership agreement with DAU, whose mission is to train the Department of Defense acquisition workforce throughout all career stages. The partnership provides advanced standing for graduates of the DAU program manager's course who enroll in Regent's master's in organizational leadership or master's in government (public administration) programs. Various other DAU courses will also transfer for credit toward Regent graduate and undergraduate courses. More information on the partnership is available at www.regent.edu/military/partners/home.cfm.

Institute for Defense and Business (IDB) and DAU

DAU and the Institute for Defense and Business signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate on DoD weapon system product support and life cycle management, training, education, research, and curriculum development. Signing the memorandum were IDB President Mark C. Cramer and McMichael. The partners agreed to:

- Study trends in acquisition and sustainment logistics management across the entire weapon systems life cycle (from requirements generation to disposal), and present principles in a consistent and unified framework;
- Enhance the quality, effectiveness, and relevance of life cycle management curricula offered by DAU and the IDB;
- Promote applied research on challenges faced by the defense industry to incorporate best practices into life cycle management curricula; and
- Provide access to life-cycle specific research and professional development opportunities for life cycle management faculty.

For more information on the IDB, contact Theresa Raines, director of industry relations for the IDB: e-mail Raines@idb.org or call 919-969-8008.

Trident University and DAU

DAU and Trident University have established a strategic partnership agreement to provide additional educational opportunities for students of both institutions. Through this agreement, the Defense Acquisition Workforce personnel can transfer certain DAU completed course credits to a variety of TUI's online programs at the bachelor's and master's degree levels. Defense Acquisition Workforce members who are students at TUI will be notified of which DAU courses they can transfer toward TUI degrees. As the majority of TUI students are military personnel, DAU programs will be offered as another option for their career development. Learn more about the partnership agreement at www.trident.edu/military-students/programs-partnerships/defense-acquisition-university-partnership.