

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.

DAU Introduces Four New Continuous Learning Modules

The Defense Acquisition University's newest continuous learning module is the DAU Purchase Card Online System (PCOLS), CLG 005. It was created to provide comprehensive, role-based PCOLS training to DoD purchase card personnel to meet the memorandum requirement of deploying PCOLS DoD-wide by Jan. 4, 2010. This module most benefits DoD purchase card professionals acting as Government Purchase Card Program participants. This includes both the acquisition and financial hierarchies within the purchase card program as defined by PCOLS.

Three other continuous learning modules recently developed by DAU are:

- CLC 055—Competition Requirements
- CLE 045—Introduction to DoD Science and Technology Management
- FAC 034—Interagency Acquisition Basics

Continuous learning augments the education, training, and experience standards for the defense acquisition workforce. To assist the workforce in obtaining the required 80 Continuous Learning Points every two years, DAU offers a Web site dedicated to such opportunities. Students can review or register for CLMs in the DAU iCatalog at <<http://icatalog.dau.mil/onlinecatalog/tabnavcl.aspx>>. Also, monitor the status of ongoing and future module development at <<http://moduledevelopment.blogspot.com>>.

Boeing and DAU Collaborate on World-Class Training

Boeing and the Defense Acquisition University recently signed a memorandum of understanding that renews and improves the framework set by the two organizations to pursue educational opportunities while supporting each other's efforts to leverage the best business practices of government, industry, and academia for world-class training. Boeing Integrated Defense Systems President and CEO Jim Albaugh and other executives joined DAU President Frank Anderson and other officials for the signing.

"At Boeing we think of the work done by the men and women of the acquisition community—public and private—as a mis-



PMT 401 Inaugural Course at DAU Midwest Region

The Defense Acquisition University now offers its intensive 10-week Program Mangers' Course (PMT 401) in its Midwest Region. The course, held at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, began Aug. 24, and was attended by 26 military and civilian students from the DoD acquisition workforce and industry.

Photo courtesy DAU Midwest Region

sion. It's no less important than those missions carried out by the end users of the products we provide: the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines counting on us for mission assurance," said Albaugh. "This relationship will help us in better understanding our customer's needs through a continuing dialogue on acquisition issues."

The MOU enables Boeing and DAU to partner on opportunities such as the sharing of training resources, including U.S. Department of Defense personnel participating as guest instructors for Boeing company courses at the same time that Boeing leaders speak at, and attend the university. Boeing and DAU will share recommendations on course content and provide feedback on pilot training programs and other course development activities.

Acquisition Security Policy Chart

The systems engineering directorate within the office of the director, Defense Research and Engineering (ODDR&E) has published a tool that brings together the complex universe of acquisition security policies. The tool, published in three formats for ease of use, is intended to provide acquisition program managers and offices of primary responsibility a perspective on the number of policies that may be applicable to a program. Download your version of choice from the Defense Acquisition University's new Defense Acqui-

sition Portal at <<https://dap.dau.mil/Pages/NewsCenter.aspx?ag=Acquisition%20Process>>:

- Web version—provides hyperlinks to their full text to facilitate awareness and compliance
- Large-scale wall chart printable version
- Large-scale wall chart text-friendly version

The SE team has plans for periodic updates to the tool to keep the policy information current and expand the scope to include other federal laws and issuances.

Acquisition Center of Excellence for Services: A DAU, OFPP, and FAI Partnership That Works!

Since November 2004, the Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE) for Services, required by the Service Acquisition Reform Act (SARA), section 1431(b), has served as a repository for Services' best practices. The target audience is the private and public sector acquisition community including program managers, technical representatives, contract specialists, contracting officer representatives, and other members involved in the acquisition process. For further information, visit the ACE for Services Web site at <<http://acc.dau.mil/ace>>; or contact Julia Wise, procurement analyst, 202-395-7561, julia_wise@omb.eop.gov. To contribute Service contracting best practices information, contact Jeffrey Birch, DAU knowledge project officer, jeffrey.birch@dau.mil.