

### **DAU President Named Acting USD(A)**

Defense Acquisition University President Katrina McFarland has assumed duties as acting assistant secretary of defense for acquisition effective Oct. 14, 2011. She will continue in her capacity as president of DAU, spending half her time serving DAU and half her time serving as the Acting ASD(A).

The Office of the ASD(A) provides oversight and policy direction to the secretary, deputy secretary, and under secretary of defense (acquisition, technology and logistics) on matters relating to DoD's acquisition systems, major defense acquisition programs (MDAP), and space and intelligence acquisition. McFarland, besides continuing to oversee the DAU, will now oversee the Defense Contract Management Agency as part of her duties as Acting ASD(A).

### **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. 23-27, 2012, at the PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, 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 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 [www.ndia.org/meetings/202A/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ndia.org/meetings/202A/Pages/default.aspx). Industry students contact Julie Veldkamp at [jveldkamp@ndia.org](mailto:jveldkamp@ndia.org) or call 703-247-2577.

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](mailto:Karen.Byrd@dau.mil) prior to registering with NDIA.

### **Formal Name Change**

The Defense Systems Management College, School of Program Managers, has formally simplified its name to the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC). This change recognizes the full scope of the college that includes congressionally mandated training for requirements managers, expanded international training under the International Acquisition Career Path initiative, acquisition leadership training and executive coaching, and coordination of university research.

DSMC will continue its mission to deliver high-quality, executive-level program manager training to senior program managers, program executive officers, general and flag officers, and senior executives in acquisition-related positions.

### **Requirements Certification Changing**

In Section 801 of the FY 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress mandated the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to develop a certification training program for DoD military and civilian personnel generating requirements for major defense acquisition programs (MDAP). The Defense Acquisition University quickly created a requirements department to handle the congressional mandate, in coordination with the Joint Staff J-8, requirements management division.

## DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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](http://www.dau.mil/aboutDAU/Pages/partnerships.aspx). In fall 2011, the following additional partnership was added to the database:

### DAU and University of West Florida

A new strategic partnership was recently added to the DAU portfolio. The University of West Florida (UWF) in Pensacola now is included in the growing list of colleges and universities that accept DAU course credits toward their degree programs. Jim McCullough, dean, DAU-South Region, and Dr. Judy Bense, UWF president, signed the Memorandum of Understanding formally establishing the strategic partnership. UWF recently added a master's of science in administration with specialization in acquisition and contract administration within its College of Professional Studies, which is well suited to many members of the acquisition workforce.

This partnership allows use of DAU course credits toward an advanced degree, which can save acquisition professionals time and money. In addition to its main campus in Pensacola, UWF has locations in Fort Walton Beach, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, and other shared facilities at regional community colleges. For students not near one of these locations, UWF has a robust distance learning program, allowing students from across the globe to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity.

DAU has been responsible for developing and administering courses of instruction for use during Requirements Management Certification Training (RMCT), conducting periodic Functional Integrated Product Teams (FIPTs), ensuring courses are properly matched to training levels, and recommending changes to course content.

As part of this last responsibility, the requirements department is releasing CLR 101 to replace CLM 041—Capabilities Based Planning. CLR 101 is an online course providing an overview of the Joint Capabilities Integration Development System (JCIDS) process. The CLR's five lessons focus on JCIDS terms, definitions, basic concepts, processes, roles, and responsibilities.

CLM 041 will be removed from the iCatalog on Nov. 1. Although CLR 101 will take its place as mandatory training for RMCT Levels A, B, and C, DAU will allow one month of overlap (Oct. 1- Nov. 1) for all CLM 041 completions.

Descriptions of the training levels and courses are updated in the JCIDS Manual, Enclosure J. For more information on

CLR 101 or the Requirements Department, visit <https://acc.dau.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=204035> or contact [Matthew.Ghormley@dau.mil](mailto:Matthew.Ghormley@dau.mil).

### Supportability Analysis Continuous Learning Module

The Defense Acquisition University recently fielded the Supportability Analysis Continuous Learning Module (CLL 012). The goal of supportability analysis is to ensure supportability is included and addressed as a system performance requirement; and to ensure the system is concurrently developed or acquired with the optimal support system and infrastructure. CLL 012 is built around the Supportability Analysis Life Cycle Framework chart as a graphical representation of the supportability analysis process and its component analyses and activities. This module will provide logistics and engineering members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce with a solid introduction to the fundamental principles and concepts of supportability analysis and its important role in delivering reliable, maintainable, and supportable systems.

Beginning in FY 2012, CLL 012 will be a mandatory Level II certification requirement for Life Cycle Logistics. It will also

be part of the supportability analysis training track currently being developed, along with other supportability analysis continuous learning modules, online courses, and future LOG 211 classroom training.

### **Automated Requirements Roadmap Tool**

During the workweek of Aug. 15-19, DAU completed a preliminary launch of the Automated Requirements Roadmap Tool (ARRT), a Better Buying Power initiative designed to help the acquisition community develop and define more effective requirements for services acquisitions. The ARRT provides a structured approach for defining requirements and performance standards, as well as how the results will be inspected. Outputs of the ARRT process include drafts of the Performance Work Statement (PWS) and Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP). The ARRT has been incorporated into the Mission Focused Services Acquisition course and the Service Acquisition Workshop. The tool can be accessed through both the Service Acquisition Mall (SAM) site (<http://sam.dau.mil>) and the Acquisition Community Connection (<https://acc.dau.mil>). A series of videos available at the SAM site provide an overview of the ARRT and instructions on its use. The ARRT is a useful resource that will assist Defense Acquisition Workforce personnel to more effectively achieve the Better Buying Power program goals.

### **Aberdeen Facility Is Moving**

The greatly anticipated and long-awaited relocation of the Defense Acquisition University Capital & Northeast Region Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) training facility site has begun with the successful movement of the TelePresence (TP) system in mid-September. The movement and occupation of the new facility will be completed by mid-October.

The new facility's opening marks an important milestone in the establishment of a permanent location for DAU on APG. The new facility will provide a significantly enhanced, first-rate capability designed specifically to support the delivery of Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) courses and operations associated with the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) program. The new, government-leased facility of approximately 12,000 square feet will consist of three DAWIA course classrooms, six student breakout rooms, a student lounge, a TP suite, one conference room, four faculty/staff offices, and an SSCF student room. In addition to SSCF Program/APG Site Director Jim Oman and SSCF Program Coordinator Parker Bennett, the APG team will be joined by faculty member Johanna Klema, professor of contract management.

DAWIA courses are scheduled to start in full swing in the November/December 2011 time frame. The location of the new DAU facility is within the secure confines of APG in an area known as the Government and Technology Enterprise (The GATE). APG is divided into two internally disconnected areas, north and south. The new location will be in a more easily accessible site on the northern side, closer to the majority of the APG Acquisition Workforce. The previous DAU site on the southern side of post at E5027 Blackhawk Road will close permanently, and all DAU operations there will have ceased at the end of September 2011.

DAU faculty-provided DAWIA courses, however, will continue at the Mission Training Facility (MTF), operated by the United States Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM). The MTF is approximately 1 mile from the new DAU-operated facility on APG North. Instructors should note when coming to APG that the School Code "501F" indicates a course taking place at the DAU site at 6175 Guardian Gateway; and School Code "501" denotes a course at the MTF, 6008 Jayhawk Road.

With the enhanced capability of conducting three concurrent courses at the new site, Capital & Northeast faculty can look forward to better meeting the DAWIA course needs of the APG community. Furthermore, the additional SSCF dedicated space will improve delivery of the fellowship program and its capacity to provide superior senior-level training and education to the future leaders of the APG community and the Defense Acquisition Workforce.