

AT&L KNOWLEDGE SHARING SYSTEM—AKSS

REPLACEMENT SYSTEM FOR
DEFENSE ACQUISITION DESKBOOK UPDATED, MODIFIED

Effective Jan. 15, 2003, the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) Knowledge Sharing System (AKSS) V1.0 was updated and modified—becoming AKSS V2.0. The transformation from Defense Acquisition Deskbook to AKSS V1.0 represents a fundamental change in Deskbook philosophy.

To provide users with consistently up-to-date content, AKSS points to the location of documents maintained by document owners to the maximum extent possible. AKSS V2.0 expands the mandatory and discretionary reference area, and in particular provides the mandatory references called out in the new 5000 documents. Additional discretionary knowledge resources are provided through ex-

panded online knowledge communities and knowledge areas, reorganized to provide easier access through a “Community Central” area.

A major new function in V2.0 is an improved and expanded search capability. Other new resources include access to DAU's continuous learning modules; expanded information on AT&L education and training; categorized links to related acquisition sites; and government forms, glossaries of terms, and acronym dictionaries. CDs reflecting the current content of the reference library and other user-requested content are also available. AKSS is now online at:

<http://deskbook.dau.mil>

DEFENSE HONORS MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENTS

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The fourth annual Defense Manufacturing Technology Achievement Awards were presented on Dec. 3, 2002, at the Defense Manufacturing Conference in Dallas. Award recipients included government and industry technologists from the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA's) Apparel Research Network (ARN) program and the Joint Military Service Composites Affordability Initiative (CAI)—Phase 2.

John B. Todaro, Director for the Office of Technology Transition, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, presented the awards.

The awards recognize defense and private sector individuals responsible for developing innovative manufacturing processes that improve the afford-

ability, cycle time, readiness, and availability of defense weapon systems or components that meet the needs of the warfighters.

The ARN was established by the DLA Manufacturing Technology Program to improve the U.S. apparel industry's ability to meet DoD requirements for military clothing. Awards were presented to team members from the DLA; Clemson Apparel Research; Product Data Integration Technologies; AdvanTech; the Manufacturing Productivity Center; the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia; the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island; AT&T Government Solutions; and the U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

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