

Raytheon was the first corporation to sign a strategic partnership with DAU.

DAU President Frank Anderson Jr. presented the award, describing Burnham as a “great teammate of the university and of DoD.” He spoke of Burnham as an individual who had led a significant transformation in his own company, shifting the focus of Raytheon to meet the 21st century concerns of the United States and its allies. “The word you think about connected to Mr. Burnham is ‘passion,’” said Anderson, “and I emphasize ‘passion’—I got pumped up just sitting at the table tonight and listening to him.”

In his acceptance speech, Burnham admitted to displaying animated enthusiasm when dealing with topics he cares about. “Mr. Anderson says I’m passionate? The last time I talked here, I got so carried away my glasses flew straight off my face,” he admitted. Burnham spoke of his appreciation and admiration of the defense procurement community. “Not everyone knows what you do,” he said, “but I do.” He recalled times during the 1990s when, despite those who questioned the need for defense after the Cold War ended, the acquisition corps remained focused on American security.

His appreciation of the job done by the DoD AT&L community helped create what he described as a “palpable bond” between industry and government. “The days of arm’s length [between government and industry] are long gone,” he said. “Learning together is now key. We can learn from each other’s cultures.” He urged program managers to give objective assessments frequently and to demand that industry give them feedback as well. “Government oversight really helps,” he stated. “Industry gets better when we have to explain stuff.”

2004 Symposium

Plans are already under way for the 2004 Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association Acquisition Symposium, according to DAUAA Vice President for Membership Bill Bahnmaier. “Mark your calendars now for the 21st Symposium,” Bahnmaier said, “which will again be



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*—Daniel P. Burnham
Chairman, Raytheon
DAUAA 2003 Acker Award
Winner*

held at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, June 15-16, 2004.”

Editor’s Note: For more information on DAUAA, read “DAUAA Celebrates Anniversary, March-April 2003 *Program Manager*, p. 74, or visit the DAUAA Web site at <http://www.dauaa.org>.

Army Teams with Consortium of Universities to Establish Institute for Collaborative Biotechnology

The Army announced on Aug. 22, 2003, that the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) was awarded a contract for up to \$50 million over five years to serve as the newest Army-sponsored University Affiliated Research Center (UARC). UCSB will partner with the California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to establish the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies (ICB).

The ICB will provide the Army with core competencies and expertise in the area of biologically derived and biologically inspired materials, sensors, and information processing expected to impact applications in precision strike, signature management, chem/bio and particulate environmental protection, and counter-terrorism capabilities.

“The ICB brings together world-class research institutions with the Army and future industry partnerships to leverage the rapid progress and large investments in Biotechnology,” said Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Research and Technology, Dr. Thomas H. Killion. “Full spectrum mission effectiveness and force survivability are essential elements of Army Transformational goals. Biotechnology holds great promise for creating paradigm shifting capabilities to achieve these goals.”

A single university will serve as lead UARC host for the ICB, with sub-contracts to two other universities that complement the expertise of the host institution and are fully integrated and networked into the host institution program.