



Spotlight on DAU Learning Resources

TAKE A DAU ONLINE RESOURCES TOUR

The Defense Acquisition University recently launched a tour of its online resources to raise awareness of DAU online assets and better communicate the resources available to assist the AT&L workforce. The online tour features six major DAU online resources:

- DAU home page
- AT&L Knowledge Sharing System (AKSS)
- Acquisition Community Connection (ACC)
- Defense Acquisition Guidebook
- Virtual Campus
- Virtual Library.

The tour provides a brief description of each of the online resources, the key benefits, and the most popular features of each asset. The tour invites users to explore each of the resource assets in more depth by providing direct links to each resource. A second phase of the online tour is in development at press time and scheduled for completion in November 2005; it will focus on how to use DAU online resources to support specific job tasks. The DAU point of contact for the online tour is john.hickok@dau.mil.

ANNOUNCING WEB-ENABLED INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK CHART

The Web-enabled Version 5.1 of the Integrated Defense Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Life Cycle Management Framework Chart (known as Integrated Framework Chart or IFC) is now available at of the AT&L Knowledge Sharing System (AKSS) Web site at <http://akss.dau.mil/ifc>. The IFC, a sub-system of AKSS, is an essential aid for defense acquisition professionals, and a workflow learning tool for AT&L professionals attending Defense Acquisition University courses. It serves as:

- A pictorial roadmap of most key activities in the system's acquisition process defined by DoD Series 5000 regulations
- A tool to assist the user in understanding the criteria for a management function in both the life cycle time line and in the functional events process.

The IFC illustrates the integration of the three major decision support systems:

- Capabilities Development (Joint Capabilities Integration & Development System (JCIDS))
- Acquisition Management (Defense Acquisition System)

- Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) process.

The chart is based on information from the *Defense Acquisition Guidebook*, Oct. 8, 2004, and other Department of Defense documents.

The Web-based IFC is an interactive tool. By clicking on the Milestones (at the top of the chart) or the Acquisition Processes (at the left side of the chart), the user can isolate and highlight various areas of interest and view the tasks that must be accomplished either in sequence or in parallel to meet the major reviews and milestones. To understand the various parts or elements of the Web-enabled IFC, the user can drill down to a particular activity block linked to a template or knowledge object containing pertinent acquisition information about that activity. The DAU point of contact for more information is bill.hechmer@dau.mil.

MAKING ONLINE LEARNING EASIER

DAU's student population continues to grow with over 300,000 certificate completions by July 2005. To better support users in the AT&L workforce, DAU is consolidating and simplifying sites. The effort began in April 2005 with the consolidation of the Continuous Learning System with the Virtual Campus Learning System.

In August 2005, DAU completed the second phase of improvements by physically moving its hosting site for online courses and continuous learning modules from an external government center on the Internet to the NIPRNET at DAU, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and changing the URL (see below). The transition resulted in a 400 percent increase in capacity and a 30 percent improvement in system performance. These improvements will provide better and more consistent connectivity for the AT&L workforce. During high-security situations, if the NIPRNET is blocked from Internet access, the majority of the workforce is within the NIPRNET and will still have access. A second, smaller site at an alternate DAU campus is planned to provide both redundancy and connectivity for users who may not be able to gain access from the NIPRNET.

DAU has also simplified the student enrollment processes and consolidated and better organized online resources



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and classroom course materials to give students one-stop shopping.

Check out and bookmark the new sites—and please share any issues or recommendations you have.

- Training Center—new site: <<http://training.dau.mil>>
- Virtual Campus—new URL: <<https://learn.dau.mil>> (formerly <<https://atlas.dau.gov>>)
- Continuous Learning Center—new look: <<http://clc.dau.mil>>.

DAU AND NDIA TO SPONSOR DEFENSE SYSTEMS ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS FOR INDUSTRY MANAGERS

DAU and the National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor offerings of the Defense Systems Acquisition Management (DSAM) course for interested industry managers at the following locations during fiscal 2006:

- Nov. 27–Dec. 2, 2005, InterContinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas
- Feb. 27–March 3, 2006, Orlando Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Fla.
- May 1–5, 2006, U.S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, Calif.
- July 10–14, 2006, Colorado Springs DoubleTree Hotel and World Arena, Colorado Springs, Colo.

DSAM presents the same acquisition policy information provided to DoD students who attend the Defense Acquisition University 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 CJCS 3170 series (instruction and manual)
- Defense transformation initiatives related to systems acquisition
- Defense acquisition procedures and processes
- The planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process and the congressional budget process
- The relationship between the determination of military capability needs, resource allocation, science and technology activities, and acquisition programs.

For further information see “Courses Offered” under “Meetings and Events” at <<http://www.ndia.org>>. Industry students contact Phyllis Edmonson at (703) 247-2577 or e-mail pedmonson@ndia.org. A limited num-

ber of experienced government students may be selected to attend each offering. Government students must first contact Bruce Moler at (703) 805- 5257, or e-mail bruce.moler@dau.mil prior to registering with NDIA.

Online registration is available at: <<http://register.ndia.org/interview/register.ndia?#September2005>>.

NEW CONTINUOUS LEARNING MODULES AVAILABLE

The Defense Acquisition University has added three online continuous learning modules to the DAU Virtual Campus <<https://learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Register.jsp>>. The site now presents over 90 continuous learning modules tailored to the education and training of the defense acquisition, technology, and logistics workforce. Students completing the modules earn continuous learning points.

Contracting Officers Representative Overview—This new module provides students with a general knowledge of roles and responsibilities of personnel involved in the contracting process (3 CLPs)

Facilities Capital Cost of Money—Outlines points to consider as you develop a pre-negotiation position for facilities capital cost of money (1.5 CLPs)

Analyzing Profit for Fee—Learn the approach and guidelines for developing a reasonable profit/fee position (1.5 CLPs).

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY 2006 CATALOG

The 2006 DAU Catalog has been posted at <<http://www.dau.mil/catalog>>. The version at this Web site is configured as a traditional .pdf file broken down by chapter and appendix as well as the catalog in its entirety.

Those interested may request a catalog on CD or in hardcopy (please specify) by contacting DAU's Student Services Office at student.services@dau.mil (hardcopies are limited to one copy per request). Information in the hardcopy catalog is current as of Oct. 1, 2005. The catalog is updated online periodically throughout the training year, and new CDs are produced with each update. Currency of information contained in hardcopies and CDs should always be confirmed online.

