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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 year 2008:

- March 10-14, 2008, Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, Phoenix, Ariz.
- June 9-12, 2008, Hyatt Regency Denver–Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colo.
- Sept. 8-12, 2008, Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Md.

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 <www.ndia.org>. Industry students contact Phyllis Edmonson at 703-247-2577 or pedmonson@ndia.org. A limited number of experienced government students may be selected to attend each offering. Government students must first contact Bruce Moler at 703-805-5257 or Bruce.Moler@dau.mil prior to registering with NDIA.

24TH ANNUAL TEST AND EVALUATION CONFERENCE

The 24th Annual Test and Evaluation Conference will take place Feb. 25-28, 2008, at the Hilton Palm Springs in Palm Springs, Calif. This national conference is invaluable to those tasked with directing and executing system development programs for the Depart-

ment of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, and other government departments tasked with various elements of our nation's security. Test planners, modeling and simulation users and developers, range operators, program managers, military personnel charged with system acquisition responsibilities, industrial professionals, and others under contract with the government to provide support to our nation's defenses will also benefit. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <www.ndia.org>; click on "Schedule of Events." For more information on the 2008 conference, contact Meredith Geary at mgeary@ndia.org or 703-247-9476.

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LOGISTICS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The 24th Annual National Logistics Conference and Exhibition will be held March 10-13, 2008, at the Miami Convention Center, Fla. Share insights with senior DoD leadership, top industry executives, project directors and program managers, information technology providers and developers, government policy makers and regulators, defense contractors and design professionals, third party logistics providers, and equipment suppliers and manufacturers. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <www.ndia.org>; click on "Schedule of Events." For more information on the 2008 conference, contact Kari Deputy at kdeputy@ndia.org or 703-247-2588.

MISSILE DEFENSE CONFERENCE

The 6th U.S. Missile Defense Conference and Exhibit will be held March 31–April 3, 2008, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The conference—hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), in cooperation with The Boeing Company, and supported by the Missile Defense Agency—will provide delegates access to the current state of the Ballistic Missile Defense System, including a review of national policies, Service priorities, technical advances, and related issues that may affect the deployment of a BMDS able to meet stated requirements. Conference participation will be restricted to delegates from the U.S. government and industry who have demonstrated a valid need-to-know and who have a valid SECRET or higher security clearance. For instructions on submitting a paper or to learn more about the 2008 conference, visit the conference Web site at <www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=1810>.

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DOD PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE

The next DoD Procurement Conference will be held May 12-15, 2008, in Orlando, Fla. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/ops/outreach_and_communications.html. Media contact is Chris Isleib at 703-695-6294 or e-mail Chris.Isleib@osd.mil.

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (OCT. 9, 2007) AMERICA'S ARMY: MODERNIZATION MAINTAINS MOMENTUM

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WASHINGTON—A panel of senior leaders discussed the objectives and way forward for “Army Modernization—Maintaining Momentum” at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting Oct. 9.

Lt. Gen. Stephen M. Speakes, G-8, kicked off the panel with an overview of how the Army intends to maintain current modernization momentum while implementing Future Combat Systems into the brigade combat team structure.

“We’re part of a holistic effort, which adapts everything about the Army; it involves modernizing the material side, but this is part of a broad-reaching effort that goes far beyond equipment,” he said. “The Future Combat System is the core of Army transformation, but the centerpiece of Army transformation is the soldier.”

Speakes explained the four priorities of present Army transformation are to field the best new equipment possible to the current force, upgrade and modernize existing systems, such as tactical wheeled vehicles and armor systems, incorporate new technologies, and field the Future Combat Systems brigade combat team.

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve, next said all components of the Army have worked together to get the Reserve caught up on modernization.

“While we disagree and a lot of times we fight for resources, we’re sitting down and coming to agreement on a lot of issues,” he said. “From the Army Reserve perspective, we’re getting support like we’ve never got support before from the Army.

“We started this war \$54 billion in the hole because our Army was a tiered readiness Army; it wasn’t designed—

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A soldier pulls security as coalition forces search Ala Say Valley, Afghanistan, for suspected Taliban fighters. Lt. Gen. Stephen M. Speakes, G-8, said one of the Army's top four transformation priorities is upgrading and modernizing existing systems, such as tactical-wheeled vehicles.

Photograph by Staff Sgt. Marcus J. Quarterman, USA

not structured—to fight a protracted war,” he continued. “From the Army Reserve perspective, we were a strategic force, but today we have almost \$9 billion in resources for Army Reserve equipment to modernize.”

Stultz went on to say the Army Reserve was no longer a strategic reserve and is authorized 205,000 soldiers, which accounts for about 20 percent of the Army force. At the same time, he said, the Reserves account for more than 50 percent of the logistics force.

“We are the combat support service structure for the Army, so we have all the transportation, the military police, medical, quartermaster, engineers, civil affairs—so this nation can't fight a protracted war without the Army Reserve,” he said. “Since 9/11, we've mobilized 180,000 soldiers from our force and we keep 25-30,000 mobilized ongoing, but in order to continue to do that, we have to transform from the old strategic to operational mindset, which means we have to train under the same conditions as our active counterparts.”

Stultz said one of the Reserve's greatest challenges has been getting the same equipment to train with that his soldiers use while deployed.

“We need to execute the Army force generation model and get the modernization and equipment down to the lowest level in a timely manner so we can train,” he said. “These

young soldiers will not stick with us if they come home after operating the latest, greatest equipment in theater, then come back to the reserve center to operate old deuce-and-a-half trucks that offer no challenge.”

Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard, added that modernization of the National Guard was also imperative, citing the Guard owns 12,000 deuce-and-a-half trucks that average 36 years old and must be replaced.

“We've got the greatest amount of money coming in, but we need \$23 billion to fully equip the National Guard,” he said. “Are we all satisfied—not exactly, but I think we're on the path to getting better; it's just going to take time to do that though.”

Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, said that the Army's acquisition workforce has decreased by 40 percent from what it was 10 years ago, and that only 3 percent of that workforce is now military.

Lt. Gen. Michael Vane, director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center, discussed the role FCS has already played in the current modernization of the Army—such as advanced armored kits, unmanned aerial vehicles, and unmanned ground vehicles along with robots already serving in theater.

“Forces need to have these capabilities across the full spectrum of combat and optimized. No matter how we organize our force, we want to give the capabilities to the force commander to allow him to adapt to the enemy,” he said.

“We're also looking at the human dimension,” Vane said, adding that we need to “ensure that the technology being developed enhances the human characteristics, not just put the human on the equipment we've built; so we're undergoing a significant effort to look at the human dimension.”