

Spotlight on DAU Learning Resources

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

DAU and the National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor an offering of the Defense Systems Acquisition Management (DSAM) course for interested industry managers 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 e-mail 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 e-mail bruce.moler@dau.mil prior to registering with NDIA.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S TOOLKIT 14TH ED. V2

Acquisition practitioners government-wide are invited to view the 14th Edition v2 of the Program Managers Toolkit dated March 2008 at < <https://acc.dau.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=213168> >. The 14th Edition is a graphic summary of acquisition policies and managerial skills frequently required by DoD program managers.

AT&L KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AKMS) VIDEOS

The Defense Acquisition University's Knowledge Sharing team has developed a new site where users can view short videos describing all the systems that make up the AT&L

Knowledge Management System (AKMS), as well as other information in the form of briefs and online tutorials. A login is not required. DAU's goal is to clarify the different knowledge sharing assets and tools that are available to you through the AKMS, 24/7, absolutely free, at < <https://acc.dau.mil/at&lkm> >.

- AT&L Knowledge Management System Overview
- AT&L Knowledge Sharing System
- Acquisition Community Connection
- Best Practices Clearinghouse
- ACQUIRE Search Engine
- ACQuipedia
- Integrated Framework Chart
- Defense Acquisition Guidebook
- Ask-A-Professor.

DOD LOGISTICS HUMAN CAPITAL STRATEGY

The DoD Logistics Human Capital Strategy, released on May 12, 2008, describes the vision for the logistics functional community, enabling pillars, outcomes, benefits, the implementation approach, and a timeline of key actions and tasks < <https://acc.dau.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=209617> >. The HCS was written in a collaborative effort with the logistics functional community across the Services, Joint Staff, Defense Logistics Agency, and U.S. Transportation Command. For individuals, the HCS provides a clear career roadmap with consistent expectations and application of competencies and skill requirements, in addition to enhanced opportunity for cross-functional development, flexibility, and growth. For the Services and agencies, the HCS improves logistics synergy that, in turn, provides better capabilities for current and emerging mission requirements. For the Total Force, the HCS provides an enterprise-wide system for identifying, developing, and using necessary competencies to support the warfighter.

VERSION 2.0 OF THE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PLAN PREPARATION GUIDE

AT&L Systems & Software Engineering has released an updated Systems Engineering Plan (SEP) Preparation Guide Version 2.0. It can be viewed or downloaded at the Acquisition Community Connection Web site < <https://acc.dau.mil/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=19389&lang=en-US> >. This new version more clearly outlines the strategy for developing a program's technical approach and offers a simplified framework for the program to organize, compile, and document technical planning.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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. Partnerships with academic institutions allow DoD AT&L 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/about-dau/partnerships.aspx>. During May–June 2008, one partnership was added to the database and a previous partnership was renewed.

Kentucky State University has joined with the Defense Acquisition University Midwest Region as a partner university to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential students of each institution. The articulation agreement, which outlines the terms under which Kentucky State University and DAU will work together, was signed May 7, 2008, at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Ky. DAU Midwest Region Acting Dean Carl D. Hayden, Kentucky State University President Dr. Mary Evans Sias, Interim Provost and VP Academic Affairs Dr. James P. Chapman, and Dean and Professor of the College of Professional Studies Dr. Gashaw W. Lake took part in the signing ceremony. The agreement will ultimately facilitate the transfer of DAU course credits that have been certified by the American Council on Education toward the Kentucky State University bachelor of public administration degree program.

Kentucky State University was founded in 1886. It is the only historically black university and 1890 land-grant institution in the Commonwealth. More information is available at <www.kysu.edu/index.cfm>. DAU's Midwest Campus in Kettering, Ohio, serves 12 states and holds strategic partnerships with more than 20 civilian universities as well as learning organization agreements with Department of Defense and other federal organizations throughout the region.

Sinclair Community College has renewed its partnership with the Defense Acquisition University to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential students of each institution. The articulation agreement, which renews the terms of a previous agreement under which Sinclair Community College and DAU will work together, was signed on June 23, 2008, at Sinclair Community College, in Dayton, Ohio.

DAU Midwest Region Acting Dean Carl D. Hayden and Sinclair Community College Senior Vice President and Provost Dr. Helen Grove took part in the signing ceremony. The agreement will ultimately facilitate the transfer of DAU course credits that have been certified by the American Council on Education toward Sinclair Community College professional certificates and associate of applied science degree programs in the fields of business management, computer information systems, engineering, and operation technology.

Sinclair Community College, located in Dayton, Ohio was founded in 1887. With an enrollment of 24,000 students, Sinclair is one of the largest, by enrollment, community colleges in America. As a comprehensive community college, Sinclair offers a variety of important services:

- University transfer classes and programs (like art, humanities, and sciences)
- Direct-to-work career programs (like health and engineering programs)
- Custom training classes for business workers
- A full-service conference and banquet center
- Expert consulting and assistance to numerous community initiatives.

Last year, Sinclair faculty and staff directly served over 110,000 individuals in college courses, training sessions, and conference center events. Sinclair Community College is named after David A. Sinclair. Sinclair was the late 1800s director of the Dayton, Ohio, YMCA. He was an immigrant to Dayton from the coastal North Highlands of Scotland and founder of the adult training school that has become the world-class Sinclair Community College. More information is available at <www.sinclair.edu>.