

## 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. Such partnerships with academic institutions allow DoD Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (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](http://www.dau.mil/about-dau/partnerships.aspx). In December 2008, an additional partnership was added to the database:

Air Force Research Laboratory and DAU signed a memorandum validating their commitment to provide learning support and knowledge to AFRL's acquisition, technology, and logistics community. AFRL Commander Maj. Gen. Curtis M. Bedke, DAU Midwest Region Dean Travis L. Stewart, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Carl D. Hayden signed the Learning Organization Agreement on Dec. 4, 2008, at AFRL Headquarters, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

AFRL and DAU will work together to jointly develop training and curriculum, such as an introductory class on Acquisition Program Baselines; increased access to each organization's knowledge management systems; exchange of information on relevant management policies, tools, processes, and databases; participation in joint research projects; and reciprocal presentations by subject matter expert guest lecturers, as available.

The DAU-AFRL Acquisition Forum, composed of senior AFRL functional representatives and comparative DAU personnel, will meet biannually to discuss acquisition policies, trends, and opportunities affecting the Aeronautical Systems Center acquisition community, such as acquisition workforce certification and career development, targeted training, and policy updates.

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 (DoD) and other federal organizations throughout the region. The faculty and staff members of the DAU Midwest Region focus on teaching, research, and performance support (targeted training, consulting, and partnering with agencies). Their agenda includes working with organizations within the region and staying current on major issues and needs of the AT&L workforce throughout the DoD, other federal agencies, and beyond. For more information, visit the Midwest Campus Web site at [www.dau.mil/regions/DAU\\_mw.asp](http://www.dau.mil/regions/DAU_mw.asp).

### **DAU South Region Breaks Ground for new Facility**

On Feb. 11, the Defense Acquisition University broke ground for its new South Region facility at Huntsville, Ala. Construction for this new facility is scheduled to be completed by late November 2009. The ceremony was presided over by DAU-South Region Dean Jim McCullough along with guests Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Huntsville City Councilman Will Culver, University of Alabama in Huntsville President David Williams, and representatives of the General Services

Administration, Triad Construction, Opus Developers, and the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. Upon completion of the facility, the building will increase DAU South's student capacity by approximately 65 percent, which will help accommodate the increased demand for DAU courses in the Huntsville area.