



Spotlight on DAU Learning Resources

PEO STRI, DAU BRING TRAINING HOME TO TEAM ORLANDO

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The Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) graduated the first-ever on-site Defense Acquisition University (DAU) program management office course, PMT 352B, March 3, 2006.

Senior acquisition professionals from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and defense industry convened daily during the six-week course, which featured scenario-based practical exercises with topical themes such as interoperability, prototyping, and evolutionary acquisition.

The course is the second part of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level III certification in the program management (PM) career field. DAU currently offers the course year-round at regional campuses across the country, but this year was the first time it was offered in Orlando, Fla.

“DAU’s ongoing transformation efforts have had a significant impact on the way we do business,” said John T. Shannon, dean of the Capital and Northeast Region DAU campus, who offered graduation remarks at the ceremony. “Our first initiative was moving the faculty to where the force is to be available and close to the acquisition community,” said Shannon referring to the DAU regional campuses located across the United States.

“Offering flexible training options has enabled us to make tremendous strides in better equipping our acquisition workforce for the challenges they will encounter in today’s environment,” Shannon said.

Traci A. Jones, project support executive for PEO STRI, agreed. “The program management office course is particularly important to PEO STRI because our mission is to provide life cycle management of interoperable training, testing, and simulation solutions for the warfighter,” she said. “By bringing the course to Team Orlando, we were able to save the government thousands of dollars in travel expenses as well as increasing our DAWIA certification level to 77 percent, one of the highest in the Army. It’s a win-win situation for us all and a model for other organizations.”

Although the course was held on home turf, students participating were highly discouraged from tackling their normal work duties while enrolled in the class.

“For six weeks this is your full-time job,” students were advised before beginning the course. The prospect of future sessions offered in Orlando depended on the success of the initial session, whose 30 members earned a solid 100 percent certification rate. The achievement spoke to PEO STRI and DAU’s commitment to workforce development.

“PEO STRI’s training program supports our mission through a number of on-site courses in career management, communications, presentation skills, time management, leadership, and technical courses,” said Jones. “The entire application process is electronic and can be accessed anytime, anywhere.”

PEO STRI is scheduled to host the next Team Orlando PMT 352B course in October 2006.

Kelly is public affairs officer, Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation, Orlando, Fla.

DAU MIDWEST REGION SIGNS LEARNING ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Carl D. Hayden

On March 9, 2006, DAU signed a strategic partnership agreement with Lawrence Technical University in a ceremony held on the campus of LTU, Southfield, Mich. Travis Stewart, dean, DAU Midwest Region, and Dr. Lewis N. Walker, president, Lawrence Technological University, signed for their respective organizations.

The partnership was created and designed for the purpose of increasing the quantity and quality of educational opportunities that will allow the acquisition, technology, and logistics workforce of the Department of Defense and other federal agencies to fulfill their training and education requirements. Under the terms of the agreement, LTU and DAU will form an alliance whereby LTU will offer both certificate and graduate-level coursework to qualified applicants at the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command–Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM-LCMC) in Detroit, Mich.



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Lawrence Technological University, founded in 1932 as Lawrence Institute of Technology, is a private institution with a coeducational student body numbering approximately 5,000. One of LTU's benefits is a discount on tuition rate for students admitted to LTU under this strategic partnership agreement.

The strategic partnership agreement will provide a graduate-level certificate program that awards academic credit for qualified students and meets both the education and training requirements for Levels I, II, and III in contracting, logistics and technology, information technology, property management, manufacturing production, quality assurance, systems engineering, and program management. Some additional opportunities between the educational partners include graduate-level certificate programs in the following areas: project management, non-profit management, Six Sigma and Lean manufacturing, and leading organizational change. LTU is also prepared to offer the TACOM-LCMC community graduate-level coursework for other careers and to conduct a complimentary needs assessment to determine graduate-level coursework for job families and career paths at TACOM.

LTU will also provide on-site and online graduate-level courses to qualified degree-seeking applicants to meet their education requirements for careers in program and project management, information technology, manufacturing production, and quality assurance. LTU will provide on-site and online degree programs to qualified applicants: master of science in information systems; master of business administration (MBA); master of science in operations management; master of science in engineering management; and dual degree in engineering management and MBA. LTU will provide for the transfer of appropriate graduate-level DAU coursework that is American Council on Education (ACE)-evaluated. Especially noteworthy is that LTU may consider other DAU coursework taken by applicants as suitable for transfer credit.

Department of Energy

On March 28, 2006, DAU signed a Learning Organization Agreement with the Department of Energy, Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) in Cincinnati, Ohio. Stewart signed on behalf of DAU, and Jack Craig (SES), director, DoE Consolidated Business Center, on behalf of the DoE.

The CBC has consolidated the field functions of DoE's environmental management closure sites and other sites

in the areas of human resources, financial management, contracting/procurement, information management, logistics, safety, and legal services. The supported sites include the Ohio Field Office (Columbus, Ashtabula, West Valley, Fernald, and Miamisburg), Rocky Flats, Carlsbad, the Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, and the Western Sites Project Office. The Department of Energy has numerous satellite offices throughout the DAU Midwest Region.

The CBC is staffed with a cadre of skilled employees who possess expertise in site closure requirements. The EMCBC provides the DoE's Office of Environmental Management and its project sites with a full range of business support services (as listed above) and provides customer sites with technical assistance. This DAU/EMCBC Learning Organization Agreement will enable approximately 14,000 federal employees in Cincinnati and in Kentucky and Indiana to learn more about DAU's vision, mission, and learning assets. A DAU Acquisition Insight Day is scheduled for the area later this year.

Hayden is associate dean of academics, DAU Midwest Region.

ACQUISITION COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS ADDS TWO NEW SPECIAL INTEREST AREAS

The Acquisition Community Connection Web site now hosts a new Special Interest Area that supports the unique roles of operations researchers and systems analysts. These OR/SA professionals employ analytic tools and methodologies to provide valuable, objective information to decision makers. Review this newest addition to DAU's knowledge management inventory at https://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.php?ID=94677_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC.

Another new Special Interest Area—Test Resources Management Center-Test & Evaluation/Science & Technology—at https://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev_en.php?ID=15924_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC is now open to the public as well as Acquisition Community Connection members. This area develops and demonstrates high-payoff science and technology for test and evaluation of emerging and future weapon systems.

DAU ADDS CONTINUOUS LEARNING MODULES

The following six new continuous learning modules have been added to the list of 139 DAU Continuous Learning Modules, and are now available



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for browsing or enrollment at <https://learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Clc.jsp?cl=> >.

CLC 106, Contracting Officer Representative (COR) Training

The Contracting Officer Representative module provides contracting officer representatives with basic knowledge needed for their assignments. It will provide an overview of the acquisition process, teaming, ethics and integrity, authorities, contract classification, contract types, proper file documentation, performance assessment methods, remedies for poor performance, invoice requirements, contract modifications, and contract management. After completing this module, students will receive a certificate of completion and 6 continuous learning points.

CLB 014, Acquisition Reporting Concepts and Policy Requirements for APB, DAES, and SAR

The Acquisition Reporting Concepts and Policies for APB, DAES, and SAR module provides information on the terminology, concepts, and policies pertaining to required acquisition reports, such as the Acquisition Program Baseline (APB), Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES), and Selected Acquisition Report (SAR).

Upon completion of the module, students will be able to apply these concepts and policies in the preparation and review of reports generated using the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting (CARS) software. After completing this module, students will receive a certificate of completion and 3 continuous learning points.

CLC 108, Strategic Sourcing Overview

The U.S. Department of Defense, like the rest of the federal government, is discovering how strategic sourcing can be a key enabler for achieving improved quality and cost related to the purchase of goods and services. This course provides an overview of strategic sourcing concepts and techniques for helping organizations make the shift from tactical to strategic purchasing. After completing this module students will receive a certificate of completion and 2.5 continuous learning points.

CLC 110, Spend Analysis Strategies

Spend Analysis is one of several tools the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal agencies are using to gain critical insights into the procurement history and spend patterns for purchased goods and services. Ultimately, a spend analysis contributes to the “commodity fact base” that forms the foundation for identifying valuable strategic sourcing improvement opportunities. After

completing this module, students will receive a certificate of completion and 4.5 continuous learning points.

CLE 010 , Privacy Protection

After completing this module, members of the DoD acquisition, technology, and logistics community will be able to recognize and respond appropriately to fundamental privacy concerns when performing activities in acquisition, requirements, and research by: describing the general scope of privacy protection; listing key privacy protection guidance and laws governing privacy; stating potential risks to privacy; describing existing procedures to promoting privacy protection; recognizing breaches of privacy in current cases; and naming contacts and steps to take regarding privacy questions. After completing this module students will receive a certificate of completion and 1 continuous learning point.

CLM 028, Space Acquisition

The purpose of this continuous learning module is to explain the space acquisition process outlined in National Security Space Acquisition Policy 03-01 (NSS 03-01) dated 27 December 2004. After completing this module, students will receive a certificate of completion and 4 continuous learning points.

DAU AND WEBSTER UNIVERSITY FORM STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP APPROVED DAU COURSES TO COUNT TOWARDS MASTER'S DEGREE

The Defense Acquisition University and Webster University have signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a strategic partnership. This is an especially significant partnership because it will allow AT&L workers with Level II professional certification in contract management to apply their DAU courses toward three master's degree programs. Webster is the first graduate school to offer a cooperative degree of this magnitude.

The purpose of the partnership is to increase the quantity and quality of educational opportunities for members of the Department of Defense acquisition, technology, and logistics workforce, individuals from other government agencies, and contractors.

At a signing ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va., on April 19, 2006, Dr. James S. McMichael, vice president, and Travis Stewart, dean, DAU Midwest region, signed on behalf of DAU. Signing for Webster was Randy D. Wright, associate vice president and director of military programs. Dr. Neil J. George, Webster's executive vice president and



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vice president for academic affairs, had signed earlier at Webster's home campus in St. Louis, Mo.

Also present were Barbara Downs, Webster University, and Wayne Glass, DAU professor and program director for strategic partnerships, who, together with Stewart, worked for several months to bring to fruition the partnership and the educational opportunities it affords.

Webster University will provide online and residential education opportunities at military sites and metropolitan extended campuses throughout the United States that meet professional training and education requirements in accordance with the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) for certain DoD AT&L career fields. In addition, Webster will offer military discounted tuition rates for qualified DoD workers taking classes at Webster University's military campuses.

AT&L workers who meet Webster's admission criteria will be able to take online graduate classes that meet the academic requirements for the master's degrees in business administration; business and organizational security management; procurement and acquisitions; management and leadership; media communications; and human resources management. Qualified AT&L workers will also be able to take online classes that meet the academic requirements for the following graduate certificate programs: Decision Support Systems, Government Contracting, and Global Commerce; and the undergraduate certificate program in Web Services.

Webster University is a private, nonprofit, accredited university with a home campus in suburban St. Louis, and an international network of over 100 campuses across the United States, Europe, China, and Thailand.

COURSES EQUIVALENT TO MANDATORY DOD ACQUISITION COURSES

Ever wonder if your previous private-sector training and education, or training and education you may be contemplating for the future, would meet the statutory requirements for DoD acquisition certification?

Find out today by checking the matrix compiled by the Defense Acquisition University at <http://www.dau.mil/learning/appg.aspx> for a summary of equivalent credit authorization for DAU courses. (Course equivalencies are renewed annually, and are effective only as indicated.) The matrix is an extensive list of academic

courses—classroom only—offered by various training providers that have been certified as equivalent to mandatory acquisition courses provided by DAU.

To date, no provision for computer-based technologies such as computer conferencing or Internet delivery has been identified. Individuals seeking credit for equivalency courses should provide a copy of their college transcript to their servicing personnel office.

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.



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO (CSUSB) NEW PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) is completing development of an online master's degree in Public Administration for the DoD Acquisition Workforce (AWF). As long as you have access to the Internet, you can access this program from anywhere in the world. One additional benefit to AWF members is that upon completing the curriculum, members will receive academic credit for Level II DAWIA certification in the Program Management Career Field. The program is scheduled to kick-off in the fall quarter 2006.

More information about admission requirements and the application process can be found at <http://online.csusb.edu>. The point-of contact at CSUSB is Michael-Anne Barner: mbarner@csusb.edu, (909) 537-3907.