

Spotlight on DAU Learning Resources

DAU MIDWEST REGION AND AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS AND LOGISTICS (AFIT/LS) SIGN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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KETTERING, Ohio—Carl D. Hayden, acting dean, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Midwest Region in Kettering, Ohio, and Air Force Col. Diana J. Schulz, dean, Air Force Institute of Technology School of Systems and Logistics (AFIT/LS), signed a memorandum of understanding on Aug. 17, 2007, at the DAU Midwest campus in Kettering, Ohio. Under the terms of the MOU, the Defense Acquisition University and AFIT/LS agree to work collaboratively in order to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential acquisition, technology, and logistics (AT&L) students of each institution.

The MOU validates the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between AFIT/LS and DAU Midwest, and it provides improved learning support and knowledge management to the overall AT&L community. AFIT/LS and DAU Midwest will share training resources and best practices; collaborate on development of course topics and course content; and participate jointly as instructors, panel members, and guest speakers in the two organizations. Most importantly, AFIT/LS instructors will become certified to teach the DAU CON 120 Mission Ready Contracting Officer (MRCO) course, allowing more MRCO classes to be taught to Air Force AT&L workforce personnel.

The Air Force Institute of Technology School of Systems and Logistics (AFIT/LS) provides DoD managers with high-quality continuing education in a variety of functional management areas including contracting, acquisition, quantitative, logistics and sustainment, financial, and engineering management in various disciplines. The AFIT/LS faculty is a unique combination of over 80 Air Force, Army, and Navy officers, and DoD civilians who combine extensive practical field experience with academic expertise and a driving desire to provide whatever education, consulting, research, and other academic support requirements customers need.

DAU Midwest Region, Kettering, Ohio, serves the 12 surrounding Midwest states and has a number of strategic partnership agreements and learning organization agreements within the area's academic communities. Strategic partnership agreements have been made with the following institutions: Bellevue University, Central Michigan University, Cuyahoga Community College, DeVry University, Eastern Michigan University, Indiana Wesleyan Univer-

sity, Lawrence Technological University, National-Lewis University, Park University, Sinclair Community College, Webster University, Wilberforce University, Wright State University, University of Dayton, and University of Missouri-Rolla. Learning organization agreements have been made with the Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management (DISAM) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, as well as with a cooperative of several federal and DoD AT&L organizations in the Scott Air Force Base and St. Louis Gateway area.

Crumb is with DAU Midwest Region.

DAU CONTINUOUS LEARNING CENTER MODULES

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center (CLC) at <<http://clc.dau.mil/>> is a Department of Defense resource dedicated to the delivery of continuous learning opportunities supporting the acquisition, technology, and logistics workforce. To fulfill the DoD AT&L requirement for obtaining 80 continuous learning points every two years, the DAU Continuous Learning Center offers a wide variety of continuous learning modules, varying from one to 12 hours in length. Modules added recently follow:

- Title 10 Limitations on the Performance of Depot-level Maintenance (50/50)—CLL 024
- Title 10 Depot Maintenance Statute Overview—CLL 022
- Title 10 U.S.C. 2464 Core Statute Implementation—CLL 023.

Modules Coming Soon

- ADL Implementation for Defense Acquisition Professionals
- Foundations of Government Property
- Organizational Conflicts of Interest
- Physical Inventories
- Introduction to Cost Risk Analysis (CLB 024).

Harvard ManageMentor 10 Update

A new version of the Harvard ManageMentor 10 modules was introduced through the CLC portal at <http://clc.dau.mil> on Sept. 1, 2007. Features and benefits include:

- a media-based scenario that provides a topic overview, and offers multiple paths through the module content
- key ideas of the topic with interactive activities such as short video clips of relevant, compelling stories told by leading global business executives
- real-world, interactive scenarios and self-tests to check understanding of the concepts

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- practical steps, tips, and tools for applying concepts on the job including downloadable forms and worksheets
- embedded online articles, recommended additional articles and books, and source notes for the module
- audio downloads for MP3 players and functionality to mark users' favorite pages included.

Preview a sample module at <http://corporatelearning.hbsp.org/demos/hmm10/strategic_thinking/get_started.html>. Register for all modules at <<http://clc.dau.mil>>.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY MIDWEST REGION (AUG. 3, 2007) DAU MIDWEST REGION PARTNERS WITH DEFENSE INSTITUTE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT (DISAM)

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Carl Hayden, acting dean, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Midwest Region in Kettering, Ohio, and Dr. Ronald H. Reynolds, commandant, Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management (DISAM), signed a learning organization agreement (LOA) on Aug. 2, 2007, at the DAU Midwest campus in Kettering, Ohio. Under the terms of the LOA, the Defense Acquisition University and DISAM agree to work collaboratively

in order to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential students of each institution.

The LOA validates the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between DISAM and DAU Midwest, and it provides improved learning support and knowledge management to the overall acquisition, technology, and logistics community. DISAM and DAU Midwest will share best business practices, exchange information on relevant management processes and tools, and participate jointly in training and curriculum development in the two organizations.

DISAM was established in September 1976 on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and provides professional education, research, and consultation services to security assistance managers throughout the United States and overseas. The institute is chartered as the singularly dedicated Department of Defense educational activity to advance an understanding of the complex laws, policies, and procedures associated with security assistance.

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A Six-pack of Tips for Defense AT&L Authors

1 Look at back issues of the magazine. If we printed an article on a particular topic a couple of issues ago, we're unlikely to print another for a while—unless it offers brand new information or a different point of view.

2 We look on articles much more favorably if they follow our author guidelines on format, length, and presentation. You'll find them at <www.dau.mil/pubs/dam/DAT&L%20author%20guidelines.pdf>.

3 Number the pages in your manuscript and put your name on every page. It

makes our life so much easier if we happen to drop a stack of papers and your article's among them.

4 Do avoid acronyms as far as possible, but if you must use them, define them—every single one, however obvious you think it is. We get testy if we have to keep going to [acronymfinder.com](http://www.acronymfinder.com), especially when we discover 10 equally applicable possibilities for one acronym.

5 Fax the *Certification as a Work of the U.S. Government* form when you e-mail your article because we can't review your manuscript until

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6 We'll acknowledge receipt of your submission within three or four days and e-mail you a publication decision in four to five weeks. No need to remind us. We really will. Scout's honor.