

# Conferences, Workshops & Symposia

## DAU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPONSORS RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

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The Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association (DAUAA), in partnership with the DAU Research Department, is sponsoring a research paper competition. The winners will be announced at the DAUAA Symposium in April 2008.

This competition and the 2008 symposium will:

- award \$1,000 to the first prize winner, \$500 to the second prize winner
- enhance the professional stature of DoD acquisition, and officially recognize outstanding research efforts within the acquisition community
- facilitate learning and knowledge sharing in conjunction with the theme of the annual DAU Acquisition Community Symposium
- generate author recognition of acquisition-related research studies/articles for future publication in the *Defense Acquisition Review Journal* (ARJ).

### Ground Rules

- The competition is open to anyone interested in the DoD acquisition system and is not limited to government or contractor personnel.
- Employees of the federal government (including military personnel) are encouraged to compete and are eligible for cash awards unless the paper was researched or written as part of the employee's official duties or was done on government time. If the research effort is performed as part of official duties or on government time, the employee would be eligible for a non-cash prize, i.e., certificate and donation of cash prize to a Combined Federal Campaign-registered charity of winner's choice.
- The format of the paper must be in accordance with guidelines for articles submitted for the *Defense Acquisition Review Journal*, which can be found on the DAU Web site at <[www.dau.mil](http://www.dau.mil)>.
- The theme for 2008 is: "Defense Life Cycle Management: Sustaining DoD Weapons Systems." (Please note that this is related to and part of the theme of the 2008 DAU Acquisition Community Symposium and the theme of the 2nd Quarter Issue of *Defense Acquisition Review Journal*.)
- Papers should be submitted to the DAU director of research: Dr. Paul Alfieri, 703-805-5282 or [paul.alfieri@dau.mil](mailto:paul.alfieri@dau.mil).
- Papers will be judged by the *Defense Acquisition Review Journal* editorial staff, and winners will be selected for prizes by the DAUAA board of directors.

Research Papers are due Nov. 15, 2007. Winners will be announced and papers will be presented at the DAUAA 2008 Acquisition Community Symposium on April 15, 2008.

Alfieri, a professor at the Defense Acquisition University Fort Belvoir, Va., campus, is executive editor of the *Defense Acquisition Review Journal*.

## DARPA ANNOUNCES THIRD GRAND CHALLENGE

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has announced plans to hold its third Grand Challenge competition on Nov. 3, 2007. The DARPA Urban Challenge will feature autonomous ground vehicles executing simulated military supply missions safely and effectively in a mock urban area. Safe operation in traffic is essential to U.S. military plans to use autonomous ground vehicles to conduct important missions. DARPA will award prizes for the top three autonomous ground vehicles that compete in a final event where they must safely complete a 60-mile urban area course in fewer than six hours. The DARPA Grand Challenge Web site <[www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge](http://www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge)> is the primary resource for information about the Urban Challenge event.

## 19TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATED PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The 19th Annual International Integrated Program Management Conference will be held Nov. 5-7, 2007, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, in Alexandria, Va. This year's event is co-sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association, the Project Management Institute-College of Performance Management, and the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis.

Conference highlights will include special guest speakers, professional education training seminars, practice symposia, topical workshops, tools track, as well as networking opportunities. Participants will earn 15 Professional Development Units (PDU).

If you would like to present at the conference, contact one of the following coordinators:

- Practice Symposia: Ray Stratton, [raystratton@mgmt-technologies.com](mailto:raystratton@mgmt-technologies.com)
- Training: Frank Anbari, [anbarif@aol.com](mailto:anbarif@aol.com)
- Tools Track: Efrain Pacheco, [efrain.pacheco@techsigmapm.com](mailto:efrain.pacheco@techsigmapm.com)

### Do you develop and implement PBL strategies?

Then you *really* need to know about DAU's PBL Toolkit.

The Performance-Based Logistics Toolkit is a unique Web-based resource, hosted by the Defense Acquisition University, that provides PMs and logistics managers a step-by-step process and readily available resources to support them in designing and implementing PBL strategies.

**The user-friendly online PBL Toolkit is aligned with current DoD policy and is available 24/7 to provide—**

- A clear definition and explanation of each PBL design, development, and implementation process step
- The expected output of each process step
- Access to relevant references, tools, policy/guidance, learning materials, templates, and examples to support each step of the process.

**The PBL Toolkit is an interactive tool that allows you to—**

- Contribute knowledge objects
- Initiate and participate in discussion threads
- Ask questions and obtain help
- Network with members of the AT&L community and learn from their experiences.

**To guide you through the development, implementation, and management of performance-based logistics strategies—count on the PBL Toolkit from DAU.**

You'll find it at < <https://acc.dau.mil/pbltoolkit> > .

### DoD Announces "Wearable Power" Prize Competition

**T**he former Director, Defense Research and Engineering John Young today announced a public prize competition to develop a wearable electric power system for warfighters. The competition will take place in the fall of 2008 and the prizes are \$1 million for first place, \$500,000 for second place, and \$250,000 for third place.

The essential electronic equipment that dismantled warfighters carry today—radios, night vision devices, global positioning system—run on batteries. This competition will gather and test the good ideas for reducing the weight of the batteries that servicemembers carry. The prize objective is a wearable, prototype system that can power a standard warfighter's equipment for 96 hours but weighs less than half that of the current batteries carried. All components, including the power generator, electrical storage, control electronics, connectors, and fuel must weigh 4 kilograms or less, including any attachments.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in a final competitive demonstration planned for the fall of 2008. At this "wear-off," individuals or teams will demonstrate their prototype systems under realistic conditions. The top three competitors that demonstrate a complete, wearable system that produces 20 watts average power for 96 hours but weighs less than 4 kilograms (8.8 lbs.) will win the prizes.

A public information forum will be held in September in the Washington, D.C. area to brief potential competitors on the technical details, the competition rules, and qualification requirements. Competitors must register to participate in the prize program by **Nov. 30, 2007**.

The competition is open for international participation; however, the individual or team leader must provide proof of U.S. citizenship. Details on the forum as well as contest registration and rules are posted on the Defense Research and Engineering Prize Web site < [www.dod.mil/ddre/prize](http://www.dod.mil/ddre/prize) > .

**Register by Nov. 30, 2007**

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- Workshops: Joe Houser at [jrhouser@kmsystemsgroup.com](mailto:jrhouser@kmsystemsgroup.com) or Kevin Martin at [klmartin@kmsystemsgroup.com](mailto:klmartin@kmsystemsgroup.com).

The IPM program manager is Susan Wood, PMI-CPM Vice President for Conferences and Events, at [VPConf&Events@pmi-cpm.org](mailto:VPConf&Events@pmi-cpm.org).

### 11TH ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

**T**he 11th Annual Small Business Conference will be held Nov. 7-8, 2007, at the Hilton McLean Hotel at Tysons Corner, McLean, Va. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at [www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org), click on "Schedule of Events." The point of contact for this year's conference is Britt Bommelje at [bbommelje@ndia.org](mailto:bbommelje@ndia.org) or 703-247-2587.

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

**D**AU 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 2008:

- Dec. 3-7, 2007, Iberville Suites Hotel, New Orleans, La.
- 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](http://www.ndia.org). Industry students contact Phyllis Edmonson at 703-247-2577 or e-mail [pedmonson@ndia.org](mailto: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](mailto:bruce.moler@dau.mil) prior to registering with NDIA.

### SYSTEMS ENGINEERING ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DIVISION MEETING

**A** Systems Engineering Annual Strategic Planning and Division Meeting will be held Dec. 5-6, 2007, at the Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, Calif. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at [www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org), click on "Schedule of Events." The point of contact for this annual meeting is Britt Bommelje at [bbommelje@ndia.org](mailto:bbommelje@ndia.org) or 703-247-2587.

### 24TH ANNUAL TEST AND EVALUATION CONFERENCE

**T**he 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 Department 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](http://www.ndia.org), click on "Schedule of Events." For more information on the 2008 conference, contact Meredith Geary, [mgeary@ndia.org](mailto:mgeary@ndia.org) or call 703-247-9476.