

# STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

## Why is a SIS used?

DAU's student information system (SIS) will be a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) system with integrated capability of providing career training management, schedule development, schedule management, catalog requirements, and DAWIA database of record for transcripts and reporting."

~DAU Business Systems Guide

## Special Points of Interest:

There are several upcoming dates rounding out the process to bring a Student Information System to the Defense Acquisition Workforce:

- **Due Diligence**  
2007 - Ongoing
- **Procurement**  
January–December 2010
  - **DAU Conference Briefing**  
October 21, 2010
  - **Contract Award**  
Anticipated December 2010
  - **Implementation Planning**  
4th Qtr FY10 - 2nd Qtr FY11
- **Implementation\***  
(Initial Operational Capability)  
2nd Qtr FY11 - 3rd Qtr FY12
- **Launch\***  
(Full Operational Capability)  
3rd Qtr FY12 - 2nd Qtr FY13

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## CHANGING CAREER MANAGEMENT

DAU's forthcoming student information system (SIS) will transform the daily work and training experience of every member of the acquisition community who interacts with it. The system will replace DAU's existing capabilities with 21st century state-of-the-art commercial technology. It will also seamlessly integrate workforce acquisition records with standardized business processes and career management tools.

### DAU Faculty: Viewing Data on Demand

Faculty will use the system to manage their classroom. When viewing student profiles, instructors will have

access to class rosters anytime in real time, along with students' backgrounds. The system will also include flexible messaging options to interact with the workforce.

### DAU Staff: Managing the Training Schedule

Staff will have the ability to project growth in career fields and plan resources by using SIS reporting capabilities. These tools will allow them to adjust course schedules to meet the true needs of the workforce.

### DACMs and Functional Leaders: Managing the Workforce

The SIS will provide DACMs access to information organ-

ized by person or career field at the micro and macro levels. They will use the system to approve training requests, track workforce progress toward certification, and assess future workforce training demands.

### Students: Managing Their DAWIA Training

The Student Information System will be a one-stop-shop for students. They will use the SIS to view the iCatalog, access the training schedule, and register for courses. It will also allow them to track their own progress toward certification, post assignments, and communicate with peers, faculty, and DACMs.

## ENGAGING OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES

Engaging in a project with the magnitude and impact of the Student Information System (SIS) is a substantial endeavor for the Defense Acquisition University and one that must be undertaken carefully. To ensure the project is on track and maximizing all of its resources, the SIS team enlisted the expertise of an independent assessment.

Gartner, a market research group that provides insights on the higher education industry, began meeting with team members in August to evaluate the SIS team's preparations for the new system.

The review includes assessments of SIS project management, the team's composition, implementation planning, and the Request for Proposal (RFP). Gartner representatives have reviewed several documents, plans, and met with team members



A representative from Gartner presents an assessment of DAU's plans to obtain a student information system to the SIS team October 7.

individually and collectively.

The company will continue to work with the SIS team through October, highlighting areas where the project is excelling as well as those

areas in need of improvement. The team is taking all findings into consideration and working with Gartner to improve program management, planning, and protocols.