MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
(ATTN: SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES)
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
(ATTN: DEFENSE ACQUISITION BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN)
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION
DIRECTOR, COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: President, Defense Acquisition University

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Katrina McFarland has been selected as the President of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). She comes with outstanding credentials and a wealth of experience at a very critical time for the Department. In this capacity, Ms. McFarland will be responsible for continuing and building upon DAU’s outstanding reputation as DoD’s primary learning institution for the 147,000 members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce while overseeing the development of new curriculum and learning opportunities that facilitate implementation of the Under Secretary of Defense’s (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) “Better Buying Power” initiatives.

Ms. McFarland comes to DAU from the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), where she was the Director for Acquisition, serving as the principal advisor to the Director on all issues relating to MDA acquisition, contracting, and small business policy decisions. In this capacity, she functioned as the MDA Acquisition Executive decision authority to define the policies and process activities to execute a single Ballistic Missile Defense System research, development and test program.

Ms. McFarland began her civil service career as an engineer at Headquarters Marine Corps. She later became the Program Manager for the Acquisition Center of Excellence within Marine Corps Systems Command and more recently was the Marine Corps’ Director of Battlespace Management and Air Defense Systems.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. McFarland on her appointment.

Frank Kendall