

Program Management Educational Partnership Signed in Middle Georgia

DAU, Macon State College (MSC), Robins Air Force Base (RAFB), and Aerospace Industry Committee (AIC) hosted a signing ceremony on June 20, to embark on another partnership.

The official Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon, commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, RAFB; **Jim McCullough**, Dean, DAU South Region; Dr. David A. Bell, president, Macon State College; and Daniel Penny, chairman of the Aerospace Industry Committee.

During the ceremony at Macon State's Warner Robins campus, Maj. Gen. McMahon said, "Today is all about relationships." This new relationship will allow employees of RAFB who already work in program management and MSC students working on a business and information technology degree with a major track in management, marketing, or general business to choose a program management concentration. The program management concentration encompasses all the DAU acquisition professional development program training requirements for Level II certification in program management. Of course, students and employees are still required to satisfy the experience requirements.

Mr. McCullough said, "I am pleased to have Macon State lock arms with DAU to increase the opportunities for acquisition professional development training for the Defense Acquisition Workforce. This partnership benefits DAU, the AIC, Macon State, and the Robins Regional Chamber. I call this a win-win-win-win. Thank you for including DAU, and we hope to forge more partnerships in the future."

The Memorandum of Understanding for program management builds on the previous contracting partnership signed back in 2007. Since then, MSC has graduated more than 200 students in this partnership; which in return has given RAFB the trained employees needed for contracting jobs. This type of relationship had been a model for DAU, DoD agencies, and academia.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Senior Service College Fellowship Welcomes the Class of 2012

Members of the Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) class of 2012 reported to Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) on July 25 for their opening day. This is the third class at APG, Md. The eight APG fellows were selected by a centralized board from among numerous applicants. Each participant was identified by sponsoring commands based upon demonstrated past performance and the fellow's potential to assume positions of greater responsibility within the U.S. Army Acquisition Workforce.

This year, unlike the past two years, the fellows will participate in a revamped and enhanced research process workshop that will be conducted in partnership with the Midwest SSCF program and their academic partner, Lawrence Technological University. The workshop will address the entire research process in greater detail and will consist of multiple sessions delivered over the TelePresence system. These sessions will provide a stronger foundation and better prepare the fellows for the always challenging Strategy Research Project (SRP). The SRP is a significant academic undertaking that challenges the fellows to critically examine, research, and write about a topic of interest to their command or to the acquisition community as a whole.

The upcoming academic year, promises to be another superb experience for the incoming class, and will continue to be characterized by adult learning in a small seminar and, in the words of famed military theoretician British Army Maj. Gen. J.F.C. Fuller, will be one in which, "we shall teach each other: first because we have a vast amount of experience behind us, and secondly, in my opinion, it is only through free criticism of each other's ideas that truth can be thrashed out."