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**Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Department of Defense, and General Services
Administration Announce Partnership**

Washington, D.C.—The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DoD) and the General Services Administration (GSA), has announced a partnership to ensure civilian and defense acquisition workforces receive similar training and development opportunities at a shared facility.

“This new partnership will ensure that the right people get the right training at the right time. We look forward to working with DoD to ensure that we train our acquisition workforce to serve the entire Federal Government, not just a single agency,” said OFPP Administrator David H. Safavian.

The Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI), which is under the direction of OFPP and managed by GSA, will now be located with Defense Acquisition University (DAU) at DAU’s Fort Belvoir campus in Virginia. FAI and DAU are both focused on developing the government’s acquisition workforce so they deliver the best value for taxpayers.

“This provides a key opportunity to ensure we have the highly skilled acquisition workforce needed to support agency missions and to meet Federal workforce management challenges,” said GSA’s Chief Acquisition Officer Emily Murphy.

Currently FAI is based at the GSA headquarters. The move to DAU will allow all acquisition workers to use DAU materials and training as well as update current DAU courses to make them appropriate for civilian acquisition professionals.

“This sharing of best practices reflects the goals of President Bush’s management agenda, and we are pleased to be a part of this innovative agreement,” said Michael Wynne, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

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