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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

We, the undersigned, hereby understand and affirm the establishment of a strategic partnership between the Defense Acquisition University and the University of Kentucky College of Engineering to share educational opportunities, selected research, and successful lean manufacturing and lean management principles and practices discovered in the industrial community.

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) is engaged in providing systems acquisition education and training in multiple functional areas for the Department of Defense (DoD) Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) Workforce while also establishing DAU as a formative lean enterprise institution. The University of Kentucky College of Engineering (UKCOE) is engaged in delivering graduate and undergraduate degree programs, graduate certificates, and through its Center for Manufacturing, continuing education certification in lean manufacturing for enterprises throughout the United States. The University of Kentucky is recognized as a leading university in lean manufacturing and lean management principles and practices.

The purpose of this MOU is for DAU and the UKCOE to pursue educational opportunities, share selected research, and teach best practices in topics related to the modern lean enterprise that are mutually beneficial to both parties. DAU and UKCOE will each appoint personnel to explore these opportunities and work out the specific details on what each party will pursue and how the details associated with each area will be handled. The opportunities identified for partnering include, however are not limited to:

- Promoting the sharing of training resources including DAU personnel attendance in courses and degree programs offered by UK
- UKCOE staff/faculty attending scheduled DAU courses
- Sharing/collaborating in research information
- Sharing lean manufacturing and lean management principles and practices
- Reciprocal guest lecturing in courses offered by both institutions.

It is the understanding of DAU and UKCOE that both parties agree this opportunity to partner will entail continuous coordination between both parties to ensure that each is made aware of and afforded available educational opportunities. Neither party to this MOU has exclusive rights from the other to any opportunities being pursued. Intellectual property rights remain with the initiating party, as determined by agreement in writing prior to embarking on further research or disposition of existing materials. Each party will bear its own costs of participation in this MOU and neither party will be entitled to reimbursement from the other party for any effort rendered under this MOU. This MOU can be terminated by either party with 10 days notice.

Signature: 

Ronald C. Flom
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commandant
Defense Acquisition University

Agreement signed May 21, 2003

Signature: 

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Dean, College of Engineering
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