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### **National Defense University Launches Chief Financial Officer Academy**

The National Defense University's Information Resources Management (IRM) College, in partnership with the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer today announced the creation of the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Academy. Located at the Fort Lesley J. McNair National Defense University (NDU) campus in Washington, D.C., the Academy will offer management and leadership courses leading to a CFO Leadership Certificate. The program will be formally launched in September 2008.

NDU operates under the direction of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and plays a key role in advocating and delivering interagency education for government managers and leaders. The University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The CFO Academy was established with the endorsement of the Federal CFO Council. According to Dr. Robert D. Childs, Senior Director of the IRM College, "The CFO academy will draw students from across the federal financial community. Together they will learn how to most effectively and efficiently use government resources and work across boundaries to achieve national security goals." Program enrollment is open now for selected courses.

The CFO Leadership Certificate program is comprised of eight graduate-level courses designed to enhance management and leadership of the next generation of CFOs and government financial managers. The Certificate will allow graduates to apply 12 to 15 credits to selected Master's and doctoral degree programs offered by accredited partner universities.

DoD Comptroller and CFO Tina W. Jonas, a strong advocate of leadership training, said she was excited about the prospect of an academy for financial professionals. "This will make a tremendous difference not just for DoD, but for the entire federal government," she said. Jonas will chair a CFO Academy Steering Group.

The Information Resources Management (IRM) College prepares leaders to direct the information component of national power by leveraging information and information technology for strategic advantage. Primary areas of expertise include leadership; transformation, process improvement; information technology, policy, and security; transformation; and management of acquisition processes and reform.

The National Defense University is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education. The University is an accredited graduate-level institution that provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the

Department of Defense and civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities.

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