

For Immediate Release
Release No. 08-011
11 September 2008

Chief Financial Officer Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Academy, located at the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington DC, will celebrate its launch with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **Monday, September 22, 2008 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.** at Fort Lesley J. McNair. This ceremony will formally launch the CFO Academy at NDU's Information Resources Management (IRM) College.

The CFO Academy was established in early 2008 with the endorsement of the Federal CFO Council and the sponsorship of Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/CFO The Honorable Tina W. Jonas. Its first product, 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, and may become a specialty in the new Government Strategic Leader Master of Science Degree Program currently under review by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Honorable Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), will deliver the keynote address to the first class of students at the CFO Leadership Certificate Program at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She will talk about the importance of strategic leadership in the government financial community. The event is open to government employees and media members. Other members of the official party will be The Honorable Clay Johnson, Deputy Administrator, Office of Management and Budget; Lieutenant General Frances Wilson, USMC, President of National Defense University; and Dr. Robert D. Childs, Senior Director of the Information Resources Management College, who will be Master of Ceremonies. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by a reception.

The National Defense University is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education and national security education. The University is an accredited graduate-level institution that prepares military and civilian leaders from the United States and other countries to address national and international security challenges through multi-disciplinary educational and research programs, professional exchanges and outreach. As a key component in NDU, the IRM College prepares leaders to direct the information component of national power by leveraging information and information technology for strategic advantage.

For more information about the Chief Financial Officer Academy, contact: Dr. Elizabeth McDaniel, mcdaniele@ndu.edu, (202) 685-3884; or for information about the Information Resources Management College, visit www.ndu.edu/irmc.

For information about the ribbon cutting, contact J.D. Timmons at (202) 685-3975 or timmonsj@ndu.edu.