



DAU e-Newsletter

Learn. Perform. Succeed.

iCatalog

Defense Acquisition Portal

DAU on Flickr

DAU on Facebook

February 2013

President's Message



Dr. James McMichael

When we talk about successful acquisition outcomes, it's really all about the people. We know we can only be successful if we have skilled people to do the work.

At DAU, our programs are designed and delivered to support the workforce and help them have successful careers and be proficient in what they do.

We realize that not everyone who touches the acquisition process is filling a DAWIA billet; that there are others whose contributions are also important. Congress recognizes that, and in the National Defense Authorization Act has provided that we can give those people training to become proficient in what they do. Our vision is that by adding this element, everyone who touches acquisition is fully proficient.

Learning Assets

Performance-Based Logistics Awards

The Honorable Alan Estevez, ASD(L&MR), and Ms. Sue Dryden, DASD (MR) officially dedicated the "Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics" display in January, recognizing past and current "Gerald R. Beck PBL Award" winners. This new PBL display, located on the fifth floor of the Pentagon also serves to honor the late [Gerald R. "Jerry" Beck](#), a longtime PBL proponent with both the Naval Air Systems Command and the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff.

The [Secretary of Defense PBL Awards](#) recognize government and industry teams that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in providing our Warfighters with exceptional operational capability through PBL agreements while serving as examples of "[Better Buying Power](#)" in action.

"Supportability Analysis" Course Now in the Classroom

LOG 211 engages students from the Life Cycle Logistics, Systems Engineering, and Program Management career fields within the Systems Engineering process framework to ensure that Reliability, Availability, Maintainability (RAM) and Affordability are considered in terms of their impact on requirements, design, and product support.

LOG 211 applies Supportability Analysis principles, tools, and techniques in student exercises to evaluate design options, structure decisions, and achieve outcomes.

For additional [LOG 211](#) course information and to register, visit the [DAU iCatalog](#).

FMS: more than just another transaction

How can contracting for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) contribute to U.S. national security and foreign policy strategies? How can the contracting officer help enable the FMS process to be successful? Learn more about [International Contracting and Foreign Military Sales](#)

Better Buying Power Update



The Defense Acquisition University will host a Hot Topic training forum centered on "Better Buying Power Training to Meet Defense Acquisition Challenges" on Tuesday, April 9, at its Fort Belvoir campus.

The event offers classroom training sessions tied to the Better Buying Power 2.0 focus areas. In a period of fiscal challenges and technological opportunities, the training will concentrate on what is working and ways to improve what is not.

The half-day training forum also will be available via VTC at numerous DAU regional campuses and sites. The forum provides three Continuous Learning Points (CLP) for continued DoD acquisition certification.

There is no cost to register, but space is limited. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



OSD recently launched a new [Better Buying Power \(BBP\) Gateway](#) to highlight the announcement of the BBP 2.0 release. The site was re-designed to better organize the information and includes explanatory text to help guide you through the focus areas.