



Spotlight on DAU Learning Resources

DAU AND NDIA TO SPONSOR DEFENSE SYSTEMS ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS FOR INDUSTRY MANAGERS

DAU and the National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor offerings of the Defense Systems Acquisition Management (DSAM) course for interested industry managers at the following locations during fiscal 2007:

- July 16-20, 2007, Red Lion Hotel on Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Wash.
- Sept. 10-14, 2007, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

DSAM presents the same acquisition policy information provided to DoD students who attend the Defense Acquisition University courses for acquisition certification training. It is designed to meet the needs of defense industry acquisition managers in today's dynamic environment, providing the latest information related to:

- Defense acquisition policy for weapons and information technology systems, including discussion of the DoD 5000 series (directive and instruction) and the CJCS 3170 series (instruction and manual)
- Defense transformation initiatives related to systems acquisition
- Defense acquisition procedures and processes
- The planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process and the congressional budget process
- The relationship between the determination of military capability needs, resource allocation, science and technology activities, and acquisition programs.

For further information see "Courses Offered" under "Meetings and Events" at <http://www.ndia.org>. Industry students contact Phyllis Edmonson at 703-247-2577 or e-mail pedmonson@ndia.org. A limited number of experienced government students may be selected to attend each offering. Government students must first contact Bruce Moler at 703-805-5257, or e-mail bruce.moler@dau.mil prior to registering with NDIA.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY UPDATE ON SPRDE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CAREER PATH

On pages 53-54 of the March-April 2007 issue of *Defense AT&L*, the article entitled "Upcoming SPRDE-SE Certification Changes" described several changes to the DoD Systems Planning, Research,

Development, and Engineering Systems Engineering career path. In the intervening time, there has been further refinement of the changes.

Effective Oct. 1, 2007, the SPRDE career field will have an additional path: SPRDE-Program Systems Engineer (SPRDE-PSE). The new SPRDE-PSE career path will be targeted at systems engineers fulfilling leadership roles on acquisition programs and will carry with it increased education and training and experience standards to meet certification requirements. The existing SPRDE-Systems Engineering (SPRDE-SE) career path remains unchanged and is intended for all other systems engineering professionals. Like SPRDE-PSE, however, SPRDE-SE will incorporate new Defense Acquisition University systems engineering courses to fulfill the education and training certification requirements at all three levels. Specific certification requirements for both tracks are detailed below.

For SPRDE-SE, Level I certification now requires, in addition to the core ACQ 101 course, completion of the new online SYS 101 course "Fundamentals of SPRDE." Level II now requires, along with ACQ 201 (A & B), the completion of the new online continuous learning module CLE 003 "Technical Reviews"; completion of the new online SYS 202 course "Intermediate SPRDE, Part I"; and completion of the new classroom SYS 203 course "Intermediate SPRDE, Part II." Level III now requires the online module CLL 008, "Designing for Supportability in DoD Systems," and the new classroom SYS 302 course, "Technical Leadership in Systems Engineering." The experience requirements for the three levels remain one, two, and four years, respectively.

The new SPRDE-PSE career path will require the same courses as SPRDE-SE at each level but will have additional certification training requirements. Level I will require the completion of two additional Level 100 courses, which can be taken from a variety of disciplines. Level II will require the completion of LOG 204 "Configuration Management," as well as one additional 100 or 200 level course. Level III will require two additional 200 or 300 level courses. The new SPRDE-PSE career path certifications will also require more years of experience: Level I—two years; Level II—four years; and Level III—eight years.

The new certification requirements for SPRDE-PSE will not be effective until Oct. 1, 2007, even though the new



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SYS courses referenced above are now being offered in place of the previous SYS courses. These changes and additional details will be officially announced and maintained in the online Defense Acquisition University catalog at: < www.dau.mil/catalog/default.aspx >, no later than the Oct. 1 implementation date.

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DAU MIDWEST REGION PARTNERS WITH INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Travis Stewart, dean, Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Midwest Region in Kettering, Ohio, and Dr. Sharon Drury, dean of College of Adult and Professional Studies, Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU), signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement on March 23, 2007. Under the terms of the Strategic Partnership Agreement, the Defense Acquisition University and Indiana Wesleyan University's College of Adult and Professional Studies agree to work collaboratively in order to provide educational opportunities for the currently enrolled and potential students of each institution.

The Midwest Region has a significant number of acquisition, technology and logistics workforce personnel located in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana where IWU Education Centers are located. These individuals will find this Strategic Partnership Agreement very beneficial to assist with their ongoing educational and training requirements.

Indiana Wesleyan University's main campus is located in Marion, Indiana, midway between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, along I-69. Established in 1920, this 300-acre campus is where 2,800 students attend IWU's traditional four-year liberal arts college and residential graduate school.

In 1985, IWU began offering programs uniquely designed for working adults. It soon became evident that IWU's combination of conveniently scheduled classes and adult-friendly services were in high demand. Since 1987, IWU's College of Adult & Professional Studies has established seven Education Centers across Indiana. Recently IWU has grown beyond Indiana and has established Education Centers in Ohio and Kentucky. There is an IWU Education Center located in Dayton, Ohio.

For adults across Indiana and living in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois near the Indiana border, IWU has brought its adult degree programs into their local communities. IWU has held classes in more than 90 loca-

tions across Indiana. Wherever there are 15 to 20 adults seeking the same degree, IWU will find a meeting place in their community and bring the textbooks, course materials, and teachers to them for the duration of their program.

DAU Midwest Region, Kettering, Ohio, serves the 12 surrounding Midwest states and has a number of Strategic Partnership Agreements within the area's academic communities. DAU Midwest has made Strategic Partnership Agreements with the following institutions: Bellevue University, Central Michigan University, Cuyahoga Community College, DeVry University, Eastern Michigan University, Lawrence Technological University, National-Lewis University, Park University, Sinclair Community College, Webster University, Wilberforce University, Wright State University, University of Dayton, and University of Missouri-Rolla.

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DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY CONTINUOUS LEARNING CENTER

The DAU Continuous Learning Center at < <http://clc.dau.mil/> > is a Department of Defense resource dedicated to the delivery of continuous learning opportunities supporting the acquisition, technology, and logistics workforce. To fulfill the DoD AT&L requirement for obtaining 80 continuous learning points every two years, the DAU Continuous Learning Center offers a wide variety of continuous learning modules, varying from one to 12 hours in length, primarily in the following areas:

- Acquisition Management
- Business
- Contracting
- Engineering and Technology
- Harvard ManageMentor Plus Topics
- Logistics
- Program Management

MANDATORY CONTINUOUS LEARNING MODULE FOR CONTRACTING PERSON- NEL IN ACQUISITION POSITIONS

On Dec. 29, 2006, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Director Shay Assad directed that all contracting personnel serving in acquisition positions complete "Contract Format and Structure for the DoD e-Business Environment." This continuous learning module is offered by the Defense Acquisition University at < http://clc.dau.mil > . Assad's memorandum also requested that the heads of the DoD Components, acting



through their Component Acquisition Executives, incorporate this training into their component acquisition career development programs for current employees and all new entrants into the Contracting career field of the defense acquisition workforce. Review the memorandum at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/20062098DPAP.pdf>.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY 2007 CATALOG

The Defense Acquisition University 2007 Catalog has been posted online at <http://www.dau.mil/catalog/default.aspx>. You may request a hard copy from the DAU Student Services Office at studentservices@dau.mil. Information in the hard copy catalog is current as of Oct. 1, 2006. The online catalog is updated periodically throughout the training year, and new CDs are produced with each update. Currency of information contained in hard copies and CDs should always be confirmed on the catalog Web site shown above.

NEW RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDE

An all-new and improved version of the *Risk Management Guide for DoD Acquisition* (6th ed, version 1.0) is now available on the Web. This streamlined edition reflects lessons learned on the application of risk management on past programs and presents concepts and ideas that encourage the use of risk-based management practices that all programs should find useful. The new guide places emphasis on:

- The role and management of future root causes
- Distinguishing between risk management and issue management
- Tying risk likelihood to the root cause rather than the consequence,
- Tracking the status of risk mitigation implementation versus risk tracking
- Event-driven technical reviews to help identify risk areas and assess the effectiveness of ongoing risk mitigation efforts.

With all the high-level emphasis on reducing risk in programs to help ensure program cost, schedule, and performance objectives are achieved at every stage in the life cycle, this guide serves as a great communication tool for all stakeholders on the process for uncovering, determining the scope of, and managing program uncertainties. View the guide at <https://acc.dau.mil/rm> or <http://www.acq.osd.mil/se/publications.htm>

Tips for Authors

1 Look at back issues of the magazine. If we printed an article on a particular topic a couple of issues ago, we're unlikely to print another for a while—unless it offers brand new information or a different point of view.

2 We look on articles much more favorably if they follow our author guidelines on format, length, and presentation. You'll find them at www.dau.mil/pubs/dam/DAT&L%20author%20guidelines.pdf.

3 Number the pages in your manuscript and put your name on every page. It makes our life so much easier if we happen to drop a stack of papers and your article's among them.

4 Do avoid acronyms as far as possible, but if you must use them, define them—every single one, however obvious you think it is. We get testy if we have to keep going to acronymfinder.com, especially when we discover 10 equally applicable possibilities for one acronym.

5 Fax the *Certification as a Work of the U.S. Government* form when you e-mail your article because we can't review your manuscript until we have the release. Download it at www.dau.mil/pubs/dam/DAT&L%20certification.pdf. Please don't make us chase you down for it. And please fill it out completely, even if you've written for us before.

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