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DAU News

Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) Migration News

DAU is excited to announce the migration of its collaboration site, [Acquisition Community Connection \(ACC\)](#), from its current platform (Sitron Tomoye/ECCO) to a new platform (SharePoint 2013). The new platform will provide a more user-friendly experience and better social/collaborative capabilities, and reduce DAU's technology risks and ACC operation costs.

We need your help and support in shaping the next-generation communities. To ensure a smooth transition, we seek your engagement and input to help form our migration and implementation strategy. As part of the migration process, we are reviewing all workspaces for currency of content and activity, and soliciting your ideas and recommendations in making our communities more engaging.

Please take this opportunity to complete a [questionnaire](https://survey.dau.mil:443/opinio/s?s=4459) located at <<https://survey.dau.mil:443/opinio/s?s=4459>>. The responses should take only about 10 minutes of your time, but the results will prove invaluable for our planning process. The questionnaire will be available until 15 August 2014, so please take a few minutes to provide your input. Remember that all responses are anonymous, so give us your best answers.

Contact us at <acc-migration@dau.mil>, if you have a question.

Better Buying Power 4 Years On: Is It Making a Difference?

Four years following the introduction of Better Buying Power, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Mr. Frank Kendall, offers his candid assessment of the work that has been completed to date and the work that remains. [Read](#) "Better Buying Power 4 Years On: Is It Making a Difference?"

PBL Guidebook Now Available

The [Better Buying Power \(BBP\) 2.0](#) Implementation Guidance of 24 Apr 2013, includes specific direction to "Increase effective use of Performance-Based Logistics," including the development of a [PBL Guidebook](#) to be utilized as the source (tenets, analytics, metrics, and draft RFP information) for PBL processes. Because PBL has demonstrated notable success as a tool for sustaining warfighting capability at reasonable cost, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, in collaboration with the Services and Defense Acquisition University, developed this [PBL Guidebook](#) to

assist the defense acquisition workforce in developing effective PBL product support arrangements.

This newly released (27 May 2014) DoD [PBL Guidebook](#) is designed from front-to-back to serve as both a reference manual for experienced PBL practitioners, as well as a practical "how-to" guide for new-to-PBL logisticians. It leverages DOD instructions, other guidebooks, and the [Product Support Business Model \(PSBM\)](#) as an organizing construct for PBL best practices, processes, and supporting documentation needed to craft effective PBL arrangements. It also supports DoD policy outlined in the [ASD \(L&MR\) "Performance Based Logistics Comprehensive Guidance" memorandum](#), dated 22 Nov 2013.

This guidebook is being hosted on the DoD [Performance Based Logistics Community of Practice \(PBL CoP\)](#) to ensure it is readily accessible to a broad, interdisciplinary team of Program Managers, Product Support Managers, Life Cycle Logisticians, Contracting Officers, Financial Managers, Systems Engineers and others with life cycle product support and sustainment responsibilities.

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[Acker Library & Knowledge Repository](#)

[Acquisition Community Connection \(ACC\)](#)

[Acquisition Encyclopedia \(ACQuipedia\)](#)

[Acquisition Proven Practices & Lessons Learned \(ACQ P²L²\)](#)

[Ask-a-Professor \(AAP\)](#)

[Better Buying Power \(BBP\)](#)



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Report on the Defense Acquisition System

USD(AT&L) Frank Kendall released the second annual report on the [Performance of the Defense Acquisition System](#). It provides an opportunity to assess how well the workforce is doing at delivering products to the warfighter, how performance is changing over time, and an understanding of how the workforce can improve performance.

Hot Topic Forum

DoD Program Manager Training & Experience: Challenges, Opportunities, Current Initiatives

On behalf of the [Defense Acquisition University \(DAU\)](#), the [Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association \(DAUAA\)](#), in conjunction with the [Acquisition Community Connection \(ACC\)](#), will present a no-cost [hot topic training forum](#) on Thu, 21 Aug 2014, in the Hirsch Center on the DAU Fort Belvoir Campus. The theme is "[DoD Program Manager Training & Experience: Challenges, Opportunities, Current Initiatives](#)." The forum presenters collaborated with Dr Ronald Fox, Professor of Business Administration, Emeritus, Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University, on a 2014 Office of SecDef Study of DoD Program Manager Training and Experience. The Study became the basis for a 2014 Report to Congress. The SecDef Study was a follow-on to a similar study conducted in 2009 by Dr Fox and was based on interviews of DoD Acquisition Category (ACAT) I, 1A, and II program managers and Program Executive Officers. The purpose of the Study was to identify opportunities to improve the training and experience of future DoD program managers of major acquisition programs through (1) additional training, (2) improvements in training, and/or (3) additional experience requirements for program manager candidates. The forum presentation will describe the conclusions and recommendations of the study and provide insight on DAU initiatives to address them. The presenters are Dr Roy Wood, Dean, Defense Systems Management College (DSMC); and Mr Ken Spiro, Assistant to the Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition). The no-cost training forum will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and snacks may be consumed in the Hirsch Center during the presentation. Attendance at VTC sites will be handled by coordinators from each of the DAU Regional Campuses. Information regarding VTC locations will be posted on the DAU Alumni Association website, as received. Please re-

serve your seat NLT COB Wed, 20 Aug 2014.

Presentations Posted for May Book Launch & June Hot Topic Forum

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) hosted a hot topic training forum book launch on 7 May and a hot topic training forum on 25 Jun. Presentations for both have been posted online.

The 7 May book launch was presented by author Dr. Walter S. Poole, who served as Chief of the Histories Branch in the Joint Chiefs of Staff History Office until his retirement in 2000. The presentation covered the interplay – and friction – of acquisition and military strategy during a period of increased centralization in DoD and the Vietnam War. View the [video](#) here.

The 25 Jun theme was "Strategic Sourcing – What it is and its impact on Contracting for Services." Contracted services continue to represent over 50% of the Department of Defense's contract obligations annually. Strategic sourcing is the collaborative and structured process of critically analyzing an organization's spending and using this information to make business decisions about acquiring commodities and services more effectively and efficiently. This process helps the Department optimize performance, minimize price, increase achievement of socio-economic acquisition goals, evaluate total life cycle management costs, improve vendor access to business opportunities, and otherwise increase the value of each dollar spent. This forum discussed how these two link, with discussion including improved requirements definition, active validation and management of contracted services, strategic sourcing's ability to mitigate budget reductions, spend data use, policy implications and what the future likely holds for DoD services acquisition and strategic sourcing. The presenter was Kenneth M. Brennan, Deputy Director for Services Acquisition, OUSD (AT&L), DPAP. View the [presentation](#) here.

DoD Packaging, Handling, Storage & Transportation CoP Update

Information within the Community Connection, Industry Information, Tools, and Training areas has been updated and added; information that is no longer applicable has been removed. Take a moment to go to these areas and check out the topics/titles and their details!

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