



Knowledge Sharing Assets Month in Review

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DAU News

Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) Migration News

DAU recently conducted two questionnaires to aid in planning the migration of the ACC and all Guidebooks and Performance Learning Tools (PLTs) from their present platform to SharePoint 2013. The goal of the questionnaires was to determine the needs of the defense acquisition workforce to better enable us to meet those needs in the next generation of DAU's knowledge sharing assets.

The first questionnaire dealt specifically with the ACC's communities of practice, i.e., if/how they are incorporated into DAU's courses, the user's experience with finding needed information, collaborating with peers, and contributing information to share.

The second questionnaire addressed DAU's PLTs, including the Guidebooks. This questionnaire targeted DAU faculty, Course Managers, and Performance Learning Directors. The feedback gathered on how they are currently being used will be essential to fulfilling the goal of providing resources that will meet the needs of the workforce in the future. The results will be discussed at a brown bag lunch sometime in the near future (stay tuned for a date and details); however, 74% of the respondees (DAU internal personnel) questioned said that they use PLTs in courses, in Distance Learning and Continuous Learning modules, and for mission assistance, while 88% said PLTs enhance their course objectives and material.

Contact us at [<acc-migration@dau.mil>](mailto:acc-migration@dau.mil), if you have a question.

Hirsch Research Paper Competition

Win \$1,000 in the [2015 Hirsch Research Paper Competition](#), sponsored by the [DAU Alumni Association](#). Papers must cover one of six topics and follow guidelines for the [Defense Acquisition Research Journal](#). The deadline for submissions is 16 Dec 2014.

Army Issues New IPS Policy & Associated Implementation Procedures

The new [Army Regulation 700-127 "Integrated Product Support"](#) dated 7 Oct 2014, has been issued and is now available. This major revision will not, however, take effect until 7 Nov 2014. In addition, a new companion [Department of the Army Pamphlet \(DA PAM\) 700-127 "Integrated Product Support Procedures"](#) has been issued. [Click here for more information](#) about what each of the documents offers.

November 2014 Hot Topic Forum Presentation Posted

The [presentation](#) from the DAU Hot Topic Training Forum on 7 Nov 2014, has been posted online and is available for

viewing and/or downloading. The forum was presented by the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association (DAUAA), in conjunction with the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC). The theme was "Best Value Contracting: Getting to the Right Price." During this information exchange, Mr. Shay Assad, Director of Defense Pricing, senior DoD pricing personnel, and industry representatives engaged in an information exchange to better understand the concerns of parties when negotiating the acquisition of goods and services for the Department of Defense.



Integrated Knowledge Sharing

[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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DON Total Ownership Cost Guidebook

The Department of the Navy recently released this new guidebook: [DON Total Ownership Cost \(TOC\) Guidebook, June 2014 \(third version\)](#). The purpose of this Guidebook is twofold. First, to reiterate an unequivocal intent that defense Acquisition products be maximally affordable to acquire, own and operate. Second, to describe new departmental and naval processes addressing that intent. This Guidebook will assist all DON organizations engaged in Fleet requirements generation and subsequent systems development and sustainment in understanding and applying the TOC-related requirements in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5000.2E "Implementation and Operation of the Defense Acquisition Systems and the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System" of 01 Sep 2011. [Read the full blog>>](#)

DAU South's Lunch & Learn

On 5 Nov 2014, MAKR IKS, Ms. Kathy Spainhower, hosted a Lunch and Learn for DAU South Region on Acquisition Knowledge Sharing Sites. Ms. Spainhower discussed the importance of building sites that demonstrate lessons learned and best practices for the Defense Acquisition Workforce, as the number of personnel eligible to retire within 10 years has significantly increased. In this interactive presentation, Ms. Spainhower presented 11 "where would you go" scenarios and asked the participants to respond. It was evident in the responses from the 107 online participants that going to a "subject matter expert" was still mostly considered as a first option. In addition to the briefing of various DAU and DoD knowledge resources, Ms. Spainhower also provided participants with a handout of valuable resources with descriptions and URLs to better assist the attendees in performing their mission.

Local participants may join in person at the DAU Huntsville (AL) location. The presentations are also [offered via DCO](#) (enter as a guest). Be sure to [register](#) for either type of session.

Additional sessions:

17-Dec: Negotiation Techniques

7-Jan: BBPI 3.0

14-Jan: Earned Value Management

28-Jan: International Acquisition Career Path Update

New LOG 215 Technical Data Management Course Now Available

A new LOG 215 Technical Data Management web-based distance learning course deployed earlier today, and is now available for student registration! This new course is intended to provide a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of technical data management strategies, planning, processes, products and tools across the life cycle based on DoD policy, guidance, processes, procedures and best business practices from across the Services and industry across the product life cycle. While not a required Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification course per se, effective today, it is the newest addition to the "choose one of five" options available in the Life Cycle Logistics Level II certification "pick list". It is also highly recommended for all life cycle logisticians who may have already fulfilled their formal Level II certification requirements. [Read more>>](#)

Report on Defense Acquisition Reform

Washington, DC – US Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Carl Levin (D-MI), Ranking Member and Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI), today released a bipartisan report entitled "[Defense Acquisition Reform: Where Do We Go From Here? A Compendium of Views by Leading Experts](#)" [PDF]. The report encompasses a collection of 31 essays that PSI solicited from a variety of defense acquisition experts who offered their views on defense acquisition reform. While in this report the Subcommittee makes no recommendations of its own, the expert views on defense acquisition reform contained within it are intended to help develop a comprehensive record on shortcomings in the acquisition process that may inform congressional deliberations in the future.

DAU Smart Shutdown Guidebook

A [memo](#) issued by the Honorable Frank Kendall, USD (AT&L), dated 7 Oct 2014, encourages program management personnel facing a program termination to make use of DAU's "very effective" [Smart ShutDown Guidebook](#) and DAU's mission assistance, if needed. The POC for the DAU Smart ShutDown Guidebook and related mission assistance is [Mr. Mark Unger](#). [Read the full memo](#) for additional information or [download/review the guidebook](#).

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