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President’s Message

In August, DAU headquarters at Ft. Belvoir, VA, suffered a major fire to one of our buildings. No classes have to be cancelled in FY12 or FY13 due to the fire, and our online courses, continuous learning modules, and knowledge support were unaffected. Although dozens of people are in the process of being relocated, no one was hurt. The building will be out of service for up to two years. When it returns, it will be a modern, student-oriented learning facility featuring classrooms, breakout rooms, a library, and a cafeteria/lounge.

Learning Assets

PM Leadership and Management Resources

A new Leadership and Management Tools and Resources section has been added to the Program Management (PM) Community of Practice (CoP). The intent of the new section is to share items such as references, current books, relevant articles, and other items of potential benefit to members of the PM Community. Review the available resources and feel free to suggest additional entries. Learn more.

New Web-Enabled SD-22 DMSMS Guidebook

The Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO) recently issued a fully revised version of the “SD-22 Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS): A Guidebook of Best Practices and Tools for Implementing a Robust DMSMS Management Program.” Working closely with the DoD DMSMS Working Group, DAU recently deployed a hyperlinked, web-enabled version of this important new document. Learn more.

CON 115 Contracting Fundamentals Conversion

CON 115 Contracting Fundamentals will be converted into three separate distance learning courses planned for launch in the second quarter of FY13. The effort is in response to customer feedback regarding course length and assessment feasibility. The conversion will not result in a change to course content, certification, or prerequisites. The new course designations will be CON 121, CON 124, and CON 127. Names and course descriptions are forthcoming.

New Continuous Learning Modules Available

New continuous learning opportunities are available in the following areas: Intellectual Property and Data Rights and Joint DoD-DOE Nuclear Weapons Life Cycle Activities. To assist DoD AT&L workforce members in obtaining the required 80 continuous learning points every two years, DAU offers a website dedicated to the delivery of continuous learning opportunities. Learn more.

Better Buying Power Update

Integrated Program Management Report Introduced

ASD(A) Katrina McFarland recently signed a memo stating that an Earned Value Management Data Item Description (DID), the Integrated Program Management Report (IPMP), now is required for all Request for Proposals released after July 1. This DID supersedes DI-MGMT-81650 and DI-MGMT-81466A. The IPMR contains data for measuring cost and schedule performance on DoD acquisition contracts. It is structured around seven formats that contain the content and relationships required for electronic submissions. The primary value of IPMR to the government is its utility in reflecting current contract status and projecting future contract performance. It will be used by the DoD component staff, including program managers, engineers, cost estimators, and financial management personnel, as a basis for communicating performance status with the contractor. Learn more.

DAU Strategic Partnerships

DAU has established partnerships with colleges and universities so DoD AT&L workforce members can transfer DAU course work toward college and university degrees and certificates. Users may browse the interactive partnership database to search for partnership programs.

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