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BETTER BUYING POWER UPDATE

Defense Innovation Marketplace

The [Better Buying Power initiatives](#) introduced in 2010 placed renewed emphasis on reinvigorating [Industry Research and Development](#) (IR&D). The [Defense Innovation Marketplace](#) website was established in 2011 to improve communications between industry and the DoD regarding investment priorities. The Marketplace contains strategic DoD and Service Roadmaps, business opportunities, documents and events that companies can use to focus their IR&D investments for potential future business. A January 2012 DFARS rule change (DFARS 231.205-18) requires companies conducting more than \$11M of IR&D to submit project summaries through a secure portal on the Marketplace to improve DoD visibility into industry efforts. Authorized DoD personnel (government employees and military with S&T/R&D/acquisition responsibilities) can register and request access to more than 9,500 searchable project summaries contained in the portal.

LEARNING ASSETS

360 Assessment

[TTD 010](#) – 360 Survey Workshop

The workshop uses a feedback survey that gathers observational information from several perspectives regarding the individual's leadership performance. This includes a self-survey and surveys from their supervisor, peers and direct reports. Knowing your employees' strengths and developmental needs will help you identify appropriate courses of action and developmental activities.

Acquisition Training Symposium

"Achieving Better Acquisition Outcomes in Austere Times – Improved Processes, Reduced Overhead"

Scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, the event offers training sessions tied to the [Better Buying Power 2.0](#) initiatives and will focus on learning hard skills – training in the latest policy, practices and techniques that you can take back to work and apply.

The Symposium will be held at the DAU Fort Belvoir, Va. campus, and available via VTC at many of our branch campuses.

The forum provides four Continuous Learning Points (CLP).

Get additional [information](#) and [register](#) now.

RESOURCES

DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Procedures

A new multi-volume DoD Manual 4140.01 replaces the 2003 version of DoD 4140.1R DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management regulation. The new 11-volume series of manuals entitled "DoD Manual 4140.01 DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Procedures" is available on the [Supply Support Integrated Product Support Element site](#) in the [Logistics Community of Practice](#).

Smart Shutdown Program

The [Smart Shutdown Program](#) is a Special Interest Area (SIA) within the [Acquisition Community Connection](#). It offers a forum for information exchange and peer-to-peer discussions aimed at accomplishing smart, disciplined, efficient and effective program terminations when required. The site provides a forum to share your thoughts in identifying goals, processes, shortfalls, issues, best practices, plans and considerations in all aspects of program termination activities. Contribute directly within the SIA or to SmartShutDownPS@DAU.mil.



International Acquisition

The [International Acquisition Management Community of Practice](#) (ICOP) on the



[Acquisition Community Connection](#) is a source for international acquisition reference material, websites, and other related information. Members are encouraged to share their own experience and insights in planning and implementing international acquisition activities.

President's Message

Mr. James P. Woolsey



DAU's mission is not just to provide training, but to create a learning environment that the acquisition workforce can use on the job as well as in the classroom. We want this environment to be seamless and accessible from any location, and to be constantly evolving to keep up with your needs.

An important step in this journey was the recent introduction of the Single Sign-On (SSO) capability. I know there have been challenges with this implementation, but they are quickly being resolved. In the first week, 85,000 users successfully registered for the new service. There were a large number of help-desk calls as these users logged in for the first time, and this created some long wait times. Thank you for your patience during that period.

SSO brings many payoffs. The most obvious is the ability to use one name and password to log into all DAU online resources, such as the DAU Virtual Campus, Acquisition Community Connection, Defense Acquisition Portal and Blackboard. The self-service capability also allows you to do things like retrieve forgotten usernames and passwords. Less obvious is that SSO improves access from remote locations, and will allow us to begin building new features into our online content.

Thank you again for your patience as we create the learning environment that you need and deserve.

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