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Acquisition News

CON 100 Auditorium Offerings

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) is planning two CON 100 auditorium offerings for FY08 to handle increased surge for this training. The offerings emphasize priority 1 and 2 students, and target students currently waitlisted for CON 100 and students that have taken training out of sequence. The first offering is at Fort Belvoir, VA, from June 10-13, 2008, with a maximum class size of 100 students. The location and dates of the second offering are to be determined but the South and West Region is targeted. Eligible applicants should apply at

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/aitas/>.

Additional information is at <http://asc.army.mil> or contact Herman Gaines Jr. at 703-805-1252.

The Competitive Development Group/Army Acquisition Fellowship (CDG/AAF) Program

The CDG/AAF Program, a three-year leadership developmental program sponsored by USAASC, held its annual orientation and graduation event in Fairfax, VA, on Feb. 11-13, 2008. This year's theme, "Developing Our Next Generation of Leaders," was highlighted by speakers Craig A. Spisak, Deputy Director for Acquisition Career Management and the Director, USAASC; COL Brian C. Winters, Deputy Director, USAASC, and Dean G. Popps, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA ALT) and the Army Acquisition Executive (AAE). Following these presentations, Dr. Myra S. Gray, Director of the Biometrics Task Force and Claude M. Bolton Jr., DSC, former ASA ALT/AAE, congratulated each 2005 graduate and 2008 inductee in a ceremony before an audience of colleagues, family and friends.

The planned release of the YG09 open application window announcement is mid-July 2008 through the Army Acquisition Professional Development System in the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System

[\(CAPP MIS\)](#). For questions, contact Joan L. Sable at (703) 805-1240, DSN 655-1240 or joan.l.sable@us.army.mil.

ALT Workforce News

Mandatory Training for Contracting Personnel in the Department of Defense

Office of the Under Secretary of the Army Memorandum, dated Dec. 29, 2006, SAB. A recent sampling of contracts awarded in FY05 revealed that many contain ambiguous and imprecise terms, conditions and deliverables. To improve contract quality, the Office of the Secretary of the Army has worked with DAU industry advisors and components to produce an online continuous learning module that addresses the most frequently identified weaknesses and re-emphasizes proper contracting construction. The completion of this module is mandatory for all contracting personnel serving in acquisition positions as designated in *Section 1721(a) of title 10, United States Code*.

This module must be completed no later than May 15, 2007. DAU training entitled "Contract Format and Structure for the DoD e-Business Environment (CLC033)" meets this training requirement and can be accessed at <http://clc.dau.mil/>.

<http://asc.army.mil/career/military.cfm>

The Army Centralized Individual Training Solicitation (TACITS)

MILPER Message Number 08-041. Per AR 350-10, TACITS is the only official solicitation that recognizes the Total Army (Active, Guard and Reserve Component) training requirements for military and civilian personnel. Participation in the 2008 TACITS survey will afford organizations the opportunity to identify, project and resource future training needs in Army schools. TACITS is available at the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) home page at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/>. Detailed guidance and other specific instructions are available on the ATRRS home page at

<https://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsgsgs.nsf> (AKO ID and Password Required). The data collection period is Feb 29, 2008 - May 27, 2008. The Major Command review and update is Jun 17, 2008 - Jul 12, 2008. The FY12 Structure and Manpower Decision Review will be hosted by the Human Resources Command in Oct 2008 (exact dates and schedule to be determined). HRMD, USAASC is implementing this program within the Director Reporting Unit. Program Executive Officers/Director Reporting Program Mangers have until April 7 to submit their requirements into ATRRS.

New Directive Contains Political Activity Rules for Service Members

A revised DoD directive provides sharper definition of what service members may and may not do within the political realm, particularly running for political office. The new version of *Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces*, became effective Feb. 19, 2008, and replaces the previous version issued Aug. 4, 2007. The directive outlines specific rules pertaining to cases of active, retired and reserve-component service members holding elective or appointed office within the U.S. government, including elected positions with state, territorial, county or municipal governments. To view the entire Department of Defense Instruction, refer to [Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces.](#)

Military Training Priority Code Request.

ALT Workforce military members who require a training priority coding change must annotate their "request" in the comments section of the ATRRS Internet Training Application System. The request must contain specifics on why the military member is requesting to attend a specific course.

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System (DIMHRS)

The Army is planning to launch an online pay and personnel system Oct. 2008 that will bring all three components (Active, Guard, and Reserve) into a single database. DIMHRS is a congressionally mandated program that provides the Army with an integrated, multi-component, personnel and pay system. The personnel and pay functionality addresses major deficiencies in the delivery of military personnel and pay services that are caused by systems with multiple complex interfaces. DIMHRS impacts each and every Soldier regardless of component or work location. DIMHRS is an integrated database where all work

is performed within DIMHRS. Awards, leaves, evaluations, etc., are performed using DIMHRS - inside of DIMHRS. The documents are all worked within the system. They are electronically routed and digitally signed. The official record remains within DIMHRS. Personnel records will be available to Human Resource professionals, combatant commanders, personnel and pay managers, and other authorized users throughout the Army.

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/armydimhrs/index.html>

AAC Upcoming Events

Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting

- April 21, 2008
- Atlanta, GA

http://asc.army.mil/acq_awards/awards_contr.cfm

Senior Leadership Development Program (SLDP-2)

- April 21, 2008
- Atlanta, GA

http://asc.army.mil/conference/pcoits_2008/default.cfm

2008 Procuring Contracting Officer and Intern Training Symposium (PCO/ITS)

- April 21-24, 2008
- Atlanta, GA

http://asc.army.mil/conference/pcoits_2008/default.cfm

Important AAC Links

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil>

Army ALT Magazine

<http://asc.army.mil/altmag/>

Acquisition Management Branch

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>. AKO registration required.

Comments to the Editorial Staff

The USAASC Newsletter editorial staff is accepting articles. Writers Guidelines are on the AAC Transformation Web page at

<http://asc.army.mil/transformation>. Address issues or concerns to MAJ Gregg Rupkalvis at (703) 805 2732, DSN 655-2732, gregg.rupkalvis@us.army.mil.