



## Acquisition News

### The Army Acquisition Executive's Farewell Message

Mr. Claude M. Bolton Jr. departs as the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) [ASAALT] and the Army Acquisition Executive on January 2, 2008. Mr. Bolton's farewell comments can be read at [http://asc.army.mil/docs/press/ASC\\_1207\\_ALT\\_Jan-Mar%202008\\_Mr%20Bolton.pdf](http://asc.army.mil/docs/press/ASC_1207_ALT_Jan-Mar%202008_Mr%20Bolton.pdf).

### U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) Highlights for 2007

1. Successfully completed the Budget Program Objective Memorandum closeout process for Fiscal Years 09-13 and FY2007.
2. Developed and implemented various Web-based applications that led to the online Army Certification Management System.
3. Converted approximately 1,400 ASAALT/USAASC employees to the National Security Personnel System.
4. Increased the number of subscribers to the monthly electronic magazine (e-zine) by 15 percent.
5. Piloted the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) Program.  
[http://asc.army.mil/docs/press/Top\\_5\\_Comments\\_27NOV07.pdf](http://asc.army.mil/docs/press/Top_5_Comments_27NOV07.pdf)

### New Contracting Community of Practice (CoP)

The U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command's (CASCOM) Sustainment Knowledge Management Office established a new community in LOGNet called "Battlefield Contracting." This CoP provides the means to ask questions, share experiences, leverage expertise and locate resources on contingency contracting, Field Ordering Officers, Contracting Officer Representatives and other important subjects related to operational contracting practices and procedures. The Battlefield Contracting CoP has already been announced to approximately 23,000 LOGNet members. Although the number of visits to this CoP are significant, there is no substantial increase in the number of contributions (e.g., related Web-sites, documents, briefings,

handbooks, etc.) from proponents, subject matter experts, topic leaders and others who have creditable knowledge on the subject. CASCOM provides LOGNet as a means to contribute to the CoP and it is up to topic leaders, subject matter experts, instructors, lessons learned representatives and other subject matter experts to drive this activity. Any member of LOGNet can submit contributions but it is especially important that proponents and experts participate. New LOGNet members can gain access through the following procedures:

- (1) Sign in with your Army Knowledge On Line (AKO) credentials at <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/secure/community/browser.aspx?id=239599>.
- (2) Click on "BECOME A MEMBER" to fill out required information.
- (3) Turn on your "Subscription," and
- (4) Click on the "Battlefield Contracting" folder on the left menu. Follow instructions for submitting contributions, knowledge and discussions.

Current LOGNet members can access the Battlefield Contracting CoP directly at <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/secure/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=456816>.

## AL&T Workforce News

### Naval Postgraduate School

2008-2010 Naval Postgraduate School, Master of Science in Program Management Announcement opens Jan. 26, 2008, and closes April 14, 2008. Board review and selection date is April 2008, and class starts July 2008

### DAU SSCF

2008-2009 DAU SSCF announcement opens Feb. 4, 2008, and closes April 7, 2008. Board review and selection date is April 2008. Class starts July 2008.

## School of Choice Program

In January 2008, the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) will announce the School of Choice Program for the Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Workforce to complete their bachelor's or master's degrees. The Army Acquisition Professional Development System (AAPDS) will accept applications until June 2008 via a rolling process with three cut off dates: Feb. 29, April 30 and June 30. Eligible applicants for the bachelor's degree must be certified for their current positions and have at least 60 college credits from a nationally accredited college or university. Applicants for the master's degree must be certified for their current positions and have completed a college degree from an accredited college or university. Access AAPDS through your Career Acquisition Personnel & Position Management Information System (CAPPMS) login at <https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/>. The user name and password are the same as those used to access the Individual Development Plan (IDP) and Acquisition Career Record Brief. Applicants must still use the IDP to annotate their training courses and programs. AAPDS is connected to the IDP and imports supervisory approved training into the application system. Once in AAPDS, applicants may click on the event for which they want to apply. For additional information, contact Andrea Simmons at [andrea.simmons@us.army.mil](mailto:andrea.simmons@us.army.mil).

## Changes to the ATRRS (Army Training Requirements & Resources System) Internet Training Application System (AITAS) Log-In Process

A new link, "Contact Your ACM," was added under "Help." Users can click on "Contact Your ACM" to view the USAASC/Acquisition Career Manager contact page. Instructions for applying for Continuous Learning Modules, available when users click on the green "cloud," were updated to reflect the latest changes. For training applications, go to the main menu and under "Student" click on "Apply for Training." The "Continuous Learning Modules" selection, with the green background, has been removed from the "Category" drop-down list. Acquisition training is divided into three categories: Classroom Courses, Web Courses or Continuous Learning Modules. After logging in, a page appears where a training category can be selected that drives what courses appear in your course drop-down list. Click on the training category title to view a pop-up with the training category definition. [https://atrrs.army.mil/channels/aitas/help/AITAS\\_LoginProcessChanges.doc](https://atrrs.army.mil/channels/aitas/help/AITAS_LoginProcessChanges.doc). (AITAS registration required)

## AAC Upcoming Events

### 2008 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting

- Feb. 28, 2008
- Pentagon Auditorium

[http://asc.army.mil/docs/proc/AAE\\_Memorandum.pdf](http://asc.army.mil/docs/proc/AAE_Memorandum.pdf)

### DAU Community Symposium

- April 15, 2008
- DAU, Fort Belvoir, VA

<http://www.dau.mil>

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

- April 21-25, 2008
- Atlanta, GA

## Important AAC Links

### U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center

<http://asc.army.mil>

### Army AL&T 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](mailto:gregg.rupkalvis@us.army.mil).