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SUBJECT: Engineering Core Plus Course Recommendations

To support the continued development of our acquisition professionals, I suggest our workforce consider taking specific Engineering (ENG) core plus courses towards meeting their 80 hour biennial requirement. Continuous learning ensures our engineers maintain currency and have the proper engineering and acquisition expertise to develop capable, robust warfighting systems.

I would like to call attention to two new course offerings that provide information on important, relevant acquisition topics. I recommend these for continued professional development. Please disseminate this recommendation to your civilian and military engineering workforce. A strong and capable organic engineering workforce is a critical component to enable the Secretary of Defense's priority to "enhance warfighting readiness and force lethality".

- ACQ 160 *Program Protection Planning Awareness*: a 17 hour distance learning course emphasizing the principles and policies of systems security engineering as well as program protection threats, vulnerabilities, risks, cost-benefit risk trade-offs, and required mitigations for DoD systems; addresses supply chain management and program protection documents.
- TLR 350 *Advanced Technical Leadership*: a 4.5 day facilitated classroom course focused on critical thinking, self-awareness, leadership concepts, personal developmental planning, and project leadership.

Please disseminate this recommendation to your civilian and military Engineering workforce and I welcome any other suggested continuous learning training you would like to see promulgated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Baldwin", written over the printed name.

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