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MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

**SUBJECT: Defense Acquisition University Community of Practice
Implementation Guide**

It is now time to address the strategic goal of providing performance support to the DoD AT&L community. A significant key to the successful accomplishment of our performance support mission is building and supporting communities of practice. These efforts require commitment and support at all levels.

DAU took full responsibility for the operation of Program Management Community of Practice (PM CoP); now designated as the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC). This was a giant step. ACC is essentially a tool to facilitate collaboration, sharing, and the transfer of knowledge across the DoD AT&L workforce. The name change was made to reinforce the vision of the site as a place for the entire AT&L workforce and its industry partners to interact and share resources and experiences to support job performance, avoid duplication of effort, and to advance the physical and virtual connection of people and ideas. Since its release in October 2001, it has expanded in breadth and depth to become an umbrella system to support communities covering all DoD AT&L career fields, such as systems engineering, and crosscutting critical business practices, such as risk management. To support the operation of communities of practice the e-Learning and Technologies Center has developed the attached *DAU Community of Practice Implementation Guide*. The guide provides an important foundation for how we will operate and foster communities of practice, special interest areas and collaboration workspaces for DAU and the DOD AT&L community.

I believe that this is a significant opportunity for DAU to lead the way in transforming how DAU and the DoD AT&L workforce interact in conducting business. I fully support and expect DAU staff and faculty to become involved in this important effort. I look forward to seeing your results. The guide provides the fundamental steps, but our successful journey depends on you. Please contact John Hickok for more information, (703) 805-4640 or john.hickok@dau.mil.


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