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DON Acquisition Reform - Reverse Auction - Acquisition Workforce Breakout Sessions *HOT* Topics in California

During the week of March 26, the Department of the Navy (DON) Acquisition Reform Office (ARO) continued their popular series of Breakout Sessions on the West Coast with visits to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center - San Diego, and the Naval Facilities Institute in Port Huene. The topics covered in this visit were: Department of the Navy Acquisition Reform, Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Certification, and Reverse Auctioning.

Our special guest, Mr. Keith Charles, Director of Acquisition Career Management, OSD, and Acting Director, Acquisition Education, Training and Career Development, presented a powerful



Mr. Keith Charles

and inspirational discussion on the results of the Acquisition 2005 Task Force study regarding the civilian workforce. Mr. Charles is responsible for implementation of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) that provides education, training, and career development policies affecting civilian and military

acquisition personnel. The 21st century national security environment will demand much of the people involved in carrying out the Department of Defense acquisition mission. Future acquisition managers will have a different perspective than those of today. They will need a spectrum of managerial and leadership competencies that support executive core qualifications in addition to technical skills. Results of the Task Force study can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/yourfuture>.

Ms. Mary Lawson-Hines, Director of Communications and Outreach, Department of the Navy, Acquisition Reform Office, provided an outstanding overview of the many and varied initiatives being pursued by the Acquisition Reform Office. Ms. Lawson-Hines can be reached at (703) 602-5506 or email mlawson@ar.navy.mil.



Ms. Mary Lawson-Hines

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Ms. Kathy Mills, Department of the Navy, Acquisition Reform Office, presented a valuable and informative presentation on DAWIA certification requirements. Ms. Mills also provided late breaking news on the USD, Personnel and Readiness Memorandum of March 21, 2001 that address changes in educational requirements for the acquisition workforce. Details can be found at <http://dacm.secnv.navy.mil/808Policy.pdf>. DAWIA Certification will be added as a new Breakout Session this year. Ms. Mills can be reached at 703-602-5506 or email kmills@ar.navy.mil.

LCDR Mike Murphy, NAVICP Mechanicsburg, explaining Reverse Auctions, described the process and the Reverse Auction Pilot. The conclusion of the Pilot was that it is permissible to use reverse auctions to award a contract. There are no FAR prohibitions; it requires the consent of the Offerors; and the Offerors' identities must be protected. LCDR Murphy can be reached at 717-605-6805; email: Michael_B_Murphy@icpmech.navy.mil for further questions.

Additional Breakout Session topic overviews can be found at: <http://www.ar.navy.mil/arbssessions2001.html>. To schedule a Breakout Session at your activity, contact Ms. Michele Cuffee at (703) 602-5508 or email - mcuffee@ar.navy.mil.

Upcoming Breakout Sessions are planned at the following locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topics</u>
April 23-26	Lakehurst, NJ	Risk Management; Logistics Reform; Reverse Auctioning; Total Ownership Cost; Knowledge Management; DoD 5000 Rewrite; DON Acquisition Reform
May 15-16	FISC/SPAWAR San Diego, CA	DoD 5000 Rewrite; Knowledge Management; Logistics Reform; Total Ownership Cost; Risk Management; DON Acquisition Reform
May 17	MCTSSA Camp Pendelton, CA	Knowledge Management, Risk Management
May 21	Port Hueneme, CA	Knowledge Management; Logistics Reform
May 22	Corona, CA	Knowledge Management; Logistics Reform; DoD 5000 Rewrite; Total Ownership Cost
June 7	MSC, Washington	Reverse Auctioning; Knowledge Management; Total Ownership Cost; Risk Management
June 12	NAVSEA, Crystal City, VA	Reverse Auctioning
June 13-14	Jacksonville, FL	DON Acquisition Reform; Logistics Reform
June 19-20	NAVSUP, Mechanicsburg, PA	Logistics Reform; Reverse Auctioning; Knowledge Management; Total Ownership Cost; Risk Management
June 21	Lester, PA	DoD 5000 Rewrite; Risk Management; Knowledge Management
June 27	Poulsbo/Puget Sound, WA	Reverse Auctioning; Logistics Reform; Risk Management; Knowledge Management