



# Acquisition Excellence

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## Navy Nominates Five Programs for the David Packard Award

In a memo dated 3 Feb 03, the ASN (RD&A) nominated the Navy's programs for the CY02 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award. The nominated programs are: The Joint Program Management for Howitzer H155mm Team (MARCORSYSCOM), the DD-51/LPD 17 Team (NAVSEASYSYSCOM), the Regional Garrison Food Services Team (HQ-USMC), the Joint Service Family Decontamination Systems Team (MARCORSYSCOM), the PR-32 Recovery, Repair, and Reassembly Team (NAVAIRSYSCOM). To read the memo at [www.acquisition.navy.mil/reflib/020303dpacknom.pdf](http://www.acquisition.navy.mil/reflib/020303dpacknom.pdf). In the coming months, each of these programs will be featured in the Program Focus section of this newsletter.

## DAU CLC offers course in Section 803 Competition for Services

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Continuous Learning Center (CLC) is providing an online module in Section 803 Competition for Services for the Acquisition community. This module is basic awareness training for the new Section 803 Policy: Competition Requirement for Purchase of Services Pursuant to Multiple Award Contracts. This is intended for all acquisition personnel who are involved with contracting for services. This training should take about two hours to complete and is equivalent to one continuous learning point (CLP). Since this course was designed as an awareness briefing, a test is not required for this course; however, there are some questions that test your knowledge within the training. A certificate of completion is not available for this training. The module is available to all DAU CLC users on [clc.dau.mil](http://clc.dau.mil).

## PPBS Course

On 2 Jan 03, Bonnie Morehouse, Director, Programming Division (N80) issued a memo detailing the quarterly announcement for the Planning, Programming and Budget System (PPBS) course. There will be two course levels offered. The Executive Level PPBS course is open to Flag and SES level personnel. The OPNAV PPBS course is limited to DoD military and civilians in grades GS-7 and above. To review the memo, see [www.acquisition.navy.mil/reflib/010203ppbscourse.pdf](http://www.acquisition.navy.mil/reflib/010203ppbscourse.pdf).

## PROGRAM FOCUS: Joint Program Howitzer H155mm

The Joint Program Office for the Lightweight Howitzer 155mm (LW155), through the application of numerous acquisition reform initiatives, overcame numerous obstacles and achieved a low-rate initial production (LRIP) decision on 8 Nov 02 and award of the production contract on 26 Nov 02 for this highly complex, joint service and international cooperative ACAT II program. This team pushed the envelope of acquisition reform using initiatives like Cost As an Independent Variable (CAIV), Spiral Development, Multiyear Contracting, Integrated Product/Process Development (IPPD), and Alpha Contracting, to achieve success in acquisition while working with a foreign prime contractor who was unfamiliar with the Department of Defense acquisition system. The LW155 is a joint (Army and Marine Corps) program to develop a more capable and lighter weight alternative (9,000 lbs vs. 16,000 lbs.) to the current M198 155mm howitzer that has been in the field for the past 25 years. The LW155 weapon (designated the M777) uses high strength titanium, a low-profile trunnion, independent suspension and a forward breech design to provide significant increases in mobility, lethality, survivability and transportability. The USMC is procuring 380 systems and the Army will be procuring a minimum of 273 systems. The acquisition strategy called for a competitive shoot-off, conducted jointly by the Army and



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Marine Corps, followed by an Engineering and Manufacturing Development phase. An LRIP phase was inserted to mitigate the risks associated with transitioning production from the UK to the US supply chain and to provide production howitzers for operational test prior to the full-rate production decision in Dec 04. From the onset it was recognized that cooperation, teamwork and innovative acquisition techniques would be essential to successfully integrating the demands of the Army, Marine Corps, and the international partners. Throughout the program the LW155 team has undertaken an aggressive approach to reducing the total ownership cost of the weapon (TOC-R) that has resulted in a Procurement and O&M cost avoidance total of more than \$270M. The LW155 program also inherited responsibility for four additional programs as a result of a reorganization of the Army's Materiel Command and took one of those programs, the Improved Position and Azimuth Determining Systems, through a successful milestone B decision on 20 Dec 02. For more information, call Mr. Jim Shields, the Deputy Project Manager, LW155 at (973) 724-5319.

## KUDOS

The DoD Standardization Program Office is proud to announce the Navy winners of the 2002 Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award: The NAVAIR NATO Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 4586 Interfaces of the Unmanned Control System (UCS) for NATO Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) Interoperability. A NATO Specialist Team, led by representatives from NATO nation's governments and supported by representatives from industry, worked to develop a standard that would address the interoperability of Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV's). Their work has produced the [NATO Standardization Agreement \(STANAG\) 4586 Standard Interfaces of the Unmanned Control System \(UCS\) for NATO UAV Interoperability](#) which leads the way to NATO UAV systems' interoperability. The second winner is NAVFAC's Non-Government Standards (NGS) Internet Access Team. This team worked across service lines to provide Internet-based access to Non-Government Standards (NGS) for Army, Navy, and Air Force engineers and architects involved in facilities planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance. The contract allows a fixed amount of simultaneous users the ability to view, print, and download NGS from selected societies. Notwithstanding the significant economic savings, this tool maximizes DoD use of NGS in facilities acquisition. Productivity within DoD and within the commercial community also has increased as a result of this service. An award ceremony and reception was held on 4 Mar 03, at the OMNI Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. Mr. Allen W. Beckett, Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness will present the awards.

## Upcoming Events

10-14 Mar 03 National Small Business Innovation Research (SMIR), Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, NM  
[www.sbirworld.com/Conferences/eventDetails.asp?fromPg=Cal&ConfId=504](http://www.sbirworld.com/Conferences/eventDetails.asp?fromPg=Cal&ConfId=504)

11-12 Mar 03 AOS Systems Engineering Conference, Cedar Rapids, IA  
[www.incose.org/heartld/saints\\_conference/aos-index.htm](http://www.incose.org/heartld/saints_conference/aos-index.htm)

27-28 Mar 03 Department of Defense Budget Conference, Holiday Inn, Arlington, VA  
[www.aviationweek.com/conferences/defmain.htm](http://www.aviationweek.com/conferences/defmain.htm)

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