



# Acquisition Excellence

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## ASN(RD&A) Reorganization

In an 11 Oct 02 message, ASN(RD&A) approved the reorganization of his staff, systems commands and program executive offices to improve effectiveness and efficiency, and to ensure that the acquisition community is aligned to address challenges of the Navy and Marine Corps of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Effective 1 Nov, the changes optimize integrated systems solutions and strengthen the business focus. To see the message, click here:

[www.ar.navy.mil/reflib/11Oct02ASNRDAmsg.pdf](http://www.ar.navy.mil/reflib/11Oct02ASNRDAmsg.pdf).

## Wide Area Work Flow-Receipts and Acceptance

Wide Area Workflow - Receipts and Acceptance (WAWF-RA) is a Joint Department of Defense (DoD) E-business web-based application and the target system for DoD electronic invoicing. WAWF-RA will combine into one virtual electronic folder those documents required to pay a vendor - the contract, the invoice, the receiving report and the financial certification. The Navy Acquisition Business Management Office, who leads this initiative, sees WAWF as a key tool to speed end-to-end acquisition and financial processing and lower interest costs. WAWF-RA has proven to be very cost effective. WAWF-RA enables timely, accurate payments and has proven to provide a quick return on investment for both DoD activities and our partners in industry. It is expected that implementation will result in significant savings to the Department of Navy. Other beneficial features of WAWF-RA include a global accessibility, a "single face" to industry, lower costs and time to process invoices/receiving reports, and audit trail/status tracking--characteristics that have helped gain enthusiastic endorsement from the Navy leadership. Currently, the Navy is rolling out strongly with approximately a dozen pilots at various Navy activities. Based upon experiences in the pilots and DCMA, no invoices processed by WAWF have incurred interest penalties. For more information, see "WAWF" under "Initiatives" at [www.peoarbs.navy.mil](http://www.peoarbs.navy.mil), or contact Mary Jo Johnson at [Johnson.maryjo@hq.navy.mil](mailto:Johnson.maryjo@hq.navy.mil).

## OSD PEO/SYSCOM Conference

The OSD-sponsored Program Executive Officer/Systems Command Commanders' (PEO/SYSCOM) Conference will be held 20-22 Nov 02 at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir campus. The theme for this year's conference is "Transforming Technology, Acquisition and Sustainment: Focus on the Warrior (Today and Tomorrow)." To see the draft agenda, see [www.ar.navy.mil/events/PEO\\_SYSCOM\\_02.pdf](http://www.ar.navy.mil/events/PEO_SYSCOM_02.pdf). Acquisition workforce members who are interested in attending should send an e-mail to Kathy Mills, [kmills@ar.navy.mil](mailto:kmills@ar.navy.mil) with the names of the attendee(s), organization, e-mail address and telephone number. Registrants will receive a password the week of 28 Oct, which will allow the participant to register on the OSD website.

## Acquisition Award Nominations

OSD routinely announces the "open season" for nominations for the David Packard Acquisition Excellence Award in December. Acquisition organizations should consider program nominations and begin documentation of program accomplishments for calendar year 2002. Traditionally, submissions are due no later than 31 Dec of the calendar year.



## PROGRAM FOCUS: AAV

The Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) Program Office is considered a pioneer of joint Government/Industry teaming because it was one of the first major programs to occupy a shared facility with its prime contractor. The AAV is being developed by General Dynamics Amphibious Systems (GDAMS), a Division of General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS). The AAV is a self-deploying, fully tracked, high-water-speed, armored amphibious personnel carrier that will be capable of high-speed maneuver from ship to shore as well as on land. It will be the primary means of tactical mobility for Marine infantry units during amphibious operations and subsequent ground combat operations ashore. The AAV will be capable of seamlessly transporting Marines from ships located beyond the horizon (approximately 25 nautical miles) to inland objectives. The vehicle will be operated and maintained by a crew of three Marines and will have a troop-carrying capacity of 17 Marines with their individual combat equipment. It will be able to achieve high water speeds in excess of 20 knots. In addition to its greatly increased speed on the water, the AAV will provide superior land mobility, tremendously increased firepower, and advanced survivability features that compare to the best land fighting vehicles in the world. For more info, contact Geoff Swanberg, POC, (703) 492-3169.

## PM CoP CORNER

The Program Management Community of Practice conducted an all day face-to-face Risk Management community meeting on 17 Sep 02, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This meeting was broken into two sessions. In the morning session, program management success factors were discussed. The afternoon session discussions centered on developing a risk management success index. More details can be found at [www.pmcop.dau.mil](http://www.pmcop.dau.mil).

## KUDOS

Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) recently received the Secretary of the Navy Energy Award (Industrial Category). NNSY also won the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program Award (FEMP) for Energy and Water Conservation for FY01. Energy projects implemented at the shipyard in FY01, at a one-time investment of \$2.8 million, have annual savings of more than \$850,000, a 3.3-year payback. These savings result from the following facility improvements: steam pipe upgrades, installation of industrial building digital temperature controls, retrofits to existing fluorescent light fixtures with energy-efficient replacement parts, integrated computer controls for compressed air systems, new automatic roll-up door controls, occupancy sensor lighting controls, and LED exit sign retrofits.

## Upcoming Events

- 28–31 Oct 02 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition: "Maintenance -Turning Logistics Resources into Readiness," Reno Hilton, Reno, NV ([www.sae.org/calendar/dod/](http://www.sae.org/calendar/dod/))
- 20–22 Nov 02 OSD sponsored 12<sup>th</sup> PEO/SYSCOM Conference, "Transforming Technology, Acquisition and Sustainment: Focus on the Warrior (Today and Tomorrow)", Defense Acquisition University, Ft. Belvoir, VA ([www.ar.navy.mil/events/PEO\\_SYSCOM\\_02.pdf](http://www.ar.navy.mil/events/PEO_SYSCOM_02.pdf))

For an expanded list of the upcoming events and additional details, visit [www.ar.navy.mil/events.cfm](http://www.ar.navy.mil/events.cfm).

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