



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the**  
**Defense Acquisition University (DAU)**  
**and the**  
**Information Technology Acquisition Advisory Council (IT-AAC)<sup>1</sup>.**

*Whereas* The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and the Information Technology Acquisition Advisory Council (IT-AAC) share mutual commitments to excellence in Information Technology (IT) program management and acquisition; and

*Whereas* The goals of the DAU and the IT-AAC are complementary with respect to providing Department of Defense (DoD) IT program managers and their staffs exemplary training, mentoring and support tools for IT acquisition process improvement, adoption of IT acquisition “best practices”, and supporting collaborative mechanisms; and

*Whereas* Both organizations desire to collaborate on furthering DoD IT acquisition reform effectiveness via this educational memorandum of understanding (MOU), through such efforts as enhanced IT acquisition training, mentoring programs and other efforts which improve the capabilities of the Defense Acquisition Workforce;

*Therefore Be It Resolved:*

That the DAU and the IT-AAC will pursue opportunities that are mutually beneficial to advance the DoD’s goals of improving IT acquisition effectiveness. DAU and the IT-AAC will each appoint personnel to further explore these opportunities and propose the specific details on what each party will pursue and how the details associated with each area should be handled. Examples of such opportunities identified for this partnering could include, but are not limited to:

- Senior IT-AAC members serving as pro bono distinguished guest lecturers in selected DAU executive-level courses and seminars to provide the latest IT acquisition perspectives for the Defense Acquisition Workforce.
- Attendance by IT-AAC members at mutually selected/approved DAU courses to gain a better understanding of DoD perspectives on IT acquisition management.
- Exploration of joint research ventures in such areas as “best practices” and innovative techniques for improving IT acquisition outcomes.

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<sup>1</sup> The IT-AAC is a division of the Interoperability Clearinghouse (ICH). The ICH is a not-for-profit organization devoted to establishing standards of practice for improving IT architecture and acquisition effectiveness, as well as a clearinghouse of solution architectures and performance metrics.



- IT-AAC participation in the various Acquisition Community of Practice and Special Interest Area forums as well as submissions of vetted IT acquisition "best practices" to the DoD Acquisition Best Practices Clearinghouse.
- Constructive credit for attendance at selected DAU courses as part of continuing education requirements for the ICH Certification in Acquisition Assurance.

On an annual basis the signatories will meet to review the benefits and results as well as efforts and resources expended by each party. Each party participates in this agreement voluntarily and as such it may be terminated by either party at any time when the interest of that party so dictates.

Each party agrees to bear its own cost of participation in this MOU, and such participation will not result in a charge to either party. No agreements concerning the transfer or exchange of any asset or funding by either party is intended or implied by this memorandum.

The IT-AAC or DAU may use the other party's name or logo in published materials (e.g., website or catalog) to reference this MOU or other contact information. Content and text of all promotional information in this regard must be specifically approved by each party prior to release.

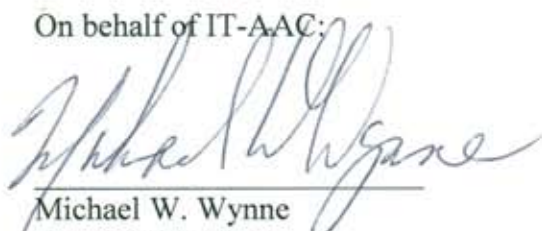
The IT-AAC and DAU are separate and independent institutions and by this agreement both will continue to operate separately. The IT-AAC, which operates as a non-profit public/private think tank, is joined by other public interest concerns that do not lobby or provide materiel solutions to the Department of Defense.

This MOU may be amended as needed without affecting the terms of this agreement. A separate agreement(s) may need to be executed to support specific implementation of any jointly proposed efforts.

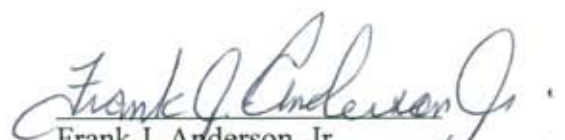
The administrators of the IT-AAC and DAU are authorized to sign, prepare and implement plans of action and procedures necessary to effect this agreement.

Signed,

On behalf of IT-AAC:

  
Michael W. Wynne  
IT-AAC Chairman

On behalf of DAU:

  
Frank J. Anderson, Jr.  
DAU President 5/25/2010