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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fulfillment for Acquisition and Contracting Courses via Graduate Education at the Naval Postgraduate School

- Reference(s): (a) Department of Navy (DON) Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Operating Guide  
(b) SECNAVINST 1524.2B Policies Concerning the Naval Postgraduate School  
(c) OPNAVINST 1520.23B Graduate Education  
(d) NAVPGSCOLINST 1550.1F Guidelines for Conducting Curricular Reviews  
(e) DASN (AP)/DACM Joint Memo, Subject: Fulfillment for Acquisition and Contracting Courses via Graduate Education at the Naval Postgraduate School, dated April 27, 2012

Pursuant to references (a) through (d), this memorandum provides policy and guidance update regarding fulfillment of Defense Acquisition University (DAU) courses required for Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification in Contracting through completion of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Master of Acquisition & Contract Management – 815/835 Curricular Programs and courses. Reference (e) is hereby cancelled.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Acquisition and Procurement) and Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) conducted a review of the Acquisition & Contract Management-815/835 curricular courses and concluded the program adequately covers the learning objectives of acquisition and functional training targeted in DAU courses required for DAWIA Levels I, II and III training requirements in Contracting (CON).

Department of the Navy (DoN) CON Career Field acquisition workforce members who successfully complete the NPS Acquisition & Contract Management– 815/835 curricular courses will receive fulfillment credit for applicable DAU ACQxxx and CONxxx courses that are required for CON Levels I, II and III certification. Continuous Learning Certification requirements (including Harvard Business School modules) are not covered by this guidance.

NPS will provide transcripts of eligible 815/835 curricular course graduates to the DACM office who will grant graduates the appropriate course fulfillments and provide notification to them upon completion.

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While this agreement is in effect, DASN (AP) will conduct periodic site visits to assess and review the NPS Acquisition & Contract Management curricula. A copy of the resulting DASN (AP) approved NPS crosswalk to DoD's DAWIA levels I/II/III curricula shall be provided to the DACM. This agreement will expire September 30, 2014 which coincides with the date by which NPS will complete the process to obtain equivalency of its 815/835 Curricular Programs to the DAU courses required for CON Levels I, II, and III certification.

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