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SUBJECT: Web-based Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP) Guide

I am pleased to announce the availability of the new Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP) guide. Via the internet at http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/acq_workf/apdp/index.htm, the guide combines previous military and civilian policy into one comprehensive and interactive format. It is designed to help the user understand the 1990 Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA), DoD policy, and the Air Force Acquisition Professional Development Program (APDP). Both DAWIA and APDP contain policies that significantly affect a person's career path and influence his or her career considerations. An understanding of DAWIA and APDP is essential to building a successful acquisition career.

The information in the guide facilitates this understanding, and answers commonly asked questions about critical and non-critical acquisition positions, membership in the Acquisition Corps, APDP certification standards and award procedures, training, assignments, and other important career considerations. While acting as quick-reference source, the guide will lead the reader to important acquisition Air Force or DoD directives for detailed research. I recommend that all acquisition personnel review and register for the APDP guide. If you have comments or recommendations for the guide, please contact Lt Col Goss at DSN 425-7276 or (703) 588-7276.

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