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DoD Acquisition - A Primer on Government and Industry Terminology and Perspectives

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 1 - 5 PM | Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL

Cost: The Professional Development Sessions are FREE to anyone who is registered for the full Global SOF Symposium. For those who are only attending this session, the cost is $25 for military/government and $100 for industry/academia.

Session Description: Thinking about transitioning to the defense industry or need to brush up on your DoD acquisition knowledge? If so, this session may be for you. Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Acquisition/Program Management Professor Chris Paddock will walk you through the terminology and basics of both the DoD and industry acquisition perspectives. Chris will first provide a short history of the defense industry and then introduce you to the terminology and challenges of DoD’s Acquisition Workforce. After that, he will shift gears to cover the defense industry perspective. He will conclude by getting you up to speed on what’s in the news regarding DoD acquisition.

Instructor: Professor Chris Paddock has worked for DAU during two distinct timeframes – first as the USSOCOM Site Director and Professor of Acquisition/Program Management (APM) and Contract Management 2005 – 2010; and again as an APM (Intermittent) 2012 to present. He primarily delivers APM courses but also delivers self-awareness and teambuilding workshops. Given his background and expertise, he was recently selected for an Executive Coaching program affiliated with the International Coach Federation (ICF).

Prior to his civil service career, Chris served 24 years on active duty in the United States Navy, retiring in 2004 in the rank of Captain. His active duty career started as a qualified Surface Warfare Officer before transferring to the Navy’s Supply Corps. His government acquisition experience is principally in the areas of ship and boat building and repair at the headquarters of both Naval Sea Systems Command and the United States Special Operations Command. His four years of industry acquisition experience included executive positions in business development and operations for two small business services contractors. Chris is DAWIA-certified Level III in both Program Management and Contracting, and also earned three acquisition-related credentials (PMP, CPCM, and CPL). He is an alumnus of the University of Rochester, Navy Postgraduate School, Naval War College, and Columbia University Business School (Senior Executive Program).

Waterfront Welcome Reception: All registered attendees of the Symposium, SOF for Life Seminar, and Professional Development Sessions are invited to attend the Waterfront Welcome Reception from 6-8 PM at the Oystercatchers’ Hammock Deck.