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2013–2014 HIRSCH RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Research topics may include:

- Improve Professionalism of the Total Acquisition Workforce
- Career Path and Incentives
- Agile Program Management
- Incorporating Foreign Military Sales and Direct Contractor Sales strategies into Programs
- Controlling Costs Throughout the Product Life Cycle
- System Cyber Hardness

GROUND RULES

- The competition is open to anyone interested in the DoD acquisition system and is not limited to government or contractor personnel.
- Employees of the federal government (including military personnel) are encouraged to compete and are eligible for cash awards unless the paper was researched or written as part of the employee's official duties or was done on government time. If the research effort is performed as part of official duties or on government time, the employee is eligible for a non-cash prize, i.e., certificate and donation of cash prize to a Combined Federal Campaign registered charity of winner's choice.
- First prize is $1,000. Second prize is $500.
- The format of the paper must be in accordance with guidelines for articles submitted for the *Defense Acquisition Research Journal*.
- Papers are to be submitted to the DAU Director of Research: research@dau.mil.
- Papers will be evaluated by a panel selected by the DAUAA Board of Directors and the DAU Director of Research.
- Award winners will present their papers at the DAU Acquisition Community Training Symposium, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the DAU Fort Belvoir Campus.
- Papers must be submitted by December 16, 2013, and awards will be announced in January 2014.