



# Cooperative Agreement

## Between the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association DAUAA and the Reliability, Maintainability, and Supportability (RMS) Partnership

Whereas the DAU Alumni Association (DAUAA) and the RMS Partnership (RMSP) are non-profit membership organizations of system acquisition professionals, and whereas DAUAA and RMSP have common professional interests, it is agreed to establish a working relationship between the two organizations. DAUAA and RMSP agree to the following cooperative initiatives:

1. DAUAA and RMSP will each extend reciprocal member benefits to the other organization, including member rates at all events.
2. The two organizations will cooperate where appropriate in planning and executing initiatives and events throughout each year that enhance the professional development of their respective memberships – e.g., hot topic forums, webinars, workshop training sessions, and other events as mutually agreed. Best practices and lessons learned will be provided to the Acquisition Community Connection for DAU faculty and student access.
3. The Chief Elected Officer of each of the two organizations (or their designees), will be extended the courtesy of complimentary registration at each other's major annual meeting, convention, or symposium.
4. Each organization will publicize the other organization's events on their website, in newsletters, on flyers, and related publicity media; and maintain a link to each other's home page on the World Wide Web (WWW).
5. The two organizations will each recognize the other's educational programs and initiatives by accepting attendance at these activities for professional certification and re-certification credit. This includes recognition of U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Continuous Learning Points (CLP) earned with each organization's activities.<sup>1</sup>
6. The Chief Elected Officers of each organization shall remain in regular communication with each other to explore additional areas of mutual cooperation. Officers of each organization will meet informally at major events of each organization (DAU Acquisition Community Conference, RMSP Conference, etc.) to coordinate professional development initiatives and exchange information on respective activities.
7. Each organization will maintain complete confidence of information received from the other.

The period of this agreement is three years from the date of signing (23 Feb 2007 – 23 Feb 2010). Upon expiration, it may be renewed for an additional three year term upon approval by both boards and signature by both Presidents. This agreement may be terminated by either organization by providing written notification, signed by the Chief Elected Officer, to the other organization's Chief Elected Officer, thirty (30) days in advance of the termination date.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have duly executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Accepted for the DAUAA by:

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William Bahnmaier, President

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Date

Accepted for the RMSP by:

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Russell Vacante, President

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Date

<sup>1</sup> A U.S. DoD Continuous Learning Point (CLP) is earned for every one hour devoted to a defense acquisition learning activity.