Overview: The International Defense Acquisition Resource Management Program (IDARM) offers a two-week in-residence course entitled “Principles of Defense Acquisition Management,” at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. This course provides a practical examination of defense acquisition management with an emphasis on acquisition planning, logistics, and building and sustaining accountability in defense acquisition decision making. International best practices and global trends are discussed with a tailored focus on specific challenges and opportunities. At the end of this course, participants will have developed a better understanding of the fundamental concepts and challenges associated with national and global defense acquisition management.

Objectives:
1. Provide course participants with an understanding of the important concepts and challenges associated with defense acquisition and logistics decision making.
2. Examine needs-based requirements planning along with the relationship among national security and military strategies and the acquisition and logistics systems.
3. Assist countries in their efforts to develop and institutionalize transparent, efficient and effective defense acquisition and logistics systems.

Topics: Topics include the evolution and current state of defense acquisition policies and management practices in a defense environment characterized by civilian control of the military, systems’ acquisition life cycle, strategic planning and implementation, systems engineering, requirements evaluation and definition, logistics planning and support, and supply chain management.

Faculty: The course is taught by resident faculty from the School of International Graduate Studies and Graduate School of Business and Public Policy. Faculty lectures are augmented by presentations from distinguished practitioners who are subject matter experts in various topics within defense acquisition management.

Participants: This course is designed for international military officers and civilian equivalents of grades O4-O6 who are engaged in a broad range of acquisition fields such as policy development, strategic planning, requirements definition, logistics, program management, procurement and contracting, budgeting and execution and systems engineering. Countries are encouraged to nominate more than one participant. Early programming is encouraged as course quotas are limited to 25 participants.

Course Dates: The course is offered in March and November (fifth quarter event) of each year. Participants shall plan to arrive at the Monterey Regional Airport (MRY) on the Saturday prior to the course start date and depart on the Saturday after the course end date. This two-week course can be exported and customized given a country’s specific requirements. In-country MASL is P309131.

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