



## Virtual Small Business Training Week 2021 August 17 - 19

### Session Q&As

**Day 3: Thursday, August 19 @ 2:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Session: 4<sup>th</sup> Estate ODAs Agency Networking Breakout Session**

<b>Q</b>	<b>How would rate the MS in contract management program at NPS?</b>
<b>A</b>	Since I was a PM and not a Contract Specialist when I enrolled in the program, I found the program to be very engaging and it really increased my learning about the DoD contracting process. It is the equivalency of DAWIA Level 2 and Level 3 education for Contracting. The networking opportunities were also excellent. I highly recommend the program.
<b>Q</b>	<b>I am asking is he saying it became official this year?</b>
<b>A</b>	I assume this question pertains to the new DoD Small Business Professional Credential (CSBP 001) deployed by DAU on 30 April 2021.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Who has priority for the credential courses?</b>
<b>A</b>	Priority for the virtual/classroom credential courses (SBP 102V, SBP 202V and SBP 210/V) is determined by the service or 4 <sup>th</sup> Estate Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM). The two on-line credential courses (SBP 101 and SBP 201) have no priority for enrollment.
<b>Q</b>	<b>The Credential CSBP 001, is comprised of a group of assets (in this case 5 SBP courses) plus a comprehensive credential exam. I've heard CSBP 001 referred to as a course and the credential assessment as a course and just wanted to correct that.</b>
<b>A</b>	This is a statement made in the chat during the event. The Small Business Professional Credential (CSBP 001) requirements consist of five SBP courses and a fundamentals exam.
<b>Q</b>	<b>It's worth waiting until the SB professionals are done?</b>
<b>A</b>	This is a statement made in the chat during the event. Enrollment is strictly voluntary.

<b>Q</b>	<b>Priority status to get into a VILT is managed by your DACM?</b>
<b>A</b>	This is a statement made in the chat during the event.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Course requests go through your DACM first and then the DACM goes to DAU to see if we can accommodate.?</b>
<b>A</b>	This is a statement made in the chat during the event.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Otis Lincoln is now the 4th Estate DACM?</b>
<b>A</b>	This is a statement made in the chat during the event.
<b>Q</b>	<b>It's worth waiting until the SB professionals are done?</b>
<b>A</b>	This is a statement made in the chat during the event. Enrollment is strictly voluntary.
<b>Q</b>	<b>Does by capitalizing on the resources provided by the PTACs, this helps to supplement the lack of resources for 1 deep Small Business Offices?</b>
<b>A</b>	While I can't speak for the other one-deep agency small business offices, my office is able to function well being one person deep based on the fact our acquisition office is a small cadre of contract specialists and contracting officers which allows me to provide small business advocacy support. Of course, having the Ohio PTAC available for small business assistance along with having a good relationship with my agency assigned SBA Procurement Center Representative (PCR), I feel I have all the necessary resources available to provide good small business support for DFAS.

**Questions Below Were Answered Live During the Presentation and Do Not Require an Additional Response**

<b>Q</b>	I have a new colleague who is having an issue being designated an SBP because of a class he needs to take that isn't available. He is a one deep position. Who should he contact, or can he contact you?
<b>Q</b>	Then should we start overloading DAU with request for SBP classes?
<b>Q</b>	Could DAU consider bringing in guest instructors from the SMEs in the field?
<b>Q</b>	I am a SBP I enrolled in the course online 202V in MAY 2021, the class was not full, I am now being told that I am in on Standby for the course 202V.
<b>Q</b>	Once the 6-month renewal is complete are you back to the 5 years?
<b>Q</b>	What happens if you start the process, and cannot complete in 2 years because you are not in the series?
<b>Q</b>	I may have missed it, what is a DACUM?
<b>Q</b>	SBPs who are one (1) deep, how do you effectively and efficiently interface with vendors and earnestly effect your regions? Collaborating, coordinating, reporting and executing are extremely taxing duties - so, why is this level of understaffing allowed in this career field?
<b>Q</b>	Please repeat the DTRA website?
<b>Q</b>	This is great information to take back to our agency. Please bring back the 4th Estate Directors Quarterly Meeting

Q	The military Medical Logistics components at Ft. Detrick used to hold Vendor Industry Days. Does DHA have plans for continuing those events?
Q	So how do we get a copy of that form? Please?
Q	Do we know when the DoD will update the subcontracting plan checklist on the website?