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Dr. James McMichael is the Acting President of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). In this position, he is responsible for aligning DAU strategic plans to the goals of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and the Secretary of Defense, while continuing to build the outstanding reputation of DAU as the Department of Defense primary learning institution for acquisition. He oversees the development and expansion of acquisition curriculum and learning opportunities and the delivery of those learning assets throughout the five DAU regional campuses, the Defense Systems Management College, and the College of Contract Management.



Dr. McMichael has been the university Vice President since 2005. Prior to that, he served as the director of acquisition education, training, and career development in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. In that position, Dr. McMichael was the principal proponent for workforce management and he formulated policies and programs to ensure the quality and professionalism of the workforce. Dr. McMichael also has served as the technical director for the Navy Personnel Research and Development Center in San Diego, Calif.; the special advisor for manpower, personnel, and training with the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and the chairman of the psychology department at Long Island University, N.Y., where he taught for eight years.

Dr. McMichael is a graduate of Princeton University and received his advanced degrees at the University of Delaware. He was a fellow in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University from 1982 to 1983.

