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Mr. Pat Wills joined DAU in January 2007 as a Professor Program Management, Executive Programs. He transitioned to the Director, Executive Programs, SPM, and the Director, Requirements Management Certification Program. He ensures the executive courses meet the learning and performance needs of senior acquisition executives. Additionally, Mr. Wills is responsible for implementing Sec 801, FY2007 NDAA, which requires the development of a training program to certify military and civilian personnel with responsibility for generating requirements for Major Defense Acquisition Programs

Prior to joining DAU, Mr. Wills served as the Senior Program Manager and the Acquisition Subject Matter Expert within the Office of the Component Acquisition Executive (CAE), Defense Systems Information Agency (DISA) from April 2006 to Jan 2007. He provided acquisition oversight, expert advice, strategic direction/guidance, and implementation support for all the emerging and high risk programs and initiatives within the DISA portfolio.

Mr. Wills served as an industry executive from April 1999 to March 2006 with the MITRE Corporation serving as the Portfolio Manager/Program Manager, Border Security and Enforcement Initiatives, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This portfolio included the 3.5 Billion dollar Secure Border Initiative charged with the responsibility to provide electronic surveillance and detection at the U.S. borders. Additionally, he was the DISA Portfolio Manager Net-Centric Enterprise Service Program (ACAT 1A), the Defense Message System (DMS) Program (ACAT 1A), and the Information Dissemination Management (IDM) Program.

Mr. Wills served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps and retired after serving 21 ½ years of operational and major program and acquisition assignments. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in 2008; the MIT Sloan School of Management Executive Series 1999; MS, Information Systems, George Washington University, 1995; Command and Staff University, 1991; DAU Program Managers Course, 1989; MS, Contracts and Acquisition Management, Florida Institute of Technology, 1988; Management, Golden Gate University, 1986; and a BA, Sociology concentration in Criminal Justice and Math, Kings College, 1978. Mr. Wills holds the following Level III Certifications within the acquisition field: Designated Acquisition Management Professional; Program Manager; Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering (SPRDE); Test and Evaluation; Information Technology and SPRDE for S&T Managers.