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Aerospace to receive systems engineering training with SMC

A one-day Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) Systems Engineering Orientation class will kick off May 29 to acquaint acquisition personnel with the renewed emphasis on disciplined technical oversight and systems engineering as outlined by Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, SMC commander, in a recently released policy letter to all SMC personnel.

The class is one aspect of a Systems Engineering Revitalization initiative by SMC to improve the application of effective systems engineering practices and development of core systems management competencies in all of its mission areas. This initiative focuses on the overarching goal of mission and program execution success.

The new training program is at the core of the systems engineering revitalization initiative. Training will be offered for Air Force, Aerospace, and systems engineering and technical assistance acquisition (SETA) personnel.

The one-day orientation class, to be held in A1-1062, will be offered from May 29 through July 17 and is expected to reach about 1,700 Air Force and SETA personnel and more than 600 Aerospace employees. Aerospace registration will be handled through the business managers.

"The Air Force and DOD are exploring promising initiatives that will alter the way we team with prime contractors and warfighters to acquire systems," Arnold said in his policy letter.

"...The focus will be on the importance of our government role in working with our customers and contractors to weigh cost, schedule, performance, supportability, program protection, risk, and all the specially core competencies that comprise systems engineering," he explained.

The Office of the Corporate Chief Architect/Engineer, under the leadership of Dr. Dave Gorney, and The Aerospace Institute, under the leadership of Dr. Dave Evans, are teaming with SMC to develop and present the training.

"Aerospace is actively engaged in SMC's systems engineering revitalization initiative," said Gorney. "Our commitment to mission success for all of our customers is entirely aligned with the goals of General Arnold's initiative for systems engineering revitalization."

A new Web site on systems engineering revitalization is being developed and will be launched concurrently with the training. For additional information about registration or to get class details contact Doug Chism at ext. 66375. ■