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From the Desk of George Zolla, Director Naval Postgraduate School San Diego Office

This quarter marks the first offering of two new NPS Distributed Learning (DL) education programs: the electronically delivered Fundamentals in Systems Technology (eFIST) certificate and the fully online Master's degree in Computing Technology (MCT). The programs have had very successful starts with several students from Hawaii participating in them. Since they are offered fully online, neither the distance nor the time difference in Hawaii pose a problem.

I will be in Hawaii this fall to meet with commands interested in NPS DL programs. If you are interested in a brief for your command or would like more information on NPS, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. You can also visit our new San Diego website at <http://www.nps.edu/DL/FCA/SD/index.html>.



USS CROMMELIN

NPS IN HAWAII

We are currently working on creating DL opportunities to meet the needs of potential students in Hawaii. During a recent port visit, I met with the CO and XO of the USS CROMMELIN to discuss bringing NPS DL classes aboard the ship. This is a great opportunity for CROMMELIN officers and sailors to continue their education, even while at sea. Another focus in Hawaii involves negotiating joint online learning degree programs with civilian universities in the Islands. I am in the process of negotiating an agreement where civilian universities in Hawaii and CONUS accept NPS courses as an integral part of their online Associate or Bachelor degree programs. This exceptional opportunity allows students participating in NPS courses to get a jump start on their education from any location at any time, and in most cases, without paying tuition.

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Principles of Contingency Contracting Course

NPS now offers MN 3318 "Principles of Contingency Contracting." This course is a study of the principles of contingency contracting and the fundamental skills required to provide direct contracting support. Students will receive graduate credit and an NPS transcript. Course participants will also earn a DAU CON 234 Certificate, which meets the DAWIA training requirement for the contracting career field. Prospective students must be employees of a federal agency (officers, enlisted, and civilians). This program requires command sponsored funding. It is delivered at your site in an intensive one-week program. Contact Dr. Walter Owen (wowen@nps.edu) or CDR (Ret.) Cory Yoder (ecyoder@nps.edu).

Fall 2005 Distributed Learning Programs



NPS offers a variety of DL Master's and certificate programs, ranging in focus from Submarine Warfare to Space Systems to Information Operations. The DL Office is accepting applications for open seats in all curricula. A few programs are highlighted below. More details are available on the NPS DL home page at <http://www.nps.edu/dl/index.html>.

Systems Engineering Certificate

NPS is now offering a four course Certificate in Systems Engineering. Courses are delivered via a blend of video-teleconference and web-based delivery. This certificate is designed to increase the technical and analytical skills of unrestricted line and engineering duty officers. Students who receive the certificate can proceed to the resident Master of Science in Systems Engineering degree program in Monterey and complete the degree in less time than the standard resident student. Applicants must have better than a 2.2 undergraduate GPA and calculus and calculus-based physics grades of C or better. The program is funded by the Navy and there is no cost to the command, though students are expected to purchase their own textbooks. Details are available online at <http://www.nps.navy.mil/se/secert> and questions can be addressed to Dr. Dave Olwell (dholwell@nps.edu), Chair, SE Department.

Systems Analysis Certificate

NPS is pleased to announce a September start date for a new, fully online certificate program in Systems Analysis. Skills learned will sharpen the student's ability to rapidly analyze a situation and more easily make difficult decisions. Prerequisites for admission include a Bachelor's degree with calculus competency and command endorsement. The program is funded by the Navy and there is no cost to the command, though students may be expected to purchase their own textbooks. Details are available online at http://www.nps.edu/dl/NPSO/cert_prog/sa.html. Questions can be addressed to Dr. Steven E. Pilnick (spilnick@nps.edu), Systems Analysis Academic Associate.

Systems Engineering Master's Degree

NPS is now accepting applications for the September 2005 distributed learning Systems Engineering Management (SEM) Master's degree program. This program is offered in partnership with MIT's "Educational Consortium for Product Development Leadership in the 21st Century" (PD21). Courses are delivered by video tele-education (VTE) and/or web-based education (WBE). This program generally requires command sponsored funding, although limited scholarships are currently available. Applications are available on the SEM-PD21 website at <http://ocl.nps.navy.mil/pd21>. For additional details, please contact Dr. Walter Owen (wowen@nps.edu), DPA, NPS Academic Associate and Navy Program Manager.