

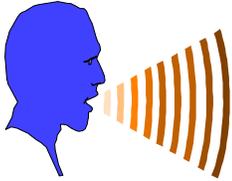


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ACQUISITION REFORM DAY 2 (MARCH 19, 1997)

The USD(A&T) has designated **March 19, 1997 as Acquisition Reform Day 2**. This follows up on DOD's successful Acquisition Reform Acceleration Day conducted last May 31st. Dr. Kaminski is requesting that all DOD acquisition organizations focus during this day on ways to accelerate and institutionalize acquisition reform. The theme of this year's activities is "*Teaming - the Catalyst for Making Acquisition Reform Initiatives the Norm.*" The focus of these activities will be the conduct of team training at the local level. Local activities will be asked to engage all key players in their acquisition environment, including industry. DOD is planning to take the case studies/"war games" developed for the Army's ROADSHOWs and revise them (if necessary) for use throughout DOD.

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CECOM REDESIGNS HELMET -- SAVES \$Ms



A simple redesign of the combat vehicle crewman's helmet will save the Army over \$45 million during the next ten years. The helmet includes two earcups which provide both active and passive noise suppression. This not only saves the crewman's hearing, but also increases his effectiveness during sustained operations. Previously, when one earcup failed, the entire helmet was replaced since the earcups are not economical to repair. A redesign of the connecting cable to include a coupler will permit replacing only one earcup and avoiding unnecessary waste. The \$4.5M annual savings would be enough to provide pay and benefits for about 100 soldiers (Grade E5) each year.