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IDARM conducts two-week “Advanced Contract Management” course during 15-26 June 2015 in Beirut, Lebanon

The International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) program within the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) conducted an “Advanced Contract Management” course in Beirut, Lebanon during 15-26 June, 2015. This course was part of a series of IDARM courses for the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), which began in September 2012, and was attended by 24 officers. The purpose of this course was to further understand and apply advanced post award contract management methodologies to improve the quality and enforceability of LAF contracts. Participants engaged in discussions and working group projects to develop common frameworks of practice; identify contract management communication lines; and establish practical methods of creating and enforcing contracts during the post award phase. Participants were challenged to propose LAF contract administration devices to ensure contract compliance at both the contract content and contract administration levels. This approach, which is typical of IDARM methodology, invites participants to consider a proactive process to changing and operating within their national systems to create more government-favorable ground rules for those who want to do business with their nation. IDARM will return to Beirut to execute two more courses later this summer. IDARM’s continuous training relationship with the LAF provides a unique opportunity to maximize U.S. engagement in addressing LAF’s most critical and specific acquisition challenges.