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IDARM CONDUCTS ONE WEEK “OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT” COURSE IN PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

IDARM conducted a one week “Operational Logistics Program Management” course in Pretoria, South Africa during 15-19 May, 2017. The course was attended by 30 civilian and military personnel, represented by various branches of the South African National Defense Force (SANDF) and the state-owned Armaments Corporation of South Africa (ARMSCOR). This course examined the components and characteristics of identifying mission requirements that build operational capability through the life cycle, with an emphasis placed on the tools, techniques, and business procedures needed to implement change in the area of managing operational logistics and enhancing supply chain effectiveness. Participants discussed best practices and worked on a series of small group exercises designed to enhance their understanding of methods that can lead to improved logistics program management. Participants expressed their gratitude for the new knowledge they gained from the short-course and how they will immediately be able to apply the project management tools and techniques in their current positions. This was the second course IDARM has conducted in South Africa over the past two years and students expressed a strong interest in future courses.



COST & PRICE ANALYSIS IN BELGRADE, SERBIA

In coordination with the Defense Government Management Team (DGMT), IDARM conducted a one week workshop during 24-28 April, 2017 for the Serbian Ministry of Defense (MoD) and General Staff. 18 participated in the workshop which examined fundamental cost and price analysis principles supporting contracting actions with application to Serbian MoD procurement. The group examined statistical techniques and actively participated in team working group exercises to apply these concepts to their areas of focus. Participants successfully gained an understanding of how the U.S. DoD considers both the government perspective and vendor perspectives within the acquisition process to reach fair and reasonable outcomes.

Participants reported a very high degree of satisfaction with the workshop in written evaluations and a number of participants highlighted in their comments that the topics discussed would enable them to carry out their work more effectively in the future. IDARM will return to Belgrade in September to conduct a Managing Complex Defense Projects workshop.



DEFENSE ACQUISITION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

IDARM returned to the Czech Republic at the end of May to coordinate future education and training programs for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Armed Forces. IDARM visited the University of Defence in Brno and the U.S. Embassy and MoD in Prague to conduct senior level discussions regarding upcoming defense acquisition requirements. IDARM has a long-standing engagement supporting the Czech Republic and typically conducts one to two events each year. Sustained national support to provide International Military Education and Training (IMET) courses ensures continuity of expertise as personnel rotate to other positions.

DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT IN KIGALI, RWANDA

IDARM returned to Kigali, Rwanda in June to continue supporting AFRICOM with the Africa Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership (APRRP) initiative. IDARM participated in a series of successful meetings with key personnel to gain increased understanding of the specific needs and capabilities of the Rwandan Defence Force (RDF) in the area of logistics and supply chain management. IDARM will conduct a one week Defense Supply Chain Logistics Management course in September addressing these issues with an emphasis on the critical role logistics support planning and supply chain management play in sustaining capabilities in a rapid response scenario.