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**APICS The Association for Operations Management and The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Partner to Provide Certification Opportunities to U.S. Military Personnel**

*APICS-DANTES program provides opportunities for service members to enhance supply chain and operations management knowledge and expertise.*

Chicago, Ill. (June 30, 2009) – APICS The Association for Operations Management, the global leader in supply chain and operations management certification and education, has partnered with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), the Department of Defense program dedicated to providing high-quality educational opportunities to military service members, Department of Defense staff, and their family members to offer APICS certification opportunities to the military community.

The APICS-DANTES partnership, which will be announced at the Department of Defense's Worldwide Education Symposium, July 27-31, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia, provides unprecedented access to APICS' world-renowned APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program and other APICS educational and certification programs to the military community.

“APICS education develops the knowledge and skills operations management professionals need to compete and build a stronger global economy,” said APICS CEO Abe Eshkenazi, CSCP, CPA, CAE. “We look forward to offering relevant and applicable APICS educational opportunities to military personnel through the DANTES program.”

“We are eager to offer the APICS certification programs to military and defense personnel to help them achieve their educational and professional goals,” said DANTES director, Jeffrey P. Cropsey, Ed.D. “The APICS-DANTES program provides valuable opportunities for education and career advancement.”

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Beginning in August, the APICS CSCP exam will be delivered at 100 DANTEs/Pearson VUE test centers located on military bases worldwide. The APICS CSCP program provides a broad view of the supply chain, helping participants understand the entire supply chain—from end to end.

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### **About APICS The Association for Operations Management**

APICS The Association for Operations Management is the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management, including production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics. Since 1957, individuals and companies have relied on APICS for its superior training, internationally recognized certifications, comprehensive resources, and worldwide network of accomplished industry professionals. [apics.org](http://apics.org)

### **About DANTEs**

DANTEs is a Department of Defense (DoD) activity, located at Saufley Field, Pensacola, Florida. Its mission is to support the off-duty, voluntary education programs of the Department of Defense and to conduct special projects and developmental activities in support of education-related functions of the Department.

### **About the APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) Program**

The APICS CSCP brings the entire value chain into perspective by providing a truly end-to-end view of the supply chain. The APICS CSCP designation demonstrates expertise not just within an organization's walls—but on a global level. From manufacturing to service, in business and consumer markets, the increasingly important role of effective supply chain management affects all organizations and the APICS CSCP designees excel and lead. [apics.org/cscp](http://apics.org/cscp)