

Security Cooperation Financial Management Training Defense Security Cooperation Agency

In 2010, Sabel Systems developed a Security Cooperation Financial Management Course (SCFMC) for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). The SCFMC is a four (4) day course currently offered six times a year in the Washington D.C. metro area. Sabel manages all aspects of the course including event planning, communications, content management, curriculum improvement, registration, assessment, logistics, and coordination with DSCA Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and attendees. The course covers Security Cooperation topics such as Appropriations law, Building Partner Capacity programs, Major Security Cooperation Stakeholders, and a Security Assistance Overview presented by the State Department.

In recent years, Sabel Systems focused on increasing course efficiencies and reaching a broader audience. One successful initiative has been the “Going Mobile” initiative, coinciding with DSCA’s Vision 2020 strategy. As part of this initiative, Sabel Systems coordinated with organizations who were interested in having 25 or more people participate in the course. Sabel worked with DSCA SMEs to tailor course content and reduce or digitize course material, where possible, to make the course more conducive to a mobile offering. The mobile course has had two successful beta tests, one of which was for United States Pacific Command (PACOM) in Thailand where approximately 50 people participated over 3 days.

Recognizing the challenges of going mobile with a large paper footprint, Sabel’s next major initiative brought the SCFMC into the 21st century by introducing Android-based tablets into the classroom to replace printed materials. The deployment of tablets has reinforced training objectives by allowing the classroom to interact digitally via games and exercises. Sabel Systems ensured all previously printed course content was loaded onto each tablet, reducing print material by over 90% and thereby decreasing Other Direct Costs (ODCs) by nearly 35% in the year of tablet implementation.



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Personnel selected to attend this course are assigned to U.S. government activities either inside the continental United States (CONUS) or outside (OCONUS) against billets related to financial management of Security Assistance or Security Cooperation. Although the majority of students are affiliated with the Department of Defense (DoD), personnel in similar job positions in other federal agencies may also attend.

Graduates of this course may use the hours associated as Continuous Learning Points for various professional development programs within the Military Departments. Graduates of the SCFMC will also earn 18 CEPs that may be used for the DoD Financial Management Certification Program and the International Affairs Certification Program.

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