

The Defense Logistics Agency—Who We Are And What We Do

The DLA Enterprise

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has provided the Nation's warfighters with logistics support for over 40 years. The support needed to achieve success in their assigned mission, whether they are engaged in combat, peacekeeping, or humanitarian assistance activities.

Mission—To provide the best value logistics support to the Armed Forces, in peace and war... around the clock, around the world.

Vision—Right Item, Right Time, Right Place, Right Price. Every Time... best value solutions for America's warfighters.

DLA has adopted four goals—

Goal 1	Consistently provide responsive, best value supplies and services to our customers.
Goal 2	Structure internal processes to deliver customer outcomes effectively and efficiently.
Goal 3	Ensure our workforce is enabled and empowered to deliver and sustain logistics excellence
Goal 4	Secure and manage DLA resources effectively and efficiently.

Under Goal 2, one strategy is to leverage industry.

In support of this strategy, we are providing this training program for small businesses, to educate them on doing business with the Federal Government, specifically DLA, and facilitate their competing more effectively in the new environment of long-term contracts, prime vendor contracts, and other new business practices.

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Organization (Under USD(AT&L) and Agency structure)

DLA is the largest U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) defense agency. The DLA Director reports to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. DLA provides worldwide logistics support for the missions of the Military Departments and the Unified Combatant Commands under conditions of peace and war. It also provides logistics support to other DoD Components and certain Federal agencies, foreign governments, international organizations, and others as authorized. DLA's origins date back to World War II when America's huge military buildup required the rapid procurement of vast amounts of munitions and supplies.

DLA procures, manages, stores, and distributes almost every consumable item the military needs to operate. Commodities include:

- Maritime and land weapons systems support
- Aviation support
- Energy
- Food
- Clothing
- Medical supplies
- General and industrial supplies

Our customers determine their requirements for materiel and supplies. DLA Supply Centers consolidate requirements and procure the supplies in sufficient quantities to meet customers' projected needs. Many of DLA's procured items are delivered directly from a commercial vendor; the remainder of the items are stored and distributed through a complex of worldwide depots. Some supply centers also offer specialized services to support customers.

At a glance, DLA:

- Manages 4.1 million items.
- Manages \$15.2 billion in customer sales each year... supporting almost 1,400 weapons systems.
- Manages \$10.4 billion in Agency purchases each year.
- Is responsible for 89 percent of all DoD consumable items; and more than 55 percent of all federally stocked items.

DLA does **not** review or evaluate new items for possible use by the Military Services nor does it issue research and development (R&D) contracts.