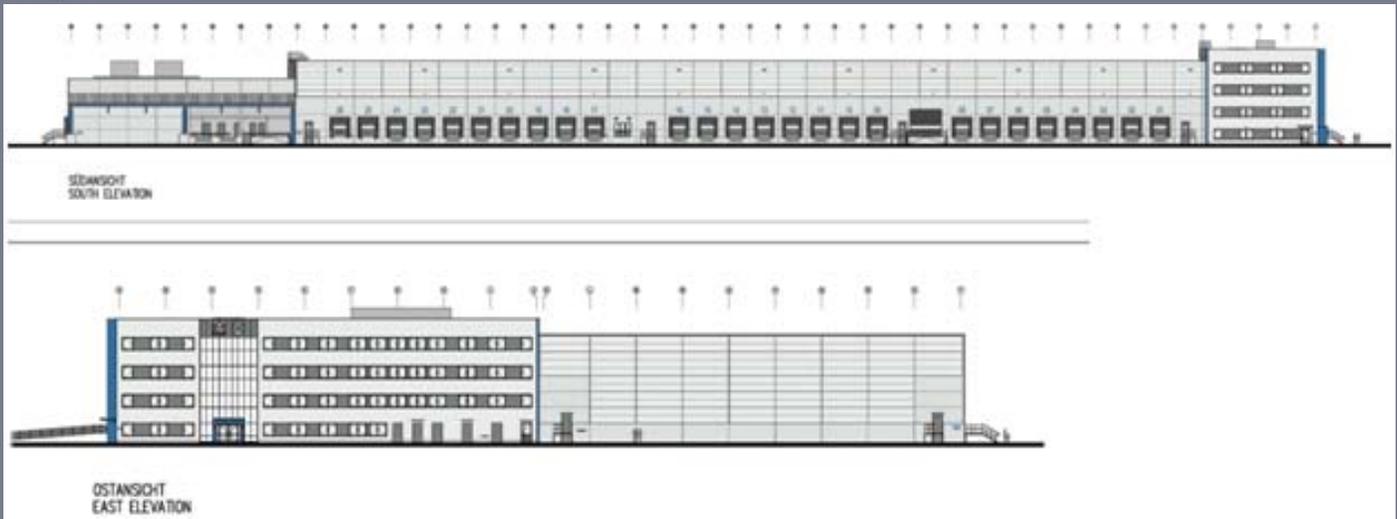




Future logistical hub of Europe construction ahead of schedule



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In March 2010, DLA Distribution Europe broke ground on what will be a 250,000 sq. foot distribution center which consolidates receiving, storage, issues, crossdocking and transportation operations in one facility. Today, construction on the project is 26 percent complete, 12 percent ahead of schedule.

Supporting Warfighters throughout three COCOMs, including Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, the new logistics hub will centralize DLA Distribution Europe operations from over 12 different locations.

The new building will provide administrative space, state-of-the-art mechanized operation and storage space, and includes a new capability supporting hazardous materiel storage. It will also have an environmentally-friendly biomass heating system which uses wood pellets for fuel.

The operations area includes receiving, shipping, and the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point, with over 25 dock doors. The storage area will provide rack, bin, and walk-and-pick storage, and will be optimized through right-sizing locations with materiel. Right-sizing locations will allow for maximum utilization of space and increased number of storage locations in the same square foot area.

The warehouse and HAZMAT areas currently are at 90 percent completion of the foundation, and the heating building's walls are completed.



The administration area construction of the new DLA Distribution Europe facility is currently ahead of schedule.