



# DLA Distribution San Joaquin to enhance Warfighter support with new general purpose warehouse

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Construction is well underway for the 480,000 sq. ft. general purpose warehouse at DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., DLA's Western Strategic Distribution Platform, supporting America's military services West of the Mississippi and throughout the Pacific Rim.

The \$29 million warehouse will be used mainly for storage of bulk materiel and will include 2,500 sq. ft. of space for office areas, a lunch room, rest rooms, and locker rooms.

"This facility will allow team San Joaquin to further improve speed and accuracy of materiel requisitions," said United States Marine Corps Col. Adrian Burke, DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., commander. "Once properly configured, this warehouse will be used to deliver goods to our Warfighter customer base in the Continental United States and overseas."

Burke also mentioned that Base Realignment and Closure driven consolidations mean that those sites remaining have to operate more efficiently and in a more coordinated fashion within the Department of Defense supply chain.

"Modern assets, like this warehouse, are enablers to that end state," Burke said. "We are going

to integrate this facility into our operation and put it to good use as quickly as possible."

The addition of the new warehouse will be racked out with narrow aisle configured storage capability. The use of narrow aisle technology in the strategic distribution platform environment will increase the number of storage locations from an originally projected 16,492 to 31,230 for the building, with 14,738 locations gained. The yield will be measurable in daily productivity numbers as we drive to provide the Warfighter with timely and accurate delivery of goods, parts and equipment.

The environment was taken into consideration when the construction plans were made. The warehouse's base is made of recycled concrete and asphalt that was ground from the warehouses

that were demolished. Additionally, a cool roof, consisting of materials that very effectively reflect the sun's energy from the roof surface, installation of smart meters for gas and electric to provide accurate information on the amount of electricity and gas being used, and high output fluorescent fixtures with motion detectors in the warehouse bays are being installed. A follow-on project for installation of a solar integrated roof is scheduled for fiscal year 2012.

This new warehouse replaces four World War II era, 173,000 sq. ft. warehouses, and is the final step in a depot modernization program that will replace a total of 12 World War II warehouses with a projected completion date of 2011.

Construction is scheduled for completion in August 2011.



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