

# Navy transfers tactical distribution to DLA

Recently, the Defense Logistics Agency officially signed the Master Memorandum of Agreement to begin the Navy Warehouse Transfer project. NWT transfers Naval tactical distribution capabilities to DLA, based on a joint business case analysis performed in the Puget Sound region, which compared Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers and regional Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers' current costs with anticipated costs for DLA to perform the same mission.

This initiative transfers a significant percentage of Navy storage and tactical distribution functions to DLA. This effort leverages the DLA distribution network to meet customer requirements, and allows the Navy to concentrate on delivering global logistics services to fleet and Joint operational units.

“NWT provides strategic opportunities to maximize use of the DLA distribution network, utilizes the distribution standard system to increase asset and intransit visibility, streamlines distribution processes reduces transportation costs, and reduces overall Navy infrastructure,” said Denise Parker, DDC NWT program manager.

In leveraging this relationship, NAVSUP is seeking new ways to utilize their resources for improvement of current and future logistics operations. The partnership was borne out of a Navy Program Objective



**Defense Logistics Agency and Naval Supply Systems Command are partnering to improve logistics support to the Warfighter.**

Memorandum 10 initiative to generate savings the Navy can use to build the future force.

DLA will assume responsibilities of distribution currently performed by the NAVSUP regional FISCs. Defense Distribution Center will replace existing tenants in locations where physical distribution is the main mission, and will be a co-tenant in locations where both distribution and other activities are performed. DDC and the Navy have collaboratively established teams in order to facilitate the transfer, both at the headquarters and local levels.

DLA's transferred mission includes tactical distribution, information technology, and collaboration. Tactical distribution relates to the processing of materiel to include receipt, stow, and issue. Additionally, DLA is assuming transportation functions at many of the sites. DLA will support activities in the future through a DLA secured information

technology network.

Serving as a baseline for a partnership between NAVSUP and DLA, DDC will help to collaborate and coordinate logistics solutions to support naval customers. DDC's Distribution Standard System will be rolled out in the newly transferred locations in order to support best practices and facilitate continuous process improvement. DSS provides the Navy capability not currently available including extensive asset and "in transit" visibility linked across the Department of Defense global distribution network, and allows DDC to optimize store and distribution functions, improve efficiency, and reduce operating costs.

In joint partnership, DLA and the Navy will reduce operational footprints and costs, streamline operations, and exit facilities by leveraging the entire network to meet customer expectations.