

JRIMM test underway in Hawaii

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The Island of Oahu, where Honolulu, Hawaii, is located, measures only 44 miles by 30 miles. This small island is home to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force assets and personnel, as well as a DLA distribution center, Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (DDPH). This close, joint military environment seemed the ideal location to test a new concept for materiel management, called JRIMM, or Joint Regional Inventory Materiel Management.

JRIMM is aimed at reducing the number of physical touches and inventory layers through the synchronization of material flow to point of use.

DDPH was selected as the regional hub for this testing as it already serves Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force assets in Hawaii.

“The JRIMM concept is for a regional hub to receive, stow, and issue DLA-owned and service-owned items, permitting a single receipt to end users,” said BG Mike Lally, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC). “That regional hub is DDPH.”



BG Lally signs the JRIMM Project Executive Council Endorsement Feb. 2, 2006, in Hawaii.

BG Lally spoke at the JRIMM Project Executive Council Endorsement signing ceremony, held Feb. 2, 2006, at Pacific Command Headquarters, located at Camp Smith, Hawaii. Also signing the endorsement were James Hall, Acting Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics Plans and Programs, representatives from each service located on Oahu, and the Pacific Command.

“Combining inventories for all services and DLA eliminates multiple receive, stow, and issue touches for the items,” BG Lally said. “It’s saving time and money.”

Each service will benefit in somewhat unique ways. For example, for the Army, it also eliminates costs of their Central Receiving Point. For the Marine Corps, personnel assigned to the Traffic Management Office can return to their regular units.

Combining inventories also yields greater availability from increased quantities at a single site while allowing for a reduction in total inventory.

The JRIMM test period is February to August 2006.

DDC’s Environmental Management System enters next phase

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After receiving approval from DLA, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) will now begin implementing the plan for the Environmental Management System (EMS) at its headquarters and 26 component sites around the world.

“We reached the finish line, we got our medal, now it’s time to start the next phase,” said Mike Dobbs, DDC’s Environmental Management Representative.

DDC’s EMS implementation team, comprised of representatives from each of the DDC headquarters divisions, has been working since late 2004 to develop the

organization’s EMS plan that was approved by DLA in December 2005.

“Now we are shifting from the developmental stage to fully operational,” said Dobbs.

The implementation team identified activities that DDC can control in order to reduce the impact on the environment including the improvement of green procurement practices, continuing efforts to reduce waste generation and divert waste from landfills, and conserving energy.

DDC’s Contracting Office has already begun a new program to demonstrate DDC’s preferences for the purchase of energy efficient, bio-based and recycled content products.

“We’re increasing the awareness among procurement employees so they know the requirements of the new program and they can make purchases accordingly,” said Meg Ross, DDC Procurement Analyst and member of the DDC EMS implementation team.

DDC will also begin making employees aware of how they can contribute to DDC’s commitment to protect the environment by establishing a long term waste reduction and recycling plan. The workforce will be encouraged to conserve raw materials and reduce waste by recycling and conserving commonly used items like cardboard boxes, paper, metal banding and glass.

Employees will also be urged to improve energy efficiency by closing warehouse doors to the outside and turning off lights, heaters, radios and other small appliances when not in use.

The DDC Engineering Office in charge of purchasing material handling equipment used in the distribution centers will also be implementing practices to evaluate new equipment purchases for improvements in energy efficiency.

The Engineering Office will also be coordinating energy use surveys at each distribution center to identify opportunities to conserve energy.

The focus of the DDC EMS implementation team when determining initiatives to implement was to protect the environment while supporting DDC’s mission to provide top-quality customer service to America’s Warfighters. “What