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### **Strategic Distribution Platform activating at Warner Robins**

**Robins Air Force Base, Ga.** — The DLA Defense Distribution Center is transforming the distribution support functions at Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, Ga., or DDWG, to a federal employee-operated strategic distribution platform, or SDP. This is part of the Department of Defense's efforts to maximize war fighting capability and efficiency through Base Realignment and Closure.

The BRAC 2005 mandate requires that DDWG and another DDC distribution center, the Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Okla., expand their services to include a strategic distribution capability. DDC expects DDWG to be fully functioning as an SDP in 2011.

DDC currently manages two SDPs located in Pennsylvania and California, which support DLA distribution centers throughout the world.

Hiring for the government positions began in June and will continue with the standup of the new missions and workload until the initial authorization of 319 positions are filled. People are essential to the success of this transformation, and DDC has a structured approach for managing the transition. Job opportunities are being posted to [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

SDPs are designed for flexibility, national security, continuity of operations, and to effectively respond to war mobilization, national emergencies, and natural disasters.

The additional SDPs at DDWG and DDOO will improve the mobilization, deployment and sustainment of combatant forces deployed worldwide. All four SDPs will be equipped with state-of-the-art consolidation, containerization, and palletization capabilities, called CCP, or Containerization Consolidation Point. Construction of the new \$28 million CCP is slated to begin in summer 2008 and be completed in 2010.

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Support to DLA's Warner Robins customers, and ultimately to the warfighter, will continue uninterrupted as DOD achieves efficiencies that enhance logistics support to our joint forces. Currently, DDWG provides physical distribution support for materiel located at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. DDWG's worldwide support includes providing customers in all U.S. armed forces with parts and equipment for F-15, C-130, C-5 and C-17 aircraft, target acquisition systems, and most airborne electronic warfare systems, and aircraft avionics used by all DoD services and some federal agencies.

DDWG's biggest customers are the 402<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Wing, the Joint Stars E-8 aircraft wing, 116th/5th Combat Communication, and the KC-135 aircraft group located at Robins AFB.

In September 2000, in compliance with government regulations, as a result of an Office of Management and Budget A-76 competition, the distribution functions were transitioned to a civilian contractor. Since December 2004, the contract has been held by LESCO, a company based in Huntsville, Alabama. LESCO currently employs approximately 230 workers on site at DDWG.

It was determined that SDP-support functions must be performed with federal employees for national security reasons related to readiness and continuity of operations and, therefore, these functions are exempt from A-76 competition (this is found in paragraph C.2 of Appendix A, OMB Circular A-76).

In order to implement the BRAC-mandated realignment of DDWG to a Strategic Distribution Platform, the contract with LESCO will end at the conclusion of the current performance period (November 2007).

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For more than a decade, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) has been offering best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. Headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DDC operates a global network of 26 distribution centers that employ nearly 8,000 people worldwide. DDC is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.