



DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

# FACT SHEET

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## SERVING THE WARFIGHTER ALWAYS TRANSFORMING GLOBAL LOGISTICS

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### About DLA

As the nation's combat logistics support agency, the Defense Logistics Agency manages the end-to-end global defense supply chain – from raw materials to end user disposition – for the five military services, 11 combatant commands, other federal, state and local agencies and partner and allied nations.

As a logistics integrator and acquisition/service provider:

- DLA procures items from manufacturers and suppliers and provides them to DoD and other federal/state customers, with services such as warehousing, packaging and transportation;
- DLA contracts for items that are shipped directly by the manufacturer to military units and installations;
- DLA provided more than \$48.2 billion in goods and services for FY2022;
- DLA disposes of excess military property through reutilization, resale and demilitarization programs.

### Mission

DLA's mission is to “deliver readiness and lethality to the Warfighter Always and support our nation through quality, proactive global logistics.” To accomplish this mission, DLA has a staff of about 25,000 employees divided into:

- Multiple supply chains that contract for material and services across the military classes of supply, to include: subsistence (food/water), clothing and textiles, bulk petroleum and other energy products, construction material and equipment, personal demand items, medical material and equipment, and repair parts for land, sea and air systems;
- A worldwide warehouse and distribution services network;
- Logistics and staff planning support to DoD's combatant commands;
- Operations that reutilize or dispose of excess materiel and environmental waste from the military services.

### Supporting the National Response to COVID-19

In times of humanitarian crisis, DLA's unique large-scale logistics capabilities are often called upon for “whole of nation” support. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, DLA supported DoD and other federal agencies by leveraging its supply chain relationships for critical personal protective equipment (PPE), virus test kits, medical devices, and overseas military vaccine distribution. To date, DLA has managed thousands of contract actions worth billions of dollars to provide millions of N95 and surgical masks, virus test kits, and medical gowns plus thousands of ventilators for medical providers, vaccination sites, nursing homes, schools, and the Department of Health and Human Services' Strategic National Stockpile.

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## DLA Organization

Reporting to the DLA Director are six major subordinate commands. Four of these are buying commands: DLA Aviation, DLA Land and Maritime, DLA Troop Support and DLA Energy. These commands are directly responsible for meeting the military services' needs for spare parts, fuel, food, medical supplies and other commodities. DLA Distribution provides storage and distribution services, while DLA Disposition Services provides "reverse logistics," disposing of excess and hazardous material from the military services and DLA.

## DLA Programs and Services

DLA also manages a variety of military and federal-level programs and services through its headquarters at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, including: strategic materials and National Defense Stockpile oversight; the FedMall e-commerce acquisition platform; federal and international cataloging, to include Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code and National Stock Number (NSN) management; and a range of document services, to include bulk and specialty printing, electronic content management, and office device management.

## Our Customers

DLA has three distinct classes of customers:

- (1) Deployed Warfighters – those operating forces deployed to an active theater of operations. DLA delivers supplies to various distribution points near or within the combat zone.
- (2) Non-deployed Warfighters and U.S. military installations, depots and shipyards around the world. DLA is the wholesale supplier to these operational customers, who in turn provide their own retail services.
- (3) Other federal, state and local agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Forest Service and the General Services Administration. DLA also supplies foreign military sales customers.