1. PURPOSE. This instruction establishes the policy, procedures, roles, and responsibilities in working with Military Service Program Managers (PM), Program Executive Offices (PEO), and other Military Service organizations associated with developing and implementing weapon system logistics life cycle support. This instruction provides a clear guide for each Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Supply Chain and Service Activity in supporting the logistics life cycle management framework. This is contained in the DLA Logistics Life Cycle Independent Logistics Assessment Guidebook approved and signed, by the DLA Vice Director, in November 2008. It also provides a structured checklist that DLA personnel can employ to ensure the proper analysis and processes are used to support the life cycle process. This checklist is contained in Appendix E of the DLA Logistics Life Cycle Independent Logistics Assessment Guidebook.

2. APPLICABILITY. This DLA Instruction applies to Headquarters (HQ) DLA and DLA Primary Level Field Activities (PLFA).

3. POLICY.
   a. It is DLA policy that all Agency personnel must seek opportunities for continuous process improvement in supporting the logistics life cycle of weapon systems (including the “Soldier as a System”). DLA involvement early and throughout the life cycle process ensures DLA’s ability to provide effective support during weapon system sustainment. This policy supports the Department of Defense (DoD) policy and guidance that requires PMs and PEOs to conduct logistics management activities throughout a program’s life cycle.
   b. The DLA strategy for ensuring DLA integration into the Logistics Life Cycle process with the appropriate PM/PEO, developing a DLA logistics life cycle support plan, implementing the plan, and tracking DLA performance is based upon the DLA Lead Supply Chain concept. The Supply Chain with the responsibility for managing and procuring materiel with the majority of impact for a weapon system has the responsibility for the aforementioned processes.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.
a. The Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) is the lead activity for aviation weapon system support; the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) is the lead activity for land and maritime weapon system support; the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) is the lead for construction and equipment, medical, clothing and textile, and subsistence support; and the Defense Energy Support Center (DESC) for energy and fuel products.

b. Within the Lead Supply Chain, the DLA Weapon System Program Manager (WSPM) (or Weapon System Support Manager [WSSM] if no WSPM has been established) has the lead for logistics life cycle integration. This includes accomplishing all coordinating activities with the PM/PEO, developing the DLA logistics life cycle support plan, assigning responsibility to the appropriate DLA personnel and offices for support ensuring all DLA processes are completed within each logistics life cycle phase, and tracking and reporting DLA performance in meeting external and internal weapon system metrics.

c. The Lead Supply Chain WSPM or WSSM will ensure integrated support is obtained from the appropriate DLA Service Activity (e.g., Defense Logistics Information Service [DLIS, Defense Distribution Center [DDC], Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service [DRMS]) as required, within each phase and throughout the logistics life cycle process. An integrated process team (IPT) will be developed and led by the Lead Supply Chain with participation from personnel from each DLA Service Activity required.

d. The Lead Supply Chain WSPM or WSSM will also ensure IPT membership from the required functional areas within its Supply Chain, other Supply Chains, DLA Service Activities, and HQ DLA: finance/budgeting, technical and quality, legal, small business, contracting, planning, information technology/systems, and human resources and training.

e. The Lead Supply Chain must evaluate and engage every logistics life cycle initiative for which DLA could provide support capabilities to help ensure effective integration of system-oriented approaches with commodity-oriented approaches, optimize support to users, and maximize total logistics system value in accordance with the processes in this policy.

f. The Lead Supply Chain WSPM or WSSM must participate in the PM’s/PEO’s logistics life cycle support strategy development and integrated product teams (IPTs).

g. This policy supports DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5000.02, Operations of the Defense Acquisition System.

5. PROCEDURES. Refer to Enclosure 2.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** April 9, 2009.

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2 Enclosures
   Enclosure 1 – References
   Enclosure 2 – DLA Independent Logistics Assessment Guidebook
Enclosure 1

References


10. DLA Engagement Strategy for Performance Based Logistics (PBL).

11. DLA PBL Business Rules for Identifying the Lead DLA Supply Chain Owner (SCO) for the Military Services’ Performance-Based Logistics (PBL) Initiatives.


15. DLA Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Program.
Enclosure 2

DLA Independent Logistics Assessment Guidebook