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SUBJECT: Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for DOD Logistics Business  
Transactions - Integrated Product Team (IPT)

The next meeting and location of subject IPT will be announced via email. The anticipated time-frame of this meeting will be approximately one month after the Corporate implementation plan has been approved. Attached for your review and comment are draft minutes and actions that resulted from the February 28, 2000 meeting. Subject to comment, the IPT Chairman will approve these minutes and actions by close of business March 31, 2000 (next meeting date to be determined). Point of contact is Mr. George Kingsley, (703) 767-0068, [george-kingsley@hq.dla.mil](mailto:george-kingsley@hq.dla.mil).

  
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1. Minutes of Meeting
2. Attendees
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**Minutes**  
**Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for DoD Logistics Business Transactions**  
**Integrated Product Team (IPT)**  
**February 28, 2000**

**Welcome, meeting overview, and administrative remarks:** The meeting commenced with the Chairman thanking everyone for attending. Administrative announcements, introductions, and a review of the agenda were shared with the attendees.

**Note:** The purposes of this meeting were: to review significant comments that Components made relative to the draft implementation plan and to provide status of the Corporate plan relative to its approval; to provide Components with the opportunity to share their plans for developing their individual implementation plans; to discuss implementation status reporting requirements; to provide the IPT members with status of the draft EDI directive; to discuss a schedule for future IPT meetings; and to discuss reinvigoration of the Technical Review Committee (TRC).

**Implementation Plan comment highlights:** The Chairman conducted a review of the majority of comments received from the Components. These were in the areas of: funding; implementation date; centralized processing; due date for Component plans; other technology capabilities for EDI; and transaction security. The chairman mentioned that the spreadsheet of Component comments has been circulated twice.

- **Funding:** He began the review of the comments by reminding the IPT members that funding for implementation is a Component responsibility tied to their modernization plans.
- **Implementation date:** The chairman pointed out that there is no set date for Components to complete their implementation/migration efforts--again, effort tied to their individual modernization plans.
- **Centralized processing:** During this discussion several points were made relative to translation and conversion. However, conversion between Defense Logistics Standard Systems (DLSS) and Defense Logistics Management System (DLMS) and vice versa would be more appropriate at Defense Automatic Addressing Systems Center (DAASC). If conversion does take place at other than DAAS sites, DAAS will control the conversion process by maintaining configuration of the maps and customer profiles. Translation can take place at any point. A question arose concerning the effect of increased volume of translations on the DAAS after the Components have completed their migration efforts to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X 12 and the rationale to standardize user defined files (UDFs). Using ANSI ASC XI 2 would alleviate the problem of nonstandardization since it is a common format that is not difficult for DAAS to perform translation services. Additionally, Defense E-business Exchange (DEBX) will have the same processing capabilities as DAAS and could alleviate

potential problems of increased traffic volume. The DAAS maintains records of UDFs currently in use today, and the key to keeping them current is for individual systems to maintain customer profiles for transactions that come into DAAS (which would then be recorded). Systems that don't currently use DAAS today should send in copies of UDFs for archiving in the Logistics On-line Tracking System (LOTS). As DoD moves to ANSI ASC X12 the solution of the most economic way to handle the volume of transactions may become obvious for economic reasons. Viewing what is available today, both DEBX and DAAS are available to handle transactions and a division of functions handled by these nodes will probably automatically evolve, with DAAS performing primarily logistics functions and DEBX performing primarily procurement functions.

- **Component plans:** Component plans are to be submitted to the Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO) 180 days after the Corporate plan is approved. One of DLMSO's roles will be to synchronize Component plan migration schedules, as described in Appendix C of the Corporate plan.
- **Other methods:** While the Corporate plan focuses on use of ANSI ASC X 12, it does not preclude the use of other methods/technologies to accomplish data exchange. The IPT expanded the definition of DLMS in the corporate plan to allow for other methods/technologies.
- **Security:** DLMS will fulfill whatever security requirements the DoD levies. During this discussion the topic of DAAS opening transactions that pass through the system and the affect on security was raised as a concern. DAAS only opens messages at the direction of the trading partners involved.

**Component plan development:** Brief summaries of current progress in plan development were presented by IPT members from USTRANSCOM, Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Defense Logistics Agency, and Defense Security Cooperation Agency. After the meeting the Chairman was informed the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will also be developing a plan.

- **USTRANSCOM:** After an initial data call, 17 systems were identified for which USTRANSCOM is responsible. Once review of these systems is complete, other Y2K database systems that are not identified as logistics systems will be looked at for possible inclusion in their plan. They plan to publish Appendix M for external coordination in May 2000.
- **Army:** Once the Corporate plan is approved the Deputy Chief of Staff (DC'S). Plans will have responsibility for plan development. The Army IPT will initially review GCSS-Army and LOGMOD systems. A data call has already occurred: DC'S. Plans points of contact (POCs) have not yet been identified.

- **Air Force:** Their kickoff meeting was held January 11, 2000 at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. The Chairman noted that members from JECPO/DLMSO participated in this meeting and reiterated an earlier offer to support other similar efforts.
- **Defense Logistics Agency (DLA):** DLA is preparing to develop their EB/EC strategic plan and will make use of the information from this effort to develop their EDI implementation plan. DLA plans to use the logic diagram in Section 2 of the Corporate plan and expand into other systems as they proceed. A POC has not yet been identified. Their business systems modernization plan is ongoing and these systems will be reviewed to determine their fit into the EDT implementation plan. Additionally, DLA is currently undertaking a reorganization and will have to review how the new structure affects their EDI implementation plan.
- **Navy:** The Navy has identified all their logistics systems; some programs may be subsumed by their enterprise resource-planning project, which may change the number of programs that will be affected. The Navy is also attempting to identify Navy-unique data that weren't accommodated in DLMS implementation conventions. It is not clear what the involvement of Naval Air Systems Command and Naval Sea Systems Command will have in the plan development, or who their POCs will be.
- **Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA):** They held a pre-planning meeting to discuss plan developments; the next step is to develop a systems matrix. Major problems are not anticipated since DSCA is a small organization.
- **Marine Corps:** The Marine Corps will not form an IPT for this effort. A draft plan has been developed. The Marine Corps is looking for examples of programs that demonstrate migration to DLMS. The Chairman stated that the Cargo Movement Operations System is currently employing DLMS, and several Marine Corps field locations are using this system.

**Status Reporting:** The requirements in the Corporate plan have been reviewed by the IPT support group, which proposed a rewrite that was presented to the group for discussion. The idea is to place minimal requirements on the Components and still comply with policy. This discussion boiled down to the requirement for Components to report detailed information, which DLMSO would consolidate into a higher level report. Information from Component reports would be used in synchronizing migration efforts. In response to this discussion, this section of the Corporate plan will be reviewed again and a rewrite will be provided to the IPT membership for comment.

**EDI Directive:** The draft is in the final approval process, and forwarding the DoD Directive for signature in March is anticipated.

**Training:** Level I development is planned for completion in the April-May timeframe. This training builds on existing Electronic Commerce Resource Center (ECRC) EDI courses currently available. Before Level II requirements can be developed. Level I

Training needs to be evaluated by the Components and DLMSO. The Level I Training outline and objective will be provided to the IPT membership for review. At that time, Components can use the outline to determine when the training is needed and requirements for the Level II Training. These requirements would then be forwarded to DLMSO for evaluation and preparation of the final requirement package. The ECRC would then develop the Level II Training courses.

**Pilot Projects:** The schedule of In Process Reviews was presented.

**Y2K database:** The Y2K database is available on the DRID #48 web site in two forms: the entire database as of the first week of January 2000; and a file that contains only logistics systems. The Chairman questioned how Components will determine which Component is responsible for which programs, as in the case of systems that are used by IJSTRANSCOM factions that may in fact come within the responsibility of one of the Services or Agencies. The discussion led to the conclusion that it would be advantageous for Components to report on systems they use and identify, and if multiple Components report on the same system, DLMSO will consolidate the inputs. In this manner, DLMSO will be in position to ask why a system may have been overlooked by a Component. If a Component has a doubt about reporting duplication, then it should coordinate with the Component in question on a case-by-case basis. DLMSO would only be brought in as an independent broker to resolve the question of reporting responsibility. It was also pointed out that some systems not listed as logistics systems may use DLMS and should be reported, e.g. financial, command and control, etc. All systems must be registered in accordance with the Clinger-Cohen Act, using the Y2K database as the baseline.

**Technical Review Committee (TRC):** The DLMS Process Review Committees need the support of the TRC to resolve technical issues. The TRC is chaired by DAASC. DLMSO anticipates the TRC's role will increase as the migration effort gets under way. To ensure its success, full support by the Components is required. A copy of the minutes from the last TRC meeting, along with the draft charter, will be provided to the Components to assist them in identifying a single functional POC, with support from technical experts as needed. The Chairman requested the IPT membership appoint their TRC representatives to DLMSO by April 15, 2000.

**Future meetings:** The next IPT meeting will be scheduled for approximately one month after the Corporate plan is approved. Notification will be provided in the usual manner. Succeeding meetings are planned for three and five months, respectively, after Corporate plan approval.

**Other issues:** General discussion identified the following issues for resolution by the IPT:

- Implementation status reporting requirements need to be deconflicted with routine reporting requirements to the Logistics Information Board and the Senior Steering Group for Modernizing the Foundation of Logistics Systems

- Section 2.2.1.. Figure 2-1 of the Corporate plan appears to assume the legacy systems to be reviewed are currently using DLSS. The section will be reviewed to determine if an additional question should be added for systems not using DLSS (for example, Service/Agency internal DLSS-like B- and C-series transactions).
- The report *Open Buying on the Internet and Extensible Markup Language, Recommendations on Adoption by the Federal Government*, Report #GS905T1, completed by the Logistics Management Institute in January 2000, should be added to the DRID #48 web site.

**EDI Project Perspective:** The Chairman introduced the ADUSD(L&MR)LSM as the guest speaker. ADUSD(L&MR)LSM thanked the IPT for their accomplishments and pointed out that while the IPT has accomplished its part in several efforts, completion of a few of these efforts rests with the OSD level.

Major points of his briefing were:

- OSD needs to develop a process to quickly implement the benefits of new technologies similar to how it is done in industry.
- When systems are built on older technology, it is harder to achieve the advantages of new technology using the old system.
- One problem with implementing change is economic priorities. The DUSD(L&MR)LSM office is looking for good ideas on how to enforce agreed-to changes. DLMSO is streamlining the process by which proposed changes are reviewed/approved. To further streamline the change process, DUSD(L&MR)LSM will assist in assuring that Components implement approved changes in a timely manner.
- A key to implementation is reducing the burden of interface in modernization budgets.
- If change produces more things to choose from, then overall cost should decrease -- modernization should reduce cost by removing barriers. The burden of justification is on the Components as to why they should not undertake a change, for example, to ANSI ASC X12.
- Component plans should indicate which systems won't be using ANSI ASC XI 2/DLMS to establish requirements for translation services; Corporate services will aid faster modernization.
- Many-to-one vice many-to-many is a key to modernization.
- Currently the warfighter has confidence in the logistics community's ability to provide required support. However, the warfighters are not confident in where the logistics community wants to "take" them with new technology in terms of support.
- A new initiative within DoD is looking into the area of logistics information and is seeking help in the areas of governance, product data, assured information infrastructure, and logistics operations data. A draft DoD Reform Initiative Directive outlines this effort. DUSD(L&MR)LSM will be playing a major role in this effort and will be reporting progress of logistics efforts on a regular basis. This will require more frequent reporting on the EDI migration by the Components. The IPT

will have the opportunity to surface potential solutions for specific logistics processes to the steering group of the new DRID effort.

**Attendees**  
**Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for**  
**DoD Logistics Business Transactions IPT, February 28, 1999**

<i>Army</i>	<i>Navy</i>	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>USMC</i>
MAJ Nelson	Mr. Minnick	Mr. Alsup	Ms. Matsumoto
Mr. Carey	CDR Spicer	Mr. Carlson	
Ms. Tuck	<b>DLA</b>	<b>TRANSCOM</b>	<b>Coast Guard</b>
Ms. White	Ms. Broussard	LTC Black	LTJG Mason
Mr. Kupczyk	Ms. Pavlik	Mr. Freed	
<b>DFAS</b>	<b>DSCA</b>	Ms. Spencer	<b>Acq Reform</b>
Ms. Hughes	Mr. Freedenthal	Mr. Clayton	Maj Hoeferkamp
	Mr. P. Goldstein	Mr. Bowman	
<b>JTAV</b>	<b>DAASC</b>	<b>DISA</b>	<b>DLMSO/JECPO</b>
Mr. Guelcher	Mr. Scott	Mr. Vessell	Lt Col Modell
	Mr. Neville	Mr. Kye	Mr. Yeakel
<b>DUSD(L&amp;MR)LSM</b>	Mr. Brown	<b>NIMA</b>	Ms. Savage
Mr. Z. Goldstein		Mr. Sibbett	Ms. Johnson
Mr. Carnes	<b>LMI</b>		Mr. Thomas
<b>JITC</b>	Ms. Pelgrim		Mr. Fitzhugh
Mr. Lynch	Ms. Hopfe		Ms. Larson
	Mr. Jensen		Ms. Hilert
	Mr. Creedon		Mr. Gower
	<b>SRA</b>		Mr. Lewis
	Mr. Gulledege		Mr. St. Mark
			Mr. Pipan
			Mr. Harden

**Action List**  
**Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for**  
**DoD Logistics Business Transactions IPT**

<i>Number</i>	<i>Action/Comments</i>	<i>Suspense</i>	<i>Lead</i>
2-28-00-01	<p><b>Follow-on Component Reporting -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· IPT Support Group will review Section 2.3.3 of the Corporate plan and provide a proposed rewrite to the IPT membership for comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Section 2.3.3. has been reviewed and rewritten. A draft rewrite was provided via email on 3/9/00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Complete	Chairman
2-28-00-02	<p><b>Training Level I Outline -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Provide the Training Level I outline to the IPT membership for comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The training outline was provided via email on 3/3/00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>· Review Training Level I outline and provide training schedule requirements (people/dates/locations) to DLMSO</li> <li>· Evaluate current Level I training course for determining additional corporate training (Level II)</li> </ul>	Complete  4/15/00  10/1/00	Ms. Hilbert  Components  DLMSO/ Components
2-28-00-03	<p><b>TRC -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Provide the IPT membership minutes from the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The draft minutes were provided via email on 3/3/00</li> </ul> </li> <li>· Provide the IPT membership a copy of the draft charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The draft charter was provided via email on 3/3/00</li> </ul> </li> <li>· Provide a single POC to DAASC/DLMSO</li> </ul>	Complete  Complete  4/15/00	Chairman/ DAASC  DAASC/ Chairman  Components

2-28-00-04	<p><b>Legacy Logistics Systems ASC XI2 Decision Tree .</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review Section 2.2 of the Corporate plan to determine if it should be expanded to include additional logic statements relative to systems already using DLSS. Adjust as required  Section 2 and Figure 2-1. have been reviewed. The IPT Support Group found the wording preceding Figure 2-1 is sufficiently clear for the reader to understand that the decision tree pertains to transaction-based legacy systems. Therefore, additional logic statements are not necessary.</li> </ul>	Complete	Chairman
2-28-00-05	<p><b>Y2K Database</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review the database to determine if additional systems should be included in the ED1 migration effort</li> </ul>	4/30/00	Chairman/ Components
<del>2-28-00-06</del>	<p><b>Open Buying on the Internet and XML</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide a link to “Open Buying on the Internet and XML”  A link to the document was established on the DRID #48 web site Documents page 3/8/00</li> </ul>	Complete	Chairman