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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER Brig Gen Jimmy Canlas

Energy Team,

It's Spring in the Washington, DC metro area. The cherry blossoms are in bloom, March Madness continues to generate excitement, and baseball is back!

Closer to home, I wanted to highlight the great news of Energy winners for FY23's 1st Quarter - the DLA Director's Strategic Goals Award. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Marvin Bell, and DLA Energy's Europe and Africa Customer Operations Team, for their amazing accomplishments as they were competitively selected amongst numerous enterprise-wide nominations.

As a reminder, we are at the end of the appraisal cycle on March 31st. For employees and supervisors, this is an opportunity to discuss results and develop goals for next year. The small investment of time you make now, to shape and mentor your team, will pay dividends.

As we look ahead, I encourage everyone to take advantage of professional development opportunities to further grow yourself as an Energy Team member. As outlined in this issue of the newsletter, the DLA Enterprise Rotation Program and Executive Development Program are a few of the many opportunities available. Stay tuned to your email and continue to discuss with leadership for other training, deployment, and career-enhancing opportunities as they are announced.

I wish you the best start to a beautiful Spring! Share pictures of your adventures with us at DLAEnergyPublicAffairs@dla.mil.

Try a rotational assignment!

The DLA Enterprise Rotation Program offers cross-organizational rotational assignments within DLA. Rotational assignments focus on experiential development to expand an employee's functional, cross-functional, and leadership abilities through on the job learning.

Participants GS-11 through GS-15 are eligible and will gain a better understanding of DLA's mission, obtain depth and breadth of knowledge in other functional areas and/or organizations, and foster information sharing between organizations.

Assignments range in length from 3 to 12 months. Solicitation for the rotational program typically opens in July and closes in September with rotations starting in January of the following year. Don't delay, get your packages ready now!

For more information about DLA Enterprise Rotation Program's opportunities, assignment descriptions and deadlines, visit the [DLA Enterprise Rotation Program web page](#) (Common Access Card required).

Office of the Director Strategic Initiatives Group Rotational Assignment

The SIG team's primary task is to prepare DLA senior leadership for engagements with leaders from the Military Services, the Combatant Commands, Whole of Government, international partners, Congress, and leaders in the Pentagon. The average rotation is 9 to 12 months.

Robert Hughes started a rotation in the SIG in early March. When not on rotation, he is a DLA Energy Branch Chief and Contracting Officer in DLA Energy's Utilities Services Division.

"I chose to apply for this rotation when it came up," Hughes said, "because I wanted to gain a better understanding of DLA's mission and what is important to our senior leaders. The experience gained working with the SIG will further enhance my skills and will provide in-depth knowledge of the Agency; knowledge that will help me provide better support to my leadership and the Agency's mission."

Patricia Littlejohn returned to DLA Energy after completing an eight-month rotation with the SIG after being selected for the position of Director of Bulk Petroleum Supply Chain Services.

"I thought I was on top of my game until I went to the SIG," she said. "I learned so much and gained a greater appreciation of DLA."

[Read more about the SIG rotational assignment in this DLA news story.](#)



SIG Strategic Analyst Doug Perezsalgado (left) with Robert Hughes (right)

WELCOME!

Mr. Bob Gagnon is the new Director of Strategic Policy & Programs Directorate.

Mr. Gagnon is a retired Army Colonel who has previously served as the DLA Energy Deputy Commander's Executive Officer before his last role as the DLA Liaison Officer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



Welcome back to the HQ leadership team Mr. Gagnon!

SMALL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

On March 7, DLA Energy Acquisitions, led by the Head of the Contracting Activity Ms. Gabby Earhardt and DLA Energy Director of Small Business Greg Thevenin, hosted DLA Office of Small Business Programs to discuss the Department's Small Business Strategy, DLA's alignment towards that strategy and other acquisition related topics and challenges related to small business programs.

During the meeting, the DLA Energy acquisitions team was recognized for their continued collaboration and partnership, contracting operational work and focus on maximizing small business contracts.



"DLA Energy's small business focus operational contracting execution enabled DLA to be named 'Agency of the Year' by the National 8(a) Association and National HubZone Council," said Dwight Deneal, DLA Office of Small Business Programs Director.

[Read about the DLA's small business award on Defense.gov](#)

Mark your calendars!

Mar 30: Acquisition Workforce Development Women's History Month Program, 11:30am

Apr 10: Supervisory Committee meeting,* 8am

Apr 11: Advisory and Integration Council meeting,* 8:30am

Apr 11: DLA Energy Acquisition Honors Program, 9:30am

Apr 11: Culture Climate Committee meeting,* 9:30am & 7pm

Apr 11: DLA Energy Supervisor's Town Hall, 11am

Apr 18: DLA Energy All Hands, 9am

*Get involved in committee/council meetings! Email DLAEnergyCAG@dla.mil

DID YOU KNOW? Effective April 1, 2023, the DLA Director realigned DLA Document Services to DLA Disposition Services. [Read more on DLA Today.](#)

WHY? The Document Services mission better aligns at the MSC level under Disposition Services rather than under Information Operations as an IT function.

CONGRATULATIONS!

This year, the DLA Executive Resources Board selected **all 15 DLA Energy nominees** to attend Executive Development Program courses!

Every year, DLA Energy submits candidates to attend EDP leadership courses to develop DLA's current and future leaders, prepare them to navigate and manage leadership challenges, and develop leadership competencies critical to maintaining supply chain excellence.

Congratulations to (alphabetical order):

- **Michael Bailey:** Leading Change
- **Christopher Boeding:** Leadership as a Daily Challenge
- **Roger Brown:** Leading for Organizational Impact
- **Gregory Carrow:** Life Cycle Exec. Leadership Program
- **Robert Carter:** Maximizing Your Leadership Potential
- **Raul Garcia:** Leadership Development Program
- **Norman Guenther:** LOGTECH Advanced Program in Logistics and Technology
- **Steven Helton:** The Leader Within
- **Nicole Johnson:** Extraordinary Leadership
- **Raymond Jure:** LOGTECH Advanced Program in Logistics and Technology
- **Gregory Knowles:** Leadership for the 21st Century: Chaos, Conflict and Courage
- **Danielle Noble:** LOGTECH Advanced Program in Logistics and Technology
- **Sheldon Scheehle:** LOGTECH Advanced Program in Logistics and Technology
- **Steven Sturgeon:** Alternate for The Eisenhower School
- **Richard VanSchoor:** Emerging Leaders

IMPORTANT IT TRENDING TOPICS

1. [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#) requires government websites, systems and documents to be accessible to those with disabilities. Check out this [Knowledge Base Article](#) to learn how to make your documents, spreadsheets, and presentations more accessible and usable to everyone.
2. [Upcoming Teams Training](#) March 28 or March 30. Improve skills, learn new features and ask questions.