



DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

# FACT SHEET

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## SERVING THE WARFIGHTER AND THE NATION

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### About DLA

As the nation's combat logistics support agency, the Defense Logistics Agency manages the global supply chain – from raw materials to end user to disposition – for the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, 11 combatant commands, other federal agencies, and partner and allied nations.

As a logistics integrator, and acquisition and service provider:

- DLA acquires items from manufacturers and suppliers and provides them to DoD and other federal and regional customers, often with supplementary services such as warehousing, packaging and transportation;
- DLA contracts for items that are provided directly by the manufacturer to DLA customers;
- DLA provides more than \$37 billion in goods and services annually.

DLA is responsible for contracting, purchasing, storing and distributing most of the consumable, expendable and repairable items for DoD. Its primary purpose is to meet the logistics requirements of the armed forces for food, clothing, fuel, repair parts and other items. To accomplish these responsibilities, DLA has a staff of about 26,000 employees divided into:

- Nine supply chains that contract for material across the supply classes of food, textiles, energy products, medical material and equipment, construction material, industrial hardware, personal demand items, major end items and repair parts;
- A worldwide distribution system;
- Logistics and staff planning support to DoD's geographic combatant commands;
- Operations that dispose of surplus or excess materiel from the military services.

### Major Responsibilities

DLA's major responsibilities are to (1) buy or contract, (2) warehouse when needed and (3) distribute about 5 million distinct consumable, expendable and repairable items. DLA contracts for high-volume, commercially available items such as food and medical supplies, based on military service requirements and delivers these items directly to the requesting customer.



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## DLA Organization

Reporting to the DLA director are six major subordinate commands. Four of these field activities are buying commands: DLA Aviation, DLA Land and Maritime, DLA Troop Support and DLA Energy. These MSCs 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 surplus or excess materiel from the military services and DLA.

## Our Customers

DLA has three distinct classes of customers: (1) deployed warfighters; (2) non-deployed warfighters and U.S. military facilities such as installations, depots and shipyards; (3) other U.S. government agencies and allied and partner nations.

- Deployed warfighters are those operating forces deployed to an active theater of operations. DLA delivers supplies to various distribution points near or within the combat zone, such as Afghanistan and Iraq, as required by the customer. The customer then further distributes the items to specific locations in theater.
- Non-deployed warfighters are assigned to installations in the U.S. and around the world. DLA is the wholesale supplier to these operational customers, who in turn provide their own retail services — the sale or distribution of individual items — to the final customer or user assigned to or transiting the base.
- DLA also provides goods and services, including storage and distribution, to a wide range of other federal customers, such as the FEMA, other parts of the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration. DLA also supplies foreign military sales customers.