

What is Performance Base Logistics (PBL)?

PBL means outcome-oriented logistics: using an outcome (such as weapon system availability) as a measure of success. Outcomes differ from outputs in that outputs are direct products of a process. Outcomes are the result of many products and processes acting towards a common purpose.

PBL is sometimes equated with logistics outsourcing; but PBL only opens the door to private sector providers. It does not mandate their use. In PBL, the source of logistics performance is not pre-determined, but is reached as a result of evaluating best-value alternatives. When either organic or private performance proves to be the best value, PBL employs that source via an integrated performance package designed to optimize system readiness, or some other comparable goal.

Another way to put it, PBL establishes what the user community determines is or are the primary operational needs, turns those into measurable performance factors, then tries to identify the best way to obtain the necessary performance. PBL:

- Begins with the logistics support requirements driven by the warfighter.
- Includes the design of a comprehensive logistics enterprise that provides the full range of material and support services.
- Delivers the requisite level of support performance based on customer-specified requirements.
- Results in a specified overall support performance level, rather than the discrete logistics functional tasks.

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