

DDC Accountable Officers Participate in BSM Training

Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Accountable Officers from 14 distribution centers participated in training for the implementation of a new portal - part of DLA's Business Systems Modernization (BSM) roll out. This new portal, EP5, became available December 1 and is part of BSM Release 1.1, which includes the Defense Integrated Subsistence Management System (DISMS) and Battle Dress Uniforms (BDU's).

DDC's Accountable (AO) Officers are focused on sustaining meticulous inventory accuracy and are a vital part of BSM. The AOs ensure that the Distribution Standard System (DSS) and SAP stock balances stay in synch and mirror each other. This includes researching and resolving any discrepancies or inaccuracies that may arise.

"I'm impressed by DDC's commitment to training," one Accountable Officer said. "You never feel left out of the process."

"Training via VTC is great," another said. "While nothing compares to in-person training, VTCs allow participation without having to travel and it saves the government a lot of money."



Joan Cannon presents information to the DDC Accountable Officers via video.

DDC Burns RFID Tags for Vendors, Providing ITV for Customers

To better support the Warfighter and to comply with CENTCOM's mandate that all Air Lines of Communication (ALOC) pallets and seavans be tagged with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags for effective identification and tracking purposes, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) has been burning manifest information to RFID tags for DLA, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), and service items. This gives customers the ability to track a shipment from start to finish in the logistics pipeline.

"DDC fully understands the importance of in-transit visibility (ITV) and total asset visibility for our customers, and we are happy that we could provide this additional tool for them," said Pat Kuntz, DDC Logistics Support Division Chief.

The process begins when the DLA Inventory Control Points (ICPs), DCMA's, or service activities contact the DDC and coordinate the preparation of shipping documentation and the burning of the RFID tags. The ICPs and the DDC coordinate with the vendors when an order for a full container of product is to be moved. The vendor then sends DDC the container and seal numbers. Using the Distribution Planning & Management System (DPMS), DDC generates the proper shipping documentation and

writes the information to the RFID tags. The documents and RFID tags are then shipped to the vendor who attaches them to the container and moves it to the port to be transported overseas to the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR). At that point, the manifest information is sent to the (ITV) server, giving the customer the real time visibility and total asset visibility of the shipment as it passes each interrogator that reads the RFID tag and reports the position of the load back to the ITV server.

DDC provides this service for DLA shipments in order to reduce the additional equipment and personnel needed for DLA to process the RFID tags at each ICP.



Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Tag.