

Dedicated truck program expands to DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga.

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DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., is expanding its dedicated truck values to the special assets mission -- supporting customers across the United States.

Dedicated truck is the direct delivery of shipments to specific locations to meet time definite dates with deliveries. This process provides the customers with direct delivery services from the shipping location to their receiving door.

The first dedicated truck special assets delivery departed Warner Robins, Ga., Sept. 8, for customer stops in South Carolina, North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Other special asset dedicated truck routes support customers in Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Utah, and California.

Direct delivery service via dedicated truck supports high-volume customers receiving numerous shipments. Through coordination with the customer, all cargo, regardless of the priority and size, may be delivered up to seven days a week from some DLA distribution facilities. In most instances the materiel is processed and delivered the next business day after acceptance of a Materiel Release Order.

An advantage to the customer using this program is that they can specify where to deliver the

materiel and schedule the time of day for the truck to arrive. This allows customer orders to bypass the central receiving point, saves time and arrives at predetermined special assets locations.

“Dedicated trucks improve efficiencies at the distribution center and the customer by guaranteeing a scheduled pickup and delivery,” said Bob King, director, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga.

To determine the feasibility of using dedicated truck, transportation experts at DLA Distribution, New Cumberland, Pa., worked with King and his representatives evaluating tonnage, frequency and commodities being supplied which are key decision points in the decision-making process.

Once the decision is made to support a customer via dedicated truck, a DLA Distribution representative, working with the customer, develops a partnership agreement.

Throughout the DLA Distribution network, customers are receiving materiel faster through use of dedicated truck deliveries. DLA Distribution currently has over 150 dedicated truck routes reaching over 500 delivery locations, with more being added each year.

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branches of the military at locations all around the world. More than half the work completed at DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., is in support of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. The \$12 billion inventory at DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., includes parts and equipment for F-15, C-130, C-5 and C-17 aircraft, target acquisition systems, and most airborne electronic warfare systems.

As a result of the most recent round of Base Realignment and Closure, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., will expand its services to become one of four Strategic Distribution Platforms, or SDP's operated by DLA Distribution, New Cumberland, Pa. DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., is expected to be fully operational as an SDP in 2011. At that time, the organization will provide a majority of storage and distribution services to our military customers and other DLA distribution centers in the Southeastern United States.