

## ***DDC transitions from two SDPs to four***

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The Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005, or BRAC, is bringing change to the Defense Distribution Center. BRAC law requires DDC to expand from two Strategic Distribution Platforms, or SDPs, to four.

The BRAC 2005 mandate requires that two distribution centers, Defense Distribution Depots Warner Robins, Ga., and Oklahoma City, Okla., expand their services to become Strategic Distribution Platforms.

DDC currently manages two SDPs located in Pennsylvania and California: Defense Distribution Depots Susquehanna, Pa., and San Joaquin, Calif., which support DLA distribution centers located around the U.S. and the world, as well as regional customers.

DDC's Distribution Reengineering Directorate, led by Air Force Col. Arnold Flores, is planning the transition.

Flores said that SDPs are designed for increased surge capability during wartime as well as contingency support for national emergencies and natural disasters.

The additional SDPs at DDWG and DDOO will improve the mobilization, deployment and sustainment of combatant forces deployed worldwide. All four SDPs will be equipped with state-of-the-art consolidation, containerization, and palletization capabilities, called CCPs (Containerization and Consolidation Points), Flores said.

"The CCP being added to each new SDP is significant," Flores said. "It will require some construction at both DDOO and DDWG – both have new structures planned for consolidating and shipping materials outside the continental U.S."

SDPs also use technology that allows military customers to track shipments of supplies, called in-transit cargo visibility and real-time accountability of shipments.

"SDPs are a critical component of the global Department of Defense distribution network," Flores said, "and provide long-term mission stability."

As DDWG and DDOO transition to SDPs, they will begin to assume new customers, said Flores. DDWG and DDOO will also be the first source of replenishment for other DDC distribution centers in their geographic regions.

At the same time, plans are being finalized for which customers will be associated with each SDP.

Flores said that DDC has developed, and DLA has approved, an organizational structure for all four SDPs called "the SDP construct." Implementation of this construct will occur in phases as customers are transitioned to DDWG and DDOO.

