

## Contingency Operations Seeking Volunteers

### “EE” DESIGNATION OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

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As a combat logistics support Agency engaged in operations overseas, DLA has more than 200 civilian employees deployed in direct support of the Warfighter. More than 50 DLA civilian personnel are deployed in the Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility (AOR) today in direct support of Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). Many more dedicated, innovative volunteers are needed to support OEF/OIF and many other ongoing contingencies needed to support ongoing and future contingencies, such as the DLA Contingency Support Team Program (DCST), internal missions, military exercises and mission essential requirements around the world.

To meet that need, DLA has asked each Field Activity to designate a number of positions as Emergency Essential “EE.” These committed, enthusiastic individuals will be well trained and ready to deploy.

“I want to strongly urge every DDC employee to consider designating their position EE,” said BG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Commander, DDC. “Distribution expertise is essential to success in any contingency and our services are in demand more and more.”

“Right now, DDC has volunteers deployed to Sigonella, Italy; Iraq; Kuwait; and Bahrain,” said Sue Alpaugh, DDC Contingency Operations Program Manager. “Future deployments will include Korea, Guam, Japan, and many other locations.”

“DDC employees from depots around the country volunteered to serve over the 2003-2004 holiday season when DDSP (Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA) needed help,” Alpaugh said. “DDC is standing up four new distribution centers around the world over the next two years and they will each need support from the experienced DDC workforce.”

“One of the main reasons that DDC is so successful at distribution, the reason so many customers are asking for more

distribution services,” said BG Gainey, “is the excellent service that DDC team members provide every day. Customers know the DDC staff - everyone from the warehouse floor to Headquarters - and know they can trust them to accomplish the mission. Customers need and want that expertise, service and dedication as close as possible. DDC’s knowledgeable, dedicated staff have made DDC a world-class distribution operation - that high level of skill and incredible work ethic is being deployed to contingencies around the world - and that need is growing.

“I hope everyone will consider volunteering for these contingencies - we need all DDC specialties and levels of experience,” BG Gainey said. “I ask every supervisor to support these efforts as well. I hope they will volunteer and encourage their team members to sign up as well.”

The DDC Contingency Operations Program is currently SEEKING volunteers with skills in :

- Administration
- Contracting

- Distribution Process Workers
- Information Technology
- Inspectors/Examiners
- Supply
- Traffic Management
- Warehousing

DDC’s EE positions will come primarily from DDC Headquarters, DDSP, and Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC).

If you are ready to designate your position as EE, contact Carolyn Allen at the Customer Support Office, New Cumberland. She can be reached by phone at DSN 771-6938, commercial 717-770-6938, or by email at [carolyn.allen@dla.mil](mailto:carolyn.allen@dla.mil).

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