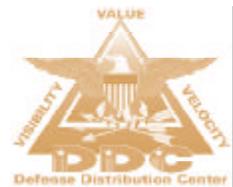




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From my point of view...

BG Barbara Doornink

Do you think DLA needs to invest in Business Systems Modernization (BSM)? Will DSS go away?

SAMMS has been DLA's backbone for over 30 years. Clearly, SAMMS and the other associated systems need to be replaced and not with just a more modern version of the current technology. We, DLA, must replace the current thought processes and take advantage of where the commercial world has gone in terms of their resource planning, their ability to anticipate demand, and distribute material efficiently. We must apply commercial applications to the entire DLA spectrum so that we no longer have something that is ICP oriented but a DLA system focused on customer service. Customer service and support is the most important thing we do. We have to be one system. I don't think that means the end of DSS. DSS is our warehouse operating system. Will DSS be replaced? Certainly. Will it be commercial? In all probability. Will it be soon? No. DSS is remarkable in where it is allowing us to go. With the implementation of 8.0 and the single RIC, we will be ahead of the BSM project and our ability to support the customer.

Can you provide an update on the current initiatives working within the DDC?

We have a number of initiatives working in the DDC. We are heavily involved in the Strategic Defense Management Initiative (SDMI). It is our partnership with US Transportation Command (US TRANSCOM). Since we both play key roles in distribution, our working together will help achieve significant change in the order fulfillment process that better satisfies our customers. It will keep our customers knowledgeable of the distribution pipeline and address customer wait time.

As I have mentioned before, we have an internal look at how we do things called Delivery Value Management (DVM) Program which is an initiative we are working with the University of Tennessee and its research partners. One of the primary looks is at the concept called the Tiered Depot which I believe is the future of the DDC. Tiered depot controls where stock is moving and how material is replenished at co-located maintenance depots and depots with a large customer demand. Stock replenishment will come from the two primary distribution sites (PDSs) on a daily, weekly, or

monthly basis. It means the co-located depots will have a broad band width of stock that is very narrow in depth. The intent would be to meet 80-90% of customer demands from local support. It also means we will need to get rid of inactive stock from those depots. More and more stock will be positioned at the PDSs for co-located depot replenishment purposes. Instead of having large amounts of completed maintenance material standing by at the co-located depots, the material will be positioned at the PDSs for global distribution.

Tiered Depot also means we should have less buildings. Every building we have increases total distribution costs. Whenever we can use space more efficiently, we can reduce costs. Tiered depot has the potential for us to mirror commercial practices that make sense, allow us to better service our customers, and better utilize our facilities.

What is the DLA Strategic Plan Chain Teaching Package?

In late March, each Primary Level Field Activity was tasked to chain teach the DLA Strategic Plan 2000 and the DLA 1999 National Performance Review Employee Survey results and action plan to employees under their direction. DLA employees play a vital role in support to the warfighter. It is important for all of us to understand the focus and vision of DLA in the twenty-first century. It was my plan that I would brief and lead discussions on the Plan and the Survey to senior staff who would in turn teach a group of employees who would then teach a group of employees until each DDC employee has heard the messages of the two briefs. This process was to have been completed by June 2, 2000. The first session was held at DDJC for over 120 supervisors and union leaders. They then shared the message with their employees. At the DDC, I provided many of the staff with the presentation and those who were unable to attend were to be briefed by someone in their supervisory chain. By now you should have all heard the message or should be scheduled for makeup sessions. I encourage you to take the message to heart. Be a part of the Team.

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