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## **Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania A-76 Commercial Activities Competition Results Announced**

**Fort Belvoir, Va.** -- The Defense Logistics Agency announced today that selected installation services support functions of its Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., (DDSP) would continue to be performed by government workers. The performance decision was made after a detailed study indicated it was more cost effective to retain the base operations there rather than contract them out to the private sector. The federal workers currently performing the BASOPS functions at DDSP redesigned and reduced the workforce, and competed as a government Most Efficient Organization. This decision will streamline operations and reduce costs at the installation. It does not affect the depot's mission of providing material to America's military forces.

The functions competed included: facilities maintenance and repair; utilities systems operation, maintenance and repair; grounds maintenance and repair; equipment maintenance and repair; mail services; refuse, recycling, and hazardous material/hazardous waste services; and family housing.

This announcement culminates 22 months of public/private competition using the guidelines of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities." DDSP was announced for A-76 competition on March 4, 2005. The Department of Defense competitive sourcing official on September 11, 2006, approved a competition time-limit waiver for an additional 12 months to complete the competition, based on the need for additional time to complete the source selection evaluation process. The A-76 competition process in OMB Circular A-76 establishes federal policy for deciding whether to retain recurring, commercial-like activities within the government, or contract them out to a private sector source. The guidance tells how to compare performance and cost related information to arrive at the best overall value for the taxpayer.

"I am convinced that DLA's competitive sourcing process results in the best structure to perform operations in support of America's warfighters" said Major General Bennie E. Williams, U.S. Army, Director of Logistics Operations and Readiness, DLA. "The comprehensive A-76 process produces a more efficient and effective operation."

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“This has been the culmination of months of hard work, critical analysis and extremely hard decisions. Through it all, DDSP employees have continued to provide world-class support to our customers. This decision recognizes DDSP's Installation Services as the Most Efficient Organization in this competition and will allow us to retain our Civil Service workforce,” said Navy Captain James P. Naber, commander, DDSP. “Our operations have been restructured and business processes adapted to accommodate this new organization and we feel confident in our ability to maintain the same high standards of performance to which our customers have become accustomed. My immediate emphasis is for the well being of DDSP employees and we will work together to ensure a smooth transition for our people.”

DDSP is under the direct oversight of Defense Distribution Center. It is the eastern DLA Strategic Distribution Platform, with facilities at New Cumberland and Mechanicsburg, providing military and commercial repair parts, clothing and textiles, medical supplies and industrial and electronic components to military customers throughout the United States and the world.

The Defense Distribution Center, headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., has oversight of 26 distribution depots worldwide. Its mission is to distribute, store and manage materiel and information, enabling a seamless, tailored worldwide DoD distribution network that provides effective and efficient support to the combatant commands, military services and other agencies -- in theater and out -- during war and in peace.

DLA provides supply support, and technical and logistics services to the U.S. military services and several federal civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., the agency is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations inside the Department of Defense. More information about DLA is available at [www.dla.mil](http://www.dla.mil).