

## Mr. Wiltsie, EIS Leadership Visit Korea for KT Ribbon Cutting

By KT/YRP/LPP Public Affairs



Left to Right: LTC Duncan, COL Turner, Joel Phillips, COL Lee (ROK Army), Mr. Wiltsie, COL Kramarich, LTC Harris, Jim Oehlerking (BB).

The Korean Transformation/Yongsan Relocation Plan/Land Partnership Plan (KT/YRP/LPP) office hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the YRP/LPP Phase I project at Camp Humphreys, South Korea on Oct. 30.

The scope of the Phase I project was to provide Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET), Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET), Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System-United States and Korea (CENTRIXS-K), Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), and voice and data communications capabilities to newly constructed facilities including the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF), Aircraft Maintenance Facility, and the Senior Leaders Quarters. The NIPRNET portion of the project provides a 10-GbE uplink to support end user buildings.

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# PEO EIS Stands Up a New Product Director to Lead Korea Transformation

By KT Public Affairs



Left to right: Mr. Glenn Becker, PMD, KT/ YRP/LPP. COL Debora Theall, PM I3C2 and Mr. Joel Phillips KT/ YRP/LPP.

Mr. Joel Phillips assumed leadership of the newly chartered Product Director (PD) Korea Transformation/ Yongsan Relocation Plan/Land Partnership Plan (KT/YRP/LPP) on Aug. 7. The Assumption of Charter ceremony was presided over by COL Debora Theall, Project Manager, Installation Information Infrastructure – Communications and Capabilities (I3C2), the parent organization for KT/YRP/LPP within the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) suite of programs.

Prior to his assignment as PD KT/YRP/LPP, Mr. Phillips served as the Product Director Continental United States (PD CONUS) for the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP). As the PD-CONUS, Mr. Phillips was responsible for managing multiple Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) modernization projects throughout the homeland.

Mr. Phillips began his military career in 1984 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and was later commissioned in 1989 as a military intelligence officer. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2009 as a LTC with over 20 years of active duty service. Mr. Phillips is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command

and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the Army Airborne and Ranger Schools. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Iowa, and a Master of Science degree in Material Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

In his new position, Mr. Phillips will be responsible for the life cycle management of the C4I systems and capabilities in support of the relocation of U.S. Forces from Seoul and other outlying areas in the Republic of Korea (ROK) to United States Army Garrison-Humphreys, (USAG-H). When transformation is completed, Garrison Humphreys will be the third largest U.S. Army base in real property and the sixth largest U.S. Army base in population.

The program will be closely synchronized with the transition of wartime operational control from the U.S. to the ROK as required by the U.S. and ROK Strategic Alliance of 2015, and will provide the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) for all U.S. and coalition networks (NIPR, SIPR, CENTRIX).

In addition, the program will provide a fully virtualized/consolidated data center in support of the transformation from 104 camps and stations to two enduring hubs. 🌐



# Introducing the Product Manager for Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (PM WESS)

By DCATS Public Affairs

LTC Samuel Ancira, Jr., assumed the newly stood up charter for the Product Manager Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (PM WESS) on Sept. 6 at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. The new organization is a merger of Satellite Communications Systems and Wideband Control, both former Product Directors within the Project Manager Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS).

The ceremony was attended by Ms. Terry Watson, Deputy PEO EIS; Mr. Victor Hernandez, Program Management Directorate (PMD); and Mr. Jim Kline, Operations & Theatre Support Directorate (OTSD). COL Clyde Richards, Jr., PM DCATS, presided over the formal assumption of charter ceremony.

Prior to the assumption of charter, LTC Ancira served as the senior acquisition officer and military deputy assigned to the TRADOC Capability Manager, Fires Brigade (TCM FiB), at Fort Sill, Okla. Past assignments included operational test officer for Field Artillery Systems and test officer for the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System-Alternate Warhead (GMLRS-AW). He also deployed to Southwest Asia as a member of the Forward Operational Assessment (FOA) Team XIII. 🌐



LTC Samuel Ancira, Jr., (right) assumes the charter for the Product Manager Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (PM WESS), presented by COL Clyde Richards, Jr.

## GFEBs Makes Second Round Cut for Prestigious Award

By GFEBs Public Affairs

The General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBs) has made it to Round II of the Harvard Innovations in American Government Award. The Innovations Award, which recognizes and promotes excellence and creativity in the public sector, is offered every other year with a cycle consisting of five rounds of review.

In the first round of competition, experts—both practitioners and scholars—screen all submitted applications and entries for the Bright Ideas category. Applications that fully meet the Innovations Awards criteria and present a compelling innovation will be invited to submit a substantive, supplementary application of approximately 8,000 words.

The second round of the competition narrows the applicant pool substantially. In this round, experts will evaluate applicants' supplementary applications and select only 25 programs from the applicant pool to advance in the competition. Each of the 25 programs receives press coverage and a certificate for their achievement; GFEBs has made this cut.

Upcoming rounds of competition for the award involve additional research, a site visit, and further press coverage.

Winners are announced around the beginning of 2014. 🌐



# Introducing the Product Manager for GFEBs-SA

By GFEBs Public Affairs

General Fund Enterprise Business System-Sensitive Activities (GFEBs-SA) is a key component of the new Army Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) business model. GFEBs-SA will utilize GFEBs as a baseline, and provide capabilities such as distribution and execution of appropriated funds, cost management, financial reporting, and asset management for classified accounts.

On July 13, 2012, LTC Matthew Schramm assumed command of GFEBs-SA, new product of PEO EIS, during the Assumption of Charter Ceremony.

“Key billets in Army Acquisition are always a privilege. And in a time of war - a great honor! Part of this honor is helping develop a secure and classified GFEBs capability,” Schramm said. “The timely deployment of a cross-domain solution will be of great importance to those serving in Afghanistan and over 100 user locations around the world.”

GFEBs-SA will integrate seamlessly with GFEBs and provide secure, web-based, real-time data accessible to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), and other Army classified, intelligence and special access program (SAP) activities. 🌐



(Left) COL Patrick Burden, GFEBs Program Manager, hands LTC Matthew Schramm the Assumption of Charter.

## Mr. Wiltsie Visits J-AIT, Presents Award

By J-AIT/TIS Public Affairs

Mr. Wiltsie visited the offices of the PD Joint-Automatic Identification Technology (PD J-AIT) on Aug. 29 for program updates and special recognition of a member of the team.

The meeting was hosted by Product Director Mr. Jim Alexander in the J-AIT offices in the Hoffman Town Center, where teams within the directorate briefly told their part of the J-AIT story, framing difficult issues within the broader successes accomplished in support of customers and Soldiers and their missions. Ms. Terry Watson, Deputy PEO, and Ms. Patricia Lambert, Chief of Staff, accompanied Mr. Wiltsie, along with Mr. Jinx Springfield, PMD Action Officer to the PEO EIS.

During his visit, Mr. Wiltsie recognized MAJ Ryan Leonard, who recently returned from a six-month tour as the first J-AIT Liaison Officer (LNO) deployed to Afghanistan. While

deployed, MAJ Leonard visited many of the Radio Frequency In-Transit Visibility (RF-ITV) sites and assisted in new site installations where necessary.

Eager to wel-

come him back into the PEO EIS fold, Mr. Wiltsie is shown in the accompanying photo presenting MAJ Leonard with the organization's Hero of the Month Award. 🌐



PD J-AIT's MAJ Ryan Leonard receives the Hero of the Month Award from Mr. Doug Wiltsie, PEO EIS (Photo by Mike Morrissey, J-AIT)

# Spotlight On: PEO EIS Rising Stars Parker and Miner

By GFEBS & TIS Public Affairs

The Rising Star awards program sponsored by Federal Computer Weekly recognizes employees in government and industry that have made an early impact in the government technology community. CPT Shayla Parker, Assistant Product Director for Transportation Information Systems (APD TIS), and Ms. Tara Miner, Program Management Directorate (PMD), were both awarded the 2012 PEO EIS Rising Star award for their support of EIS programs.

## CPT Shayla Parker, TIS



*CPT Shayla Parker, 2012 Rising Star!*

CPT Parker is responsible for supporting TIS operations in Southwest Asia (SWA) that includes managing the cost, schedule, and performance of multiple transportation and distribution systems in use within Afghanistan, Kuwait and previously, Iraq.

She is also responsible for managing the TIS team located in SWA that supports hundreds of deployed military, civilian, and contractor TIS systems customers.

CPT Parker received this prestigious award for successfully implementing Transportation Coordinators' – Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait. Her leadership of the TIS team in SWA allowed the successful retirement of a non-program of record, replacing it with TC-AIMS II. Under her direction, the use of TIS systems in SWA has expanded to include supporting all unit movements - deployments and redeployments, retrograde of equipment from theater, and commercial and military surface transportation coordination and control. She guided the development and implementation of additional TC-AIMS II functionality, on schedule and within budget, which has greatly improved In-Transit Visibility of equipment and supplies within theater.

"CPT Parker's efforts have had a tremendous impact on the Army and other services operating in SWA," stated Douglas Haskin, Deputy Product Director for TIS. "Her commitment to our users has made her greatly respected across the Army."

## Ms. Tara Miner, GFEBS



*Ms. Tara Miner, 2012 Rising Star!*

Ms. Miner received her Rising Star for her work as a program analyst for the General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS). GFEBS, a major automated information systems enterprise resource planning program with a \$1.4 billion total lifecycle cost,

reengineers and standardizes financial business processes across the Army. Miner's extensive knowledge of functional requirements in planning, developing and justifying financial schedules provided critical support required for execution of the GFEBS project.

"When I found out I was nominated for and received this award, I was extremely surprised. It was an honor to know my hard work over the last year was being recognized and that others felt I was adding value to the organization," said Miner.

Miner also took on the role of acting resource manager during an extensive leave of absence by the current resource manager. "My GFEBS supervisor [Ms. Glenna Settle] saw my potential and trusted me to take on increasingly more responsibility within the business management division (BMD)," said Miner. "This allowed me to come out of my shell and make an impact on the day-to-day operations of the GFEBS program management office."

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# APC2 Available for Cloud Computing Needs

By Karen Quinker, P2E Public Affairs

In early January, the Product Manager Power Projection Enablers (PdM P2E) team awarded a \$249 million multiple award, indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ), contract open to Army, DOD and other federal agencies, and administered by the U.S.

Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI). The seven awardees included: Hewlett Packard, IBM, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman, MicroTech, Lockheed Martin, and Criterion Systems.

This contract vehicle is being used to provision private sector U.S. government enclave cloud computing services in fixed and mobile (austere and container) environments. Army Private Cloud (APC2) offers private cloud application hosting, software, platform, and infrastructure services, and a variety of consulting and migration services. In addition, these services-based solutions may be configured to support government-owned contractor-operated (GOCO), contractor-owned contractor-operated (COCO), or hybrid deployment arrangements.

Since the rollout, the APC2 development team has accomplished the following:



- Developed acquisition packages and awarded for nine guaranteed minimum task orders to APC2 Cloud Services Providers (CSPs)
  - Initiated and facilitated government participation in fixed and mobile APC2 cloud standard operating procedures IPTs
- Compiled the initial draft of APC2 management standard operating procedures
- Completed ROM cost RFIs for four organizations
- Participated in two industry conferences to promote the contract
- Developed collateral to support the contract

Mr. Dennis Kelly, APC2 Area Product Manager, stated that “the team effort and approach with the Army and the commercial industry has been exceptional as we move through the planned milestones.”

Kelly further stated, “As the Army navigates through the rules of engagement with cloud technology, we are confident that APC2 will be an enabler in helping the Army and federal agencies simplify data management areas, and take a consolidated and collaborative approach for all Army private cloud contract initiatives.” 

## PEO EIS Events of Interest

Veterans Day	(observed)	November 12
PEO EIS Town Hall	AMSC Theatre	November 20
Thanksgiving Holiday	(observed)	November 22
PEO EIS PM Collaboration Meeting	HQ PEO EIS	December 13
PEO EIS Holiday Party	The Waterford, Springfield, Va.	December 14

# Marjie Hendren Joins PD ALTESS as Chief of New Operations Support Division

By ALTESS Public Affairs

On Sept. 10, Ms. Marjie Hendren was sworn in as Operations Support Division Chief for the Product Director Acquisition Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services (PD ALTESS).

As the new Division Chief, Ms. Hendren is responsible for the logistics, security and facilities teams located in Radford, Va. The Operations Support Division was created as a result of ALTESS's growth and assignment as one of the Army's enduring data centers. The new division will consolidate infrastructure services and position ALTESS for continued growth while ensuring quality services.

Ms. Hendren, a Virginia Tech (VT) graduate and VT Corp of Cadets alum, is excited about returning to the New River Valley. In addition to bringing her closer to her family, the move to ALTESS aligns Ms. Hendren with one of the Army's most successful data centers and IT service management providers.

"I'm proud to be part of this award-winning team," she says.

After graduating from Tech with an English degree in 1985, Ms. Hendren served six years in the Air Force and three years with the city of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. In 1995, she completed a Master's degree in Public

Administration, also from Tech. After a professor suggested



*Marjie Hendren, ALTESS Chief of New Ops makes quite an impression on her first day on the job. Being a Tech graduate doesn't hurt either.*

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## Modernization within the PEO EIS Range Facility Management Support System

By IMS-A Public Affairs

The PEO EIS Installation Management Systems-Army's (IMS-A) Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS) is the key automated system supporting training management for the Army's operational and generating forces, simplifying and enhancing the process of range and training facility scheduling and management functions at DOD installations. RFMSS assists installation staff in accounting for and managing all phases of unit training, and is required to maintain current status of all range activities.

The existing RFMSS Graphics Fire Desk (GFD) application is in the beginning phases of a modernization effort to provide enhanced geospatial situational awareness for RFMSS fire desk operators. Surface Danger Zones (SDZs) and Weapon Danger Zones (WDZs) will be uploaded from an export of the Range Managers Toolkit (RMTK), and the GFD will display the appropriate SDZ/WDZ in real time to provide an accurate



*U.S. Soldiers fire at targets during a training class at forward operating base Salerno, Khost province. Photo by Pfc. Christina Sindors.*

depiction of safe and unsafe areas on the range. The modernized GFD will have the capability to display real-time aircraft radar tracks to inform safety decisions by fire desk operators.

Current range status is crucial to personnel safety because it tracks the use of live ammunition, manned and unmanned aircraft, and other vehicles. Relevant directives and SDZs are maintained and displayed both by text and graphically in RFMSS for ready reference of the range control officer and fire desk operator to ensure safety of personnel. 🌐

# Morrow Honored for Over 35 Years of Service

By J-AIT/TIS Public Affairs

On Sept. 27 Mr. Stephen E. Morrow was honored by the Product Director Joint Automatic Identification Technology/ Transportation Information Systems (J-AIT/TIS) at a retirement luncheon after completing 40 years of government service. Mr. Morrow's service began in 1972 as a computer operator in the Selective Service System where he was recognized for his hard work and efficiency. He transferred to the Army in 1978 where he worked as a computer operator and shift leader in the Directorate of Information Management at Fort Belvoir, Va. He progressed through various organizations and increasing levels of responsibility which in 1996 found him serving as the information technology team lead for the Product Manager, Automatic Identification Technology which evolved over the years to become J-AIT. During his long tenure of government service, Mr. Morrow witnessed a sea change in information technology and its role and impact on the U.S. Army and DOD. A large crowd of past and present



Mr. Jim Alexander, PD J-AIT/TIS, presents Mr. Stephen Morrow with retirement award on Sept. 27.

associates joined the Product Director, Mr. Jim Alexander, in presenting Mr. Morrow with a number of light-hearted toasts, as well as a United States flag that was flown over the Nation's Capitol and the Superior Civilian Service Award. 🌐

# Fielding Enhancements to MC4 Customers

By MC4 Public Affairs

Customers of PEO EIS' Product Manager Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (PdM MC4) are receiving new medical logistics capabilities that will improve the ordering and delivery process of medical supplies. The Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support (DMLSS) 3.1.2 Prime Vendor Generation IV application upgrade is being fielded to Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps units in theater and medical treatment facilities at five locations.

The services will share DMLSS, an automated medical system enabling the management of inventory, ordering of supplies, and tracking and maintenance of medical equipment. When DMLSS 3.1.2 is implemented across the services by Aug. 2013, the Army will sunset the Theater Army Medical Materiel Information System (TAMMIS), a legacy system dating back to the 1990s.

MC4 customers will begin to see other changes this fall since the equipment alignment process for the electronic medical record (EMR) system has been overhauled. In partnership with the Army Medical Department Center & School combat de-

veloper, MC4's system architecture envisioned in the original Basis of Issue Plans (BOIPs) has been revised.

Based on customer feedback, the deployed EMR system will now more closely reflect the combat environment. Beginning in FY13,

deploying units, such as forward surgical teams, will receive more laptops and fewer handhelds to electronically document care. These changes will result in a 50 percent increase in MC4 laptops and a 25 percent reduction for handhelds across the entire force. MC4 will continue to evaluate these new requirements, but units will begin to see these changes reflected in their FY13 modified table of organization and equipment (MTOE) and authorization documents provided by the U.S. Army Force Management Support Agency. 🌐



Staff Sgt. Stephonee Payne, a pharmacist with the 325th Combat Support Hospital, processes medical supply orders for the U.S. Military Hospital Kuwait using the DMLSS 3.1.2



# PD VIS User Assessment

By VIS Public Affairs



*A New Jersey National Guard Soldier uses the forthcoming VIC-5 intercom system during User Assessment at Fort Dix, N.J.*

The Product Director Vehicular Intercom Systems (PD VIS), in partnership with Northrop Grumman Cobham Intercoms (NGCI), provides Attenuating Noise Vehicular Intercom 3 (AN/VIC-3) kits for U.S. Army tactical vehicles. For almost two decades, the AN/VIC-3 has been the standard intercom for more than 70 tactical vehicles and their assorted variants.

Over time, however, the Soldiers' needs, coupled with technological updates and enhancements, dictated that a new inter-

com system be developed. From this process, NGCI was awarded the prime \$2.4 billion Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract in June 2009 for the AN/VIC-5, the next generation intercom solution.

A critical step to the AN/VIC-5 maturation was a User Assessment (UA) for the system, which was tested by actual Soldiers. VIS was charged with coordinating the AN/VIC-5 Intercom System UA at Fort Dix, N.J., in June 2012. The assessment required exhaustive planning of complex events and synchronization of efforts amongst federal agencies, state governments and private sector organizations, to include the Army Reserve; Army National Guard; Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC); Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC); Communications-Electronics Command-Life Cycle Management Command (CECOM LCMC) and NGCI.

The UA was a strong success, and achieved the desired goals of positive Soldier feedback, third party (ATEC) assessment, TRADOC review of AN/VIC-5 documentation, demonstration of computer-based training (CBT) and CECOM ILS manager maintainability assessment. The mission represented an important milestone in the realization of the AN/VIC-5. 🌐

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completed, she reviewed funding requests, approved expenditures in accordance with the operating budget, and provided reports to the project manager and deputy project manager.

Ms. Settle, GFEBs Resource Manager and BMD supervisor, further elaborated: "Tara shows a deep commitment to the mission, composure in stressful situations, and an extraordinary ability to multi-task. It is incumbent upon us to encourage and promote those with high potential like Tara and ensure they are recognized. She is a true asset to the Army."

Miner was also nominated because of her impressive management and control over complex GFEBs financial resources. She continually accepted extra responsibilities and challenges outside of normal work requirements, including the duties of the contracting officer's representative for sup-

port contracts, preparing numerous technical evaluations to expedite the contracting process and developing independent government cost estimates to support deployment to theatre.

The goal of the Rising Star program is to recognize and reward individuals for their extraordinary achievements and to hold them up as an example and inspiration to others. Both Ms. Miner and CPT Parker have shown tremendous growth and initiative in a short amount of time. Since her assignment to TIS in the summer of 2010 and in just two years, CPT Parker has come to embody the practices and attributes of a successful program manager. Ms. Miner has taken the position of Acquisition Management Specialist for PMD since her award. The results of their efforts speak volumes and show both of these awardees as valuable future leaders to PEO EIS and the Army acquisition community. 🌐

# Army Loses One of its Key CHES Pieces to Retirement

By PD CHES Public Affairs

Ms. Adelia “Dee” Wardle, product manager for the Army, retired from the Project Director, Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (PD CHES), on Sept. 30 after over 30 years of service.

While her daily presence will be missed by her colleagues, her game-changing impact on how the military buys commercial off-the-shelf software (COTS) will endure, assured CHES Project Director Mr. Brendan Burke. “Ms. Wardle’s expertise and reputation extends beyond CHES, beyond the Army and reaches throughout DOD and federal agencies.” Burke explained. “She epitomizes Army values and sets the standard for all Federal government personnel.”

Wardle served as the product leader for the Army’s first commercial contract for desktop video teleconferencing systems (DVTC) in 1995. This contract represented the largest single commitment of any agency to make DVTC an integral part of the workplace’s communication and pioneered leveraging the Army’s buying power.


Among her many contributions, Wardle’s most significant contributions to the Army are in the area of software license agreements. Appointed as the Army Lead Software Product Manager in 1999, she has been a critical part of hundreds of agreements that enable standardization across the Army Enterprise, leverage the Army’s buying power, and streamline the acquisition process for Army customers. Her efforts in championing these agreements have generated over \$500 million in cost avoidance to the Army.

She is also the Army representative on the DOD Enterprise



*Ms. Adelia “Dee” Wardle, former Product Manager for the Army.*

Software Initiative (ESI) program. With Wardle’s assistance, the program has achieved over \$4 billion in cost avoidance, while ensuring improved terms and conditions and increased standardization across DOD.


“As subject matter expert for CHES, Wardle has educated thousands of Army customers and created a better understanding of software licensing pitfalls,” Burke said. Ms. Wardle’s tireless efforts, enthusiasm and commitment, are truly extraordinary.” 

## **KOREA TRANSFORMATION** CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE

The Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), KT/YRP/LPP, Information Systems Engineering Command, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Signal Brigade, Task Force Mercury, Camp Humphreys Garrison, Republic of Korea Coalition Partners, and the Prime Contractor, Black Box Network Services gathered at the VMF to participate in the ceremony.

Following the opening remarks and guest speakers, PEO EIS Mr. Douglas Wiltsie and Product Director (PD) KT/YRP/LPP Mr. Joel Phillips led an awards presentation. In addition,

the Deputy PD KT/YRP/LPP, Mr. Michael Hunter, and the Integrated Project Team Leader, Mr. Roy Hoshino, received commanders’ awards from the KT/YRP/LPP parent organization, Program Manager Installation Information, Infrastructure, Communications and Capabilities, COL Debora Theall.

KT/YRP/LPP is responsible for the life cycle management of the C4I systems and capabilities, and for providing VoIP for all U.S. and Coalition networks (NIPR, SIPR, CENTRIX) in Hawaii, Japan and Korea. 

# HR Solutions Bids Farewell to Longtime Staff Member

By HR Solutions Public Affairs

Mrs. Mary (Athleen) Wiles, lead budget analyst for Project Director HR Solutions, retired on Sept. 30 after 25 years of dedicated service to the Army as a civilian at Fort Knox, Ky.

Mrs. Wiles' career began in 1977 as a temporary hire in the administrative field at Ireland Army Community Hospital. Her professional career took an abrupt turn two years later when she chose to focus on her family as a stay-at-home mom of three children. Mrs. Wiles returned to federal service as a secretary for the U.S. Army Armor Center in 1989, and her talent in budget management quickly came to the attention of leadership.

From 1992 to 2010, Mrs. Wiles served as a budget technician in various progressive positions with the U.S. Army Armor School and the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. On Nov. 21, 2010, she was hired by PEO EIS as a budget analyst to help stand up the BRAC mandated and newly activated HR Solutions Program Directorate office on Fort Knox.

Mrs. Wiles' vast knowledge of Army budgeting policies and procedures and her expertise with the Army's General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBs) was absolutely crucial to HR Solutions' successful BRAC move and subsequent successes.



Mrs. Mary Athleen Wiles, HR Solutions, retired Sept. 30 with 25 years of service. Photo by: Wayne Hutchins

Mrs. Wiles is an avid gardener and her husband of 42 years, Richard, is an avid golfer. Their retirement plans are to spend more time in the garden and on the golf course, to travel throughout the United States and Europe, and to spend more time with their four young grandchildren. We wish them well; Mrs. Wiles will be greatly missed by the HR Solutions staff and the Fort Knox community. 🌐

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that she apply for a Presidential Management Internship (Clinton Administration), the Department of the Army offered Ms. Hendren a position as a Logistician in the HQDA Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG), Aviation Logistics Division.

Subsequently Ms. Hendren served in the DCSLOG as Executive Officer to the Director of Aviation, Munitions and War Reserves, and then as Logistics Management Specialist to the National Guard Bureau's Reserve Component Automation

System (RCAS). In 2004, RCAS was realigned to PEO EIS.

Ms. Hendren joined PEO EIS headquarters in 2005 and was selected as Chief of Logistics in 2006. In 2009 she joined the newly created Field Synchronization Directorate (FSD), becoming the Deputy Director in 2010. Another headquarters reorganization in 2011 merged the FSD and Operations Directorate into the Operations and Theater Support Directorate. Her adaptability and experience are welcome additions to the ALTESS workforce. 🌐



# iRequest Kickoff Brings Theaters Together to Talk Benefits

By PM AcqBusiness Public Affairs



**iRequest .... Connecting the Team for Maximum Customer Success !**

On August 17, COL Matthew Riordan, former Product Manager (PM) AcqBusiness, visited the PM AcqBusiness office and attended an international kickoff teleconference meeting to discuss the release of iRequest, an application developed by AcqBusiness and used for Army contract management. The teleconference included representatives from Africa, Germany, Texas, and Virginia, and was held at the AcqBusiness office in Alexandria, Va.

The current iRequest application allows the Defense Contracts Management Agency's (DCMA) Iraq office to manage task orders associated with the more than \$2 billion Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract. The system allows users, located across Iraq, to request service support under the provisions of the contract, track requests through the multi-level approval process, generate required contract documentation, and track the progress of actions.

During the meeting, COL Riordan, a strong supporter of iRequest, spoke of the many benefits of using the application while he was stationed in Iraq as the DCMA Commander. In this position, he was responsible for the management of over 200 contracts. COL Riordan provided contract and task order visibility throughout the entire process and offered specific examples of direct cost savings, each in excess of \$100,000. In addition to significant man-hour savings in the creation of reports and contract documentation, COL Riordan believes the use of iRequest may have saved him as much as five percent of the total contract value. DCMA-Iraq was able to use iRequest to filter information and create custom reports quickly and efficiently. COL Riordan considers iRequest a great "just in time" application and, when used in conjunction with Green Force Tracker, an instant messaging tool, iRequest



*COL Matthew Riordan shakes hands with Mr. Chris Dexens, PM AcqBusiness employee*

creates a collaborative system that improves processes and speeds results to the troops.

Just prior to the start of the meeting, COL Riordan took a few minutes to personally thank the AcqBusiness staff for a "job well done" in creating iRequest for Iraq. He had great things to say about the members of the technical development team and presented coins to several team members including Mr. Ken Waldrop, Program Management Director (the Product Manager for AcqBusiness, LTC Delisa Hernandez, accepted the coin in Mr. Waldrop's absence); Mr. Chris Devens, Acquisition Tech program manager and the team lead for this project; Mr. Todd Whitehead, training manager; Mr. Geoff Gilmore, development lead; and Ms. Saurabh Banskota, software developer. The development team worked diligently to swiftly develop, configure, and disseminate this valuable tool. They trained stakeholders in Iraq and the contiguous United States.

The application is expected to be fielded to Africa in October, with expansion to additional theaters also in the works. 🌐

# FMS Improves Production with adoption of Agile Methodology

By FMS Public Affairs

The Force Management System (FMS) has seen significant gains in productivity since implementing the FMS/CACI Agile Methodology. Throughput statistics jumped by 33% within a single work stream when the Bug-Fix application was employed as part of three production and five modernization efforts in this implementation.

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Building on this success, FMS/CACI brought Agile to the rest of the program, tailoring and introducing elements of the Methodology where needed. Adoption of Agile program-wide led to further benefits, including the virtualization and migration of production FMS to the cloud (on-time and on-budget). This led to a reduction in hardware and software footprints and attendant oversight and management costs and an increase in flexibility, including remote testing from a user's home station and application portability

in support of the ADCCP (Army Data Center Consolidation Program) (both of which further reduce costs).

Agile development also enabled FMS/CACI to help the Army become the Global Force Management Data Initiative (GFMDI) leader. GFMDI essentially takes flat data (comma delimited files), expands and organizes it into a hierarchy, and puts it into a standard format. FMS' GFMDI was declared the Operational View-4 (OV-4) for the Army.

Moreover, in peer reviews conducted with other services/agencies, the Army has been consistently rated Green. GFMDI Joint Unified Messaging (JUM) – a DOD web services standard – development was so successful that Joint Integrated Test Center (JITC) used the FMS implementation as the model to test other services. Finally, ARFORGEN and the Army Battle Command System have benefited from Agile on FMS, receiving force structure data faster with higher fidelity, leading to lower costs for their organizations. 🌐

## JPI Begins Fielding a New Handheld Collection Device

By PM Biometrics Public Affairs

The DOD Biometrics Team has been hard at work taking care of Soldiers and meeting the changing requirements for our forces in combat. The Joint Personnel Identification (JPI) Team has begun the fielding and training of the new handheld collection device the Secure Electronic Enrollment Kit II (SEEK II). The SEEK II device replaces the currently used Handheld Interagency Identification Detection Equipment (HIIDE). In addition to allowing the Soldier to collect Iris, Fingerprints, Facial Recognition, and Demographic data, the SEEK II also has a built in GPS facilitating the capture of Geographic Location data for each enrollment. Depending on the type of enrollment being conducted the entire enrollment and matching process can occur in as little as 3-8 minutes. To date 1,743 SEEK II's have been fielded in Afghanistan. Field-



Secure Electronic Enrollment Kit II (SEEK II). Photo by Chris Roland.

ing to CONUS locations will begin in the near future. Soldiers are now using a more durable, robust system to continue identity dominance in theater.

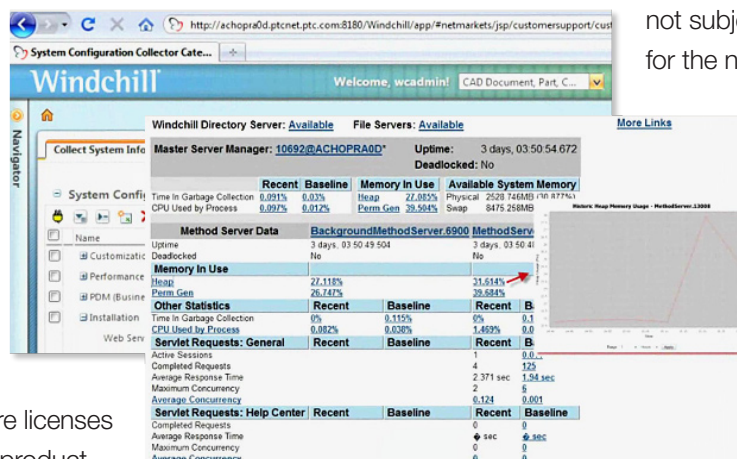
The Biometric Enabling Capability (BEC) Team at Project Manager (PM), DOD Biometrics provided coordination, oversight, and approval of the software/system development, build out, and deployment of the new DOD ABIS 1.2 system to the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) facility in West Virginia. This system is scheduled to replace the DOD ABIS 1.0. This has been a busy summer as both product teams are working with the biometrics community to develop the CDDs for the Programs of Record to ensure Biometric Collection is an enduring capability. 🌐

# CHES and AMC lead Army-Wide Enterprise Licenses Agreement (ELA) for Windchill and More

By Brendan Burke, Project Director, CHES

On 24 August 2012, Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES) and Army Materiel Command (AMC) in partnership with Army Contracting Command – Rock Island (ACC-RI) awarded an Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) to Immix Group Technology for PTC Windchill software licenses and maintenance. Windchill is a product lifecycle management software designed to support programs throughout the entire life cycle by hosting applications that provide capabilities required to manage and execute projects. The newly awarded ELA is building on concepts used in recent other ELAs awarded by CHES and aligns with ASA(ALT) and Army CIO/G-6 initiatives.

Under the ELA the Army created a standardized bill of material that not only greatly increased the capability available to existing users, but also significantly reduced the administrative costs of tracking the multiple license components. The Army significantly reduced the total life cycle cost by locking in a reduced maintenance rate for a five year period that is



not subject to escalation. Additionally, for the next five years future licenses costs are locked in at a significantly reduced cost, providing greater predictability to potential future purchases. Lastly, the ELA de-restricted licenses previously purchased throughout the Army for program specific use, many of which were not

currently under maintenance support. This includes licenses previously purchased for the Future Combat System (FCS) which are now available for use by other Army customers.

In addition to the creation of the ELA for Windchill products, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) was also established for all PTC products, increasing the leverage of the Army purchase to other agencies and providing greater visibility into decentralized purchases by requiring centralized reporting of sales.

For more information about the Windchill ELA or any of the other initiatives and efforts, all are encouraged to visit the CHES website at <https://ches.army.mil/>

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# RCAS – Improving ARNG and USAR Capability Through Reserve Component IT Engines

By Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS

The Project Director (PD) Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) is fully engaged in a major tune-up to both of the Army reserve components supporting system infrastructures. Maintaining the hardware systems that directly support the RCAS individual soldier and unit applications across the ARNG and the USAR enterprises is a primary PD responsibility. The RCAS team plans, programs and executes this responsibility with direct coordination and assistance from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) G6 and the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) G2/6 functional organizations.

There are two major infrastructure upgrades currently being implemented concurrently. The first RCAS “tune up” is an upgrade to the Virtual Machine (VM) software and the storage hardware, with a backup solution for the RCAS VM’s. The USARC RCAS Support Center at Fort Bragg, NC was upgraded from VMware 4.0 to 5.0, which included upgrading the servers, as well as the associated VMware tools and vSphere client. The respective State ARNG RCAS Support Centers are being provided the upgrade of VMware 4.0 to 5.0, a refresh of their Storage Area Network (SAN), and a new Network Attached Storage (NAS) device with Veeam 6.1 VM backup software. This system “tune up” will provide both the ARNG and the USAR with improved data processing availability, and a standardized data backup methodology of VMware Virtual Machines (VMs) with a separate target from the SAN, which is especially valuable to the sites with limited SA/DBA resources.

The second “tune up” that is in progress, is assisting the respective component G6 organizations in upgrading their RCAS infrastructure with new information technology hardware and other related products. This is a combined team effort that involves the ARNG/USAR G6’s, State U.S. Property and Fiscal Officers (USPFOs), the prime contractor procurement staff, and the PEO EIS Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) organizations.

The PD team has received excellent support and assistance from the National Guard J6 Functional Advisory Council (FAC), the State U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) Data Processing Management Advisory Council (DPAC), and the USARC G6 organizations in collecting, validating, and coordinating the acquisition and delivery of these critical equipment requirements.

As we move forward into a period of reduced program resources, our ability to accurately identify system refresh requirements and communicate their direct benefit to ARNG and USAR unit and soldier readiness will continue to be a top priority. These two key infrastructure improvements have provided our team the opportunity to formalize a refresh process that allows for accurate accountability and documentation of future program requirements. And most important, will support the RCAS ability to deliver capabilities that are both relevant, and are a value added enabler to unit and soldier readiness for years to come. 🌐

