

## Come Together: PEO EIS Hosts Network Modernization Information Exchange

By: Jamie Lien, PEO EIS Public Affairs



*Mr. Douglas Wiltsie introduces the first in a series of information exchanges between EIS Programs and industry.*

The U.S. Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) kicked off a series of information exchanges with industry on May 22, with a summit focused on network modernization. This new format – pared down due to budget constraints – allows PEO EIS and industry to collaborate on specific focus areas over the mid-range time-frame to provide industry time to develop solutions to anticipated challenges. Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, Program Executive Officer, explained, “the purpose of this information exchange is to build stronger relationships between our programs and industry, and to provide a forum for collaboration that will help drive our future planning in network modernization.” Over 300 attendees from 183 companies gathered at Wood Theater at Fort Belvoir, Va., to hear from PEO EIS leaders and ask questions during panel discussions.

Focused primarily on the future of one of the Army’s top priorities –

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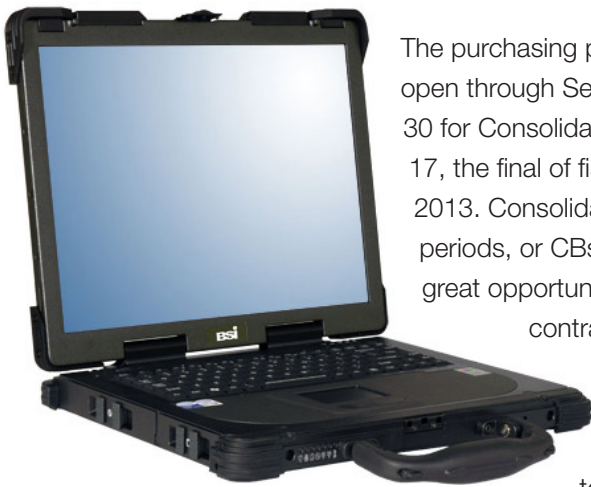
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# Final CB of the Fiscal Year Underway

By Michael Dorsey, CHES Public Affairs




The purchasing period is open through September 30 for Consolidated Buy 17, the final of fiscal year 2013. Consolidated Buy periods, or CBs, are a great opportunity for

contracting officers world-wide to procure hardware and

software products via the Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES) IT e-mart.

The IT e-mart provides side-by-side comparison views for best market research on specifications and prices. The CB periods offer flexibility in satisfying supportability, maintainability, and sustainability requirements, while also providing the Army a total cost avoidance of over \$450 million across all CB periods.

Among the products offered in the latest CB are laptops, desktops, notebooks, printer, monitors and peripherals, with typical model upgrades for many of the products. Tablet and slates will remain available. Printers, available since CB 12, can be procured in monochrome or color multi-function format.

For more information or to purchase equipment, please visit the IT e-mart on the CHES website. (<https://ches.army>) 

## PEO EIS Launches Brown Bag Lunch Series

By Jamie Lien, PEO EIS Public Affairs


Mr. Wiltsie launched an inaugural workforce brown bag series on May 28. The brown bags are an opportunity for the PEO to hear about the goals, challenges and accomplishments of the workforce. "This was the first of several brown bags we'll be having over the summer," said Wiltsie. "I want to get out of the office and chat informally with the employees who work diligently to accomplish the mission."

Five EIS programs were represented at the first brown bag, with the discussion ranging from sequestration and furlough concerns to career development opportunities. One of the most popular discussion topics was about mentoring. Mentoring within the PEO would help those rising stars recognize where they want to go and how to get there. Currently under development, the mentorship program would partner employees with upper level management to help steer them in their careers, with achievable goals and milestones for success. Mr. Wiltsie informed the group that he is "already working with senior leadership to establish such a program as part of

a commitment to creating a more collaborative work environment that fosters and breeds talent."

During the lunch, Mr. Wiltsie also emphasized the need to connect with the Soldier. He

stated, "PEO EIS is a very business and civilian centric organization, but all of our products and services touch the lives of Soldiers." Mr. Wiltsie highlighted the importance of the mission as a motivator for excellence.

A second brown bag for the workforce was held at the Hoffman Building on July 11, with multiple brown bags scheduled throughout the Fall. Mr. Wiltsie hopes to hold at least one brown bag per month. 



# GCSS-Army Is Granted Full Deployment Decision

By GCSS-Army Public Affairs




*Cal Jones, Preston Johnson, James Rawls and Ed Porter lead several members of the XVIII Airborne Corps in their Advanced Lead User Training. This program provides key personnel in every Army unit receiving GCSS-Army with the knowledge they need to “champion” the transition to GCSS-Army back at their home station.*

On December 23, 2012, the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics granted a Full Deployment Decision to the Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army). GCSS-Army replaces several aging stove-piped logistics and financial management systems with a single, web-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution that will provide commanders with near real-time logistics information for managing supply, property book, maintenance, and associated financial management functions.

In January 2013, the Army Test and Evaluation Command conducted the Lead Site Verification Tests (LSVT) to evaluate GCSS-Army’s effectiveness, suitability, and survivability for use by the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Logistics Readiness Centers, formerly installation Directorates of Logistics. The initial results of the LSVT look positive as GCSS-Army moves into fielding the Wave 1 solution

which includes supply and associated financial management functions. Since kicking off the aggressive fielding effort, GCSS-Army has conducted successful implementations at the Active Army’s Forts Lee, Va., A.P. Hill, Va., and Myer, Va.; at National Guard locations in Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Iowa; and the Army Reserves’ 85th and 87th Divisions and 335th Theater Signal Command. These implementations are just the start to the massive fielding of GCSS-Army.

These fielding efforts move the Army closer to its strategic goal of total asset visibility, which facilitates reductions of stockpiles of materiel and enables the “factory to foxhole” distribution that reduces costs, avoids waste and improves readiness throughout the Army. For more information on GCSS-Army and to see a real time fielding map of the system, please visit the GCSS-Army website: [www.gcss.army.mil](http://www.gcss.army.mil). 

# Congratulations to All Our of Award Winning Staff!

By PEO EIS Public Affairs



Mike Hildebrandt of PMD receives a Certificate of Appreciation for ten years of service.



Denise Hester of HRS is a March 2013 Hero of the Month.



Bryant Ong of CIO is a June 2013 Hero of the Month.



Martha Spurlock of Biometrics receives a Certificate of Appreciation for 30 years of service.

Larry Skinner of LMP holds his Unsung Hero award for the first quarter of 2013. He was also an April 2013 Hero of the Month.



Irina Nguyen of PMD is a February 2013 Hero of the Month.



Cleopatra Suel of OTSD is a March 2013 Hero of the Month.



Charlynn Reichardt of HR Solutions is an April 2013 Hero of the Month.



Katie Watson of OTSD is a June 2013 Hero of the Month.



Sandy Alvarez of PEO EIS HQ receives a Certificate of Appreciation for five years of service.



Victor Hernandez receives a Certificate of Appreciation for 20 years of service.



Don Cicero of PMD receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his service.

Bryan Keys of AMIS is a June 2013 Hero of the Month.



Derek Pollard of PMD receives a Certificate of Appreciation for ten years of service.



Nathaniel Clemmons of ALTESS is a June 2013 Hero of the Month.

Karen DeShong of PEO EIS HQ is a May 2013 Hero of the Month.



Jeff Egan of AcqBusiness receives the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.



# P2E Leads IT Infrastructure Modernization at USAREUR

By P2E Public Affairs

Under the leadership of Product Manager (PM) LTC Mollie A. Pearson and Deputy PM Art Olson, the Power Projection Enablers (P2E) team recently completed a world class \$19.7 million IT project with Blackbox Network Services at U.S. Army Europe's (USAREUR) Mission Command Center (MCC) in Wiesbaden, Germany. The center, also known as the "Shali Center", was named in honor of the late General John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The center was relocated from the former USAREUR headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, to Wiesbaden in a move designed to increase operating efficiencies, which will result in millions of dollars in cost benefits to USAREUR as the Army's footprint in Germany is consolidated.

The MCC facility is a 285,000 square-foot building with over 1,300 workstations and a Combined Operations Intelligence Center (COIC) equipped with a Visual Display Wall (VisWall)



*Ribbon cutting ceremony Mar. 14 at the new General John Shalikashvili Mission Command Center, Wiesbaden, Germany.*

comprised of 48, 70-inch flat panel monitors providing theater-size viewing to 130 individual workstations arranged in amphitheater fashion. The scope of the project required the installation of NIPR/SIPR data switches, VTC suites, a satellite TV system, and a global broadcast system.

Unclassified VoIP service has been available since February, and the

first theater status update from the MCC was conducted in March by the USAREUR Deputy Commanding General and the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3, with units in Belgium, Germany, and Italy.

P2E continues to deliver capabilities for a globally connected Army, providing the full spectrum of network and information services so that Soldiers, commands and supporting organizations can access, process and act upon information, anytime, anywhere. 🌐



*The General John Shalikashvili Mission Command Center, Wiesbaden, Germany. Construction of "The Shali Center" was completed in March 2013.*

*The MCC project executed a build-out of five separate data networks, extensive VTC and a theater-wide core VoIP solution. Commander's VTC Room overlooking the COIC, Mission Command Center, Wiesbaden, Germany.*



# Innovative New FMS Solution Successfully Deployed

By Jim Raze, FMS Public Affairs

Force Management System (FMS) has successfully virtualized its applications and moved them to the cloud, resulting in significant gains in productivity.

Reduced hardware and software footprints have lowered operations and management costs. The virtualization has eliminated the man hours involved in performing software installations for hundreds of client desktops, while also increasing performance in comparison to legacy client technologies and user flexibility by enabling remote testing from a user's home station. That portability also supports the Army's Data Center Consolidation Plan (ADCCP) and uses commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) technologies, further reducing costs. By using COTS and minimizing customizations, FMS implemented a cost effective conversion of the legacy applications, ensuring a quick return on investment.

To further embrace ADCCP, as part of an overarching campaign plan, FMS began the work of sunseting additional legacy applications and folding them into the FMS System of Systems. Legacy applications included FMSWeb, a capability for providing authorized force structure data to over 65,000 retail consumers, and Table of Distribution and Allowance (TDA), the documentation system for non-combat personnel and equipment in the sustaining base.



*A close partnership between FMS, CACI, and the functional community (USAFMSA) led to Campaign Plan success. Pictured L to R: Dr. Dave Powers, Project Director, Force Management System; Mr. Jonathan Powell, CACI FMS Program Director; and Mr. Norbert Gardepe, U.S. Army Force Management Support Activity (USAFMSA) TDA Branch Chief.*

The cost savings associated with moving these capabilities to the FMS System of Systems is expected to be substantial, with legacy hardware and software based at Fort Belvoir, Va. being retired and capabilities residing on a much smaller infrastructure footprint. The new footprint is standards-based, with an approved Army architecture, making sustainment and future enhancements of these capabilities much easier and more cost effective. 🌐

## LMP Increment 2 Gets Milestone B “Stamp” of Approval

By Christine McMahon, LMP Public Affairs

In June 2013, the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) Increment 2 was approved for its Milestone B. To achieve this status, LMP properly submitted and received approval on key documentation and successfully completed preliminary design review to further outline system requirements, allowing LMP Increment 2 to move into the Engineering Development Phase (EDP) of the acquisition lifecycle.

The next LMP increment will deliver new and expanded capabilities to achieve Army business council strategy and Department of Defense (DoD) enterprise transition plan objectives, as well as address strategic business transformation elements for the Army and DoD directive for item unique identification.

In the acquisition world, Milestone B initiates the EDP, in which a system is developed, technologies and capabilities are fully integrated, and preparations are made for implementation. To enter this phase, a program must have mature technology, approved requirements, full funding, and have successfully passed Milestone B. For programs like LMP which use the Business Capability Lifecycle (BCL), the Milestone Decision Authority must, among other things, approve the business case and the acquisition program baseline in order to pass Milestone B in the acquisition lifecycle.

The LMP team put in a monumental effort to reach this

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# RCAS Upgrades Bring New Capabilities to Support the Army Reserve and National Guard

By Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Public Affairs

After two years of development and testing, the Army has released a new version of the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) program, which provides IT services to the Army National Guard (ARNG) and Army Reserve (USAR) components.

A 25-year-old acquisition program under PEO EIS, RCAS supplies both hardware and software for more than 100,000 full-time military staff supporting the nation's citizen-Soldiers.

The primary objective of the new version is to evolve RCAS to keep up with the latest in IT. The new release also provides an updated look to all of the RCAS applications, as well as giving users a secure, modern platform.

The system is comprised of 19 applications for the day-to-day operations of the ARNG and the USAR, including mobilization, safety recording, personnel actions and force authorizations, and the network components supporting the backbone host for the applications. Benefits include improved decision-making and better information management through increased accessibility, flexibility and knowledge-sharing that the system provides. This stable, reliable and responsive architecture supports the USAR's needs and improves mission effectiveness, interoperability and operational readiness of IT systems, as well as enhanced visibility of unit availability and readiness to the Army Forces Command (FORSCOM).

Mr. Ralph Ocasio, RCAS project director, explained the latest upgrades: "Just recently, we undertook a huge modernization effort resulting in RCAS 7.0, which we started deploying

in May. We will hit all 50 states and three territories and the District of Columbia for the National Guard and three sites for the Army



RCAS' Mobile Distance Learning Classroom (MDLC) in Wellesley, Mass.

Reserve. The modernization includes updating our integrated database, moving to Oracle 11gR2."

All applications were modernized as far as the code base, standardizing within a Microsoft .NET 4.0 framework. In addition, RCAS upgraded infrastructure, deploying new storage area network devices to all ARNG states and territories and the USAR. Ocasio continued, "We also took advantage while we were in there to secure the system to ensure that we minimized our vulnerabilities and closed a couple that existed," he continued. "We've run different scans across the code base and mitigated any findings. What we're deploying to the field today is a much more secure and modern system that is able to scale up as we move into the future."

In addition to the details of completing and delivering RCAS 7.0, RCAS has been hard at work supporting the infrastructure refresh for both the ARNG and the USAR. The last increment of this equipment and system modernization is now complete and RCAS has processed the acquisition and delivery of over 29,000 pieces of mission critical equipment across the U.S. and its territories.

RCAS has also delivered, on behalf of the ARNG G3 Training Division, 17 Mobile Distributed Learning Classrooms (MDLC)



The new RCAS brochure cover

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# IPPS-A Gets Closer to Fielding Increment I and Developing Increment II

By Alan Morales, IPPS-A staff



*Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army Project Manager COL Robert McVay explains the system's benefit to Adjutant General subject matter experts.*

The IPPS-A team continued to make a great deal of progress over the last few months in developing and testing IPPS-A Increment I. In March, the IPPS-A team held an Increment I

design In-Progress Review (IPR) which brought together key players to ensure development of Increment I was on track before beginning system integrator product level testing. As a result, IPPS-A anticipates an Increment I Milestone C Decision in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013.

The IPPS-A team also launched an outreach campaign in early March to raise awareness about IPPS-A and its cornerstone product the Soldier Record Brief (SRB). The SRB is a multi-component report which will standardize Army record briefs and eventually replace the Officer and Enlisted Record Briefs (ORB and ERB). The campaign resulted in placements in over one million copies of magazines, article placements, and distributed emails.

The IPPS-A team also continued to work on the system's Increment II Milestone B Decision, which is projected to occur in calendar year 2013. The team already released an Increment

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- Faces of the Force, a biweekly online feature (<http://asc.army.mil/web/category/faces-force/>).
- Spotlight, *Army AL&T* magazine's in-depth profile.

Writers work with nominees to develop profiles that feature their challenges, rewards, and insights, so the time commitment is minimal. Profiles are posted to the ASC and ASA(ALT) websites and shared through social media channels.

**For more information, or to nominate someone, contact Tara Clements at (703) 805-1006 or [tara.a.clements.civ@mail.mil](mailto:tara.a.clements.civ@mail.mil).**

# LMP Embarks on BPR for Increment 2

By Christine McMahon, LMP Public Affairs

The 2010 and 2012 National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA) introduced a new requirement for Defense Business System (DBS) investments that exceed \$1 million – like the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) Increment 2 modernization to incorporate Business Process Reengineering (BPR) into the Business Capability Lifecycle (BCL) process. As part of the Department of Defense (DoD) investment review, certification, and Milestone Decision approval processes, the investment’s Product Management Office (PMO) must provide the Office of the Secretary Defense (OSD) “objective evidence,” proving that appropriate BPR has been undertaken and the business processes supported by the DBS are streamlined and efficient.

Although LMP has always focused on providing the best tools and resources to support and enhance operations across the Army’s industrial base, a renewed focus on business process effectiveness and efficiency emerged with the LMP Increment 2. As part of the LMP Increment 2 design phase, the PMO, with support from the Lead Army Materiel Command (AMC) Integration Support Office (LAISO) and the Lead System Integrator (LSI), worked with members of the AMC business community to identify over 300 BPR opportunities.

LMP has collaborated with the AMC Chief Information Office (CIO)/G-6 (the command’s BPR lead) to develop and sub-

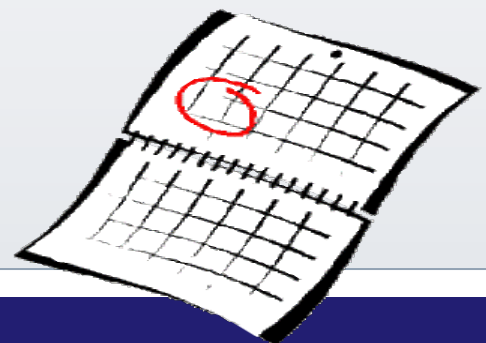
mit an integrated BPR Plan and a formal BPR Assessment to OSD. The integrated BPR plan details the process taken to engage the business community in the LMP Increment 2 design with a focus on BPR, and lays the groundwork to enable the reengineered business processes alignment with the applicable DoD End to End (E2E) business processes. The BPR also ensures that these are properly implemented and members of the business community are well trained on new processes and procedures. The BPR Assessment is a required investment review deliverable that asks complex and dynamic questions of the program’s BPR efforts. AMC and LMP are collaborating closely to answer the questions and provide objective evidence for each and every response.

With a successful MS B decision in June 2013, AMC will accelerate engagements with leaders from its major subordinate commands, depots, plants, arsenals, and other key stakeholders on strategies to implement reengineered business processes that align with the work already completed.

Conducting appropriate BPR is critical to improving the performance of our nation’s defense business systems. It’s not just a requirement from DoD and the Army, it’s a commitment LMP and AMC are making to ensure delivery of a standard enterprise solution at best value while continuously improving business processes and serving customers’ needs. 🌐

## Calendar of Events

30 JUL	PEO EIS Biometrics Info Exchange, Wood Theater, Fort Belvoir, Va.	28 AUG	PEO Brown Bag Hoffman Bldg., Alexandria, Va.	25 SEP	Mr. Wiltsie, AFCEA Luncheon Speaker Officer’s Club, Fort Belvoir, Va.
30 JUL	PEO Congressional Lunch, Capitol Hill	2 SEP	Labor Day Holiday	SEP TBD	PEO EIS ERP Info Exchange, Wood Theater, Fort Belvoir, Va.
7 AUG	PEO Brown Bag Bldg. 1456 Training Rooms, Fort Belvoir, Va.	6 SEP	SOLE Award Nominations Due		
15 AUG	AESIP Change of Charter, Howell Auditorium, Fort Belvoir, Va.	19 SEP	PEO Brown Bag NVESD VPS Facility, Fort Belvoir, Va.		
		26 SEP	PEO Brown Bag Hoffman Bldg., Alexandria, Va.		



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to replace the aging brick and mortar facilities. Finally, RCAS has refurbished more than 80 USAR facilities, and in the process, provided current, state-of-the-art IT capabilities.

Looking ahead, Ocasio hopes to continue changes that will make the system more responsive to evolving needs, following the concept of agile software sustainment being explored by a variety of Army organizations. "One of the big challenges has been sustaining and deploying software pieces fast," he explained. "We're getting requirements, analyzing and breaking them down, doing the development, checking it, and then

finally deploying. It was a time-consuming, inefficient process."

"RCAS is introducing a new approach that facilitates faster software deployment and sustainment," explained Ocasio. "A more agile methodology that brings together the project office, stakeholders and developers will ensure that we are building and deploying software at a much quicker rate and while it is still relevant." The entire RCAS team will continue to support ARNG and USAR Soldiers with the highest quality of service they have come to expect from RCAS. 🌐

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II system integrated services RFP to vendors in mid-February and plans to award a contract after an Increment II Milestone B Decision is granted.

As IPPS-A continued to make progress, the team completed key staff member transitions: new Technical Management Division Chief Mr. Joe Dartez, Business Management Division Chief Ms.

Suzanna Lee, and Lifecycle Management Division Chief Ms. Pat Ocasio were recently added to the team. They are fully transitioned and leading the charge in ensuring IPPS-A's success.

The IPPS-A team will keep the PEO EIS community updated as we continue to make progress. 🌐

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network modernization – the information exchange provided insight into the Army's road map for network modernization development and implementation. Wiltsie welcomed attendees who received updates from COL Debra Theall, Project Manager, Installation Information Infrastructure – Communications and Capabilities (PM I3C2); COL Clyde Richards, Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (PM DCATS); and Mr. Jeremy Hiers, Project Director, Enterprise Services (PD ES). Overseeing IT infrastructure installation, Theall provided insight into the acquisition side of network security, inside and outside plant installation, and bandwidth challenges and solutions. Theall emphasized, "The Army's network modernization initiative in CONUS is a partnership between the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and the Army to build capacity and improve overall security of our networks. We are horizontally implementing across our most populated bases, posts, camps and stations to provide a uniform and substantial increase in capacity in a much shorter timeframe setting the conditions for cloud technologies and enterprise services."

Richards focused on digital intermediate frequencies (IFs) and the migration to internet protocol (IP) services. He also spoke about updating technology control facilities to continue to pro-

vide secure satellite communication to stakeholders. Discussing the important changes occurring within the satellite communications environment, Richards stated, "There is a movement to digitize the inter-facility link on the backside of the ground station terminals with digital IF technologies. This can be a game changer that can provide more efficient traffic management and control at a significantly reduced cost, and would be a step closer to an everything-over-IP (EOIP) architecture."

The issue of cloud computing and data center consolidation was of particular interest to participants, with emphasis on the challenges presented by synchronization efforts. Hiers provided a glimpse of the future by sharing the timeline for updates and transitions to next generation ES and content management. Hiers said, "I thought the information exchange was effective at helping to re-establish some of the collaboration with industry that has been lost with recent restrictions on conferences. Throughout the day I met with representatives from over 30 companies and almost all of them mentioned some form of appreciation for having the opportunity to directly connect with the acquisition community."

Next in the series, a DoD Biometrics information exchange will be hosted by EIS on July 30, 2013. 🌐