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CHANGES CHARTER

By: Ms. Ellyn Kocher, PEO EIS Public Affairs

On Nov. 23, Mr. Douglas Wiltsie relinquished the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) Charter to the deputy PEO, Ms. Terry Watson. The official ceremony at Wallace Theater, Fort Belvoir, followed a luncheon at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club, and was hosted by the Honorable Heidi Shyu, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA[ALT]).

The ceremony was emceed by PEO EIS military deputy COL Sandy Vann-Olejasz, with an invocation by Dr. David Powers, product lead, Force Management System. Many

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie (L) and Ms. Heidi Shyu (R)

attended the ceremony including Army Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 LTG Robert Ferrell, Defense Information Systems Agency Director LTG Alan Lynn, former PEOs Mr. Gary Winkler and Mr. Kevin Carroll and former Deputy PEO Mr. Lee Harvey, as well as project and product managers, leads and directors from across EIS. Mr. Wiltsie's wife, Ms. Liz Wiltsie, and Ms. Watson's daughters, Ms. Katie Keys and Ms. Jenni Watson, were also in attendance, and received flowers and special recognition for their support to PEO EIS over the past four years.

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie (L), Ms. Heidi Shyu (Center), Ms. Terry Watson (R)

Photos by: Ms. Sam Soleimanifar

Mr. Wiltsie took command of PEO EIS Oct. 5, 2011. As PEO, he led the EIS acquisition mission and team, which includes a workforce of more than 1,500 globally, executing more than $2 billion annually to develop, deploy and support over 60 large-scale information technology programs serving Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Marines and DOD civilians worldwide. Mr. Wiltsie's technical expertise and bold leadership in network modernization solidified his reputation as an innovator and change leader. Mr. Wiltsie has been named as director, System of Systems Engineering and Integration, in the office of the ASA(ALT), reporting directly to the Army acquisition executive as a principal advisor on all system of systems engineering and integration matters.

"Doug, you and your team have done an outstanding job of strengthening the link and solidifying the trust between our Soldiers and the information they rely on for mission success and a safe return home," said Hon. Shyu in her remarks, "Doug's leadership has been incredible."

Ms. Terry Watson, the current deputy PEO EIS, assumes the mantle of acting PEO with more than 30 years of acquisition experience, including service as the acting PEO EIS prior to Mr. Wiltsie's arrival in 2011. Ms. Watson "brings tremendous experience and knowledge of the organization to this position," said Mr. Wiltsie during the ceremony. "Terry is the smartest and the best person to lead this organization." Ms. Shyu echoed his remarks by stating that Ms. Watson has her full confidence and support in leading EIS.

"Terry is tireless in her dedication and support to the mission and people of EIS, and there is no better person to lead this team forward," said Mr. Wiltsie during the luncheon. "This has

Ms. Heidi Shyu (L) and Ms. Terry Watson (R)

been both the hardest and most rewarding job of my career, and the rewards are because of you — the leadership team, and the workforce of PEO EIS."

At the ceremony, Ms. Watson focused her remarks on the workforce, saying, "You are the reason we are able to be so successful and truly connect the global Army. You are the most dedicated and talented acquisition professionals, and I am honored to be a part of your team. What you do matters. Together, we will continue to innovate to ensure that our Soldiers are ready, agile and connected to defeat any enemy and keep our nation and our allies safe and secure."

"I have learned so much from Doug," said Ms. Watson in her luncheon remarks. "We will miss you, and you will always be a part of the EIS family."

Ms. Terry Watson

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie

Ms. Watson and Mr. Wiltsie

COL Vann-Olejasz and Mr. Wiltsie

COL Culclasure and Mr. Wiltsie

L to R: Ms. Jenni Watson, Ms. Katie Keys, Ms. Liz Wiltsie, LTG Alan Lynn & LTG Robert Ferrell

GCSS-ARMY HONORED
AT GCN AWARDS CEREMONY

By Mr. Jim McDonough, GCSS-Army Support Operations Branch Lead

Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) was recently honored with an IT Excellence Award at the 28th annual Government Computer News (GCN) Awards ceremony, held Oct. 14 at the Ritz Carlton in Tyson's Corner, Virginia. GCSS-Army product manager LTC Christopher Romero accepted the award.

GCSS-Army, the Army's largest, most ambitious enterprise resource planning solution, was selected from hundreds of public sector nominees that support GCN's mission to aid public sector IT managers.

At the ceremony, the GCN committee presented ten awards and five honorable mentions, representing federal, state and local government agencies from all parts of the U.S. In addition to receiving awards, the winning programs were profiled in the October edition of GCN.

PM LTC Romero accepts the GCN IT Excellence Award on behalf of GCSS-Army

GCSS-Army was praised during the ceremony remarks for leading "the largest enterprise resource planning deployment in the U.S. Army history," with 154,000 users in all Army components worldwide. Said GCN, GCSS-Army is "the Army's most significant transformation effort in history for a logistics information system," designed to merge the work of 40,000 databases which perform tactical supply, property accountability, maintenance and the associated financial functions.

For the first time in the Army's history, GCSS-Army is tying tactical logistics and the associated financial transactions into a single database. The end goal is "to have a unified view; one version of the truth in near real-time that is available anytime, anywhere," said LTC Romero. With cost and logistics information in near real-time, commanders can enhance their readiness and manage budgets effectively.

The program is already beginning to pay for itself by avoiding costs associated with maintaining legacy systems, according to LTC Romero. For Soldiers and sustainment managers to fully benefit from the program, he said, "It's critical they get informed about the program early, take the web-based training and provide stakeholders [with] feedback."

Photo by: Zaid Hamid Photography

P2E CONTINUES
SWA COMMUNICATIONS
MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

By Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, P2E Communications

On Oct. 15, Power Projection Enablers (P2E) hosted two post-award conferences at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Philadelphia and industry partners. These conferences introduced team members, defined responsibilities, enhanced the understanding of the contract and fostered open communication to ensure successful implementation of three projects in support of the Network Capability Infrastructure Sets (NCIS) mission in the Southwest Asia (SWA) area of responsibility.

The three NCIS projects, awarded in October 2015, will provide diversity and redundancy to the SWA network infrastructure by modernizing, expanding, rehoming and remediating distribution for outside plant fiber and copper cable, inside plant and five telecommunications shelters at Camps Arifjan and Buehring in Kuwait. P2E then hosted two separate kickoff meetings with USACE, forward stakeholders and industry partners for these three NCIS projects during the first week of November in Kuwait.

P2E team members hold a post-award kickoff meeting with industry partners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Philadelphia at Fort Belvoir.

Photo by: Ms. Toni Shinn, P2E

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
COLLECTIVE SECURITY

By: Mr. Andy Strand, PEO EIS International Programs Division

Collective security describes an international security arrangement among nations in which each state pledges to defend the security of other members as its own. Based on a tradition of solidarity with partner nations whose defense and security goals we share, the U.S. has been practicing this kind of coalition-building strategy to varying degrees for almost 100 years. Indeed, one of the primary tools of U.S. foreign policy on this front has been an initiative called Security Cooperation (SC), which encompasses all activities undertaken by the DOD including some Security Assistance (SA) programs authorized under Department of State (DOS). These programs encourage and enable international partners to work with the U.S. to achieve its strategic objectives. Moreover, organizations across the DOD are enjoined to investigate how SC and SA programs can be leveraged to support U.S. national security objectives, reinforce international partnerships and sustain a healthy industrial base back home.

Members of the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence participate in Biometrics training in Sofia, Bulgaria

In its capacity as the SC/SA arm for PEO EIS, the International Programs Division (IPD) recently partnered with a team from DOD Biometrics, led by MAJ Timothy Bracken, to deliver a customized Mobile Automated Biometrics Identification System (MABIS) to the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence (BU MoD) via a Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case. FMS is an SA program which allows partner nations to acquire U.S. defense articles, services and/or military training for the purposes of conducting counterterrorism, counterinsurgency operations or to support U.S. military and multilateral peacekeeping operations. Implemented in September 2015, this FMS case enabled the BU MoD to launch a baseline biometric capability in support of Bulgaria's broader national defense commitments to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, whose community membership includes the U.S. and 26 other independent countries.

In addition to executing FMS cases, which almost always require one-off customization and integration, IPD is responsible for managing an assortment of SC/SA programs, including international cooperative development programs for security, reconstruction, stabilization, training and equipping. Of course, none of these tasks could be accomplished without the support of the entire SC/SA community, which includes DOS, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Offices of Defense Cooperation, geographic Combatant Command personnel and other U.S. government agencies.

Operating primarily from offices at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and in Stuttgart, Germany, IPD delivers the best IT products and services to partner nations around the globe on behalf of PEO EIS and organizations across the SC enterprise.

To contact IPD about issues related to SC/SA/FMS, please contact to Mr. Andy Strand at 703-806-3654 or andrew.j.strand3.civ@mail.mil.

CHESS AWARDS ELA 2
DELIVERY ORDER

By: Ms. Irina Nguyen, CHESS Product Leader

The Army SAP Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) 2 Delivery Order was recently awarded via the DOD enterprise software initiative blanket purchase agreement. The success of the contract integrated product team helps maximize return on dollars by establishing a follow-on $279 million ELA needed to sustain six Army SAP-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) programs. Of those six ERP programs, three are designated as Acquisition Category I Major Automated Information Systems and represent a multi-billion dollar investment by the Army. The ERPs supported under this contract include Global Combat Support System – Army, General Fund Enterprise Business System, Logistics Modernization Program, Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP) Hub, Headquarters Army Environmental System and eNOVA., an Army Research, Development and Engineering Center system that provides project data, product data, human resources, inventories and financials.

For the past nine months, the small contract integrated product team from Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) and AESIP laid the foundation to establish a new follow-on Army SAP ELA for these ERPs. The team established a daily working group to dissect complex software enterprise end-user license terms and conditions to avoid significant cost overruns, met with partners and worked with Army Contracting Command – Rock Island to obtain the best price point for software licenses.

AESIP Project Manager COL Harry Culclasure commented on the significance of the ELA saying, "This award is critical for my programs because it provides uninterrupted maintenance and support of our core software platform and the ability to continue purchasing licenses at a deep discount for new users as we expand fielding of the ERP solutions throughout the Army."

The new ELA 2 contract provides the Army with significant discount from the General Services Administration schedule — an estimated $1.2 billion in cost avoidance — and secures the best end-user license agreement terms and conditions, ensuring additional future savings for the term of this agreement. This contracting requirement allows for the purchase of 181,000 SAP business suite expert user licenses, other SAP specialized software and SAP secure product support for large enterprises, all of which serve as the foundation architecture for the Army's national and retail logistics and financial business processes.

DLS LOOKS TO LEVERAGE RCAS
DISTRIBUTED LEARNING CAPABILITY

By: MAJ Natashia Coleman, RCAS, Assistant Product Manager, DLP

Photo by: MAJ Natashia Coleman

Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) has teamed with Distributed Learning System (DLS) to evaluate the capability and suitability of the Mobile Distributed Learning Classroom Lite (MDLC-L) to meet the U. S. Army Reserve (USAR) training points of delivery requirements. Ms. Christie Murphy, DLS deputy enterprise management center manager, MAJ Natashia Coleman, RCAS assistant product manager, and the Acquisition & Test Division (stakeholders from the RCAS and DLS teams) collaborated to configure, transport and provide a working baseline MDLC-L system to the DLS technical team located in Newport News, Virginia. The initial effort lasted for a three week period. The MDLC-L system was provided with a standard fielded configuration and allowed the DLS technical team to accurately evaluate the MDLC-L.

Leading up to the hand-off of the MDLC-L, RCAS team members provided DLS with customer service coordination and technical support, ensuring their evaluation efforts were set up for success. DLS was then able to effectively conduct various evaluation scenarios that positively proved the ability of the MDLC-L to address the unique USAR training requirements. The team was then able to give an assessment and way-forward recommendations on mobile training capabilities to the DLS product director, Mr. Stanley Davis.

PD DLS, Acquisition & Test Division, Lead and Testers evaluate the MDLC-L.

For more on what's going on in the Distributed Learning Program (DLP) community and to stay connected, please contact MAJ Natashia Coleman, assistant product manager, DLP, at natashia.l.coleman.mil@mail.mil or 703-806-3090.

P2E AWARDS USARPAC MCF
PHASE 1 CONTRACT AWARD

By: Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, P2E Communications

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) recently awarded a one-year U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) Headquarters Military Construction Phase 1 contract valued at $3.8 million. Over the next year, the effort will engineer, furnish, install, secure and test a data and voice network and an audio/visual system for the arrival building of USARPAC's new headquarters, the Mission Command Facility (MCF), at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. This contract will provide MCF headquarters with internal and external USARPAC command, control, communications and computer information management services.

LMP'S
BALANCING ACT

By: Mr. Gabe Saliba, LMP Deputy Product Director

Delivering to customers while managing competing priorities is a careful balancing act that the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) Product Management Office (PMO) faces every day. The PMO must balance delivering Increment 1 functional and financial enhancements and Increment 2 deployments with overseeing program management for transitioning application sustainment services to the Army Shared Services Center and migrating the system enterprise environment to Defense Information Systems Agency, as well as manage budgets, audits and milestone requirements.

The LMP PMO believes organizations that succeed over time are balanced by having the right teams and a strong, values-driven culture and that success means having a team that is motivated, committed and maximizes the use of its talents. Success also means sharing concerns and problems in a way that allows teams and organizations to work together toward resolution. LMP is organized with the right mix of people charged with implementing strategy and those responsible for implementing functionality. This mix effectively evens out integrated efforts to make LMP functionally and administratively work every day.

In the end, customer needs are LMP's needs, and Army and Department of Defense programmatic requirements are LMP's requirements; LMP must deliver on both. The objective, then, in the "serving customers" and "program management" equation, is to inspire a shared vision of what LMP is and what it will be by balancing deliverables, deadlines and dollars.

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EVENTS

7 DECEMBER
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

8 DECEMBER
Door decorating contest deadline

10 DECEMBER
Ugly sweater contest ends

11 DECEMBER
PEO EIS Holiday Party, Waterford at Springfield

15 DECEMBER
Washington Technology: Cybersecurity Industry Day, Fairview Park Marriott

25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day

CHESS PARTICIPATES IN
THE ARMY TEN-MILER

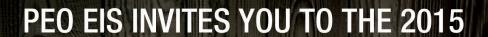By: Mr. Jerry R. Warden, CHESS Technical Team Project Manager

On Oct. 11, members of the Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) program office and Program Management Director Mr. Victor Hernandez gathered in Washington, D.C., with over 25,000 other runners to participate in the annual Army Ten-Miler. Representing the two CHESS teams were Project Director Mr. Thomas Neff, Ms. Irina Nguyen, accompanied by her husband, Mr. John Nguyen, Mr. Keith Copeland, Mr. Minh Thai, Mr. Jerry Warden, accompanied by his girlfriend, Ms. Billie Stout, Mr. Steve Bugbee, Ms. Dawn Bare and Ms. Stacy Watson.

Leading the pack was Mr. Nguyen, who completed the race in one hour, three minutes, 35 seconds, at a blistering six minute, 22 second pace. Committing to true leadership-by-example style, Mr. Neff finished first out of the PEO EIS employees, completing the race with a time of one hour, 14 minutes and 29 seconds, closely followed by Mr. Thai, with a time of one hour, 22 minutes and 19 seconds; Mr. Hernandez, with one hour, 23 minutes and 41 seconds; and Ms. Nguyen, with one hour, 25 minutes and 32 seconds.

Continuing to set impressive paces, Mr. Warden and Ms. Stout finished the race in one hour, 42 minutes and 30 seconds and one hour, 42 minutes and 29 seconds, respectively, while Mr. Keith Copeland, who also celebrated his 50th birthday the weekend of the race, completed the race in two hours, 13 minutes and 56 seconds. Mr. Bugbee finished his first ten-miler with a time of two hours, three minutes and 15 seconds, doubling his longest training run. Rounding out the CHESS team were Ms. Watson, with an estimated two hour and 15 minute time, and Ms. Bare, with an estimated two hour and 20 minute time. Way to go team!

Back Row (L to R): Mr. Steve Bugbee, Mr. Jerry Warden, Ms. Stacy Watson. Middle Row (L to R): Mr. Minh Thai, Ms. Irina Nguyen, Ms. Sammi Foong, Mr. Tom Neff. Front Row: Ms. Dawn Bare (L) and Mr. Keith Copeland (R).

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Holiday Party

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