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LMP TPF PILOT PROGRAM *A SUCCESS AT FORT BLISS*

By Ms. Christine McMahon, Communications, LMP

(l. to r.) Mr. Frank Obasohan, CSRA developer, Mr. Chayan Mukherjee, LMP Solution Architect, and CPT Maureen Minder, Assistant Product Manager pose with the M88 after the package "hand off" was completed from LMP to GCSS-Army.

In June 2016, the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) and ASA(ALT) completed the Total Package Fielding (TPF) pilot program at Fort Bliss, Texas. The program handed hand off M88 recovery vehicles from LMP to Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) using the LMP TPF distribution process. The M88 recovery vehicle is used in the field to help recover heavy armored vehicles to return for repair, maintenance or decommissioning. Project Director Main Battle Tank Systems (PD MBTS) in PEO Ground Combat Systems (GCS) will use TPF to package and hand off M88s and related items from fielding locations across the country to support its divisions around the world. TPF will be used across 10 PEOs within ASA(ALT) to package fielded items together and then manage and track those packages and related inventory in LMP and GCSS-Army. The pilot at Fort Bliss is representative of how a majority of PEOs will use the TPF solution.

For the pilot, PD MBTS completed the transition of M88s from Fort Bliss to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (2-1AD). PEO GCS logged into LMP and completed transactions, including entering M88 inventory into LMP, packaging it and directing it where to go in order for the package to sync with GCSS-Army. Then, the 2-1AD team logged into GCSS-Army and executed steps to receive the materials in their system. The successful pilot demonstrates the LMP TPF capabilities that minimize the workload associated with fielding new systems and equipment. LMP TPF helps the materiel developer and fielding command determine all requirements up front, fund and requisition nearly all needed items, consolidate support items into unit-level packages and coordinate the distribution of the major system, its associated support items of equipment and support packages to a central staging site or to the gaining unit itself. The TPF solution links national-level logistics items for tactical-level use and back again to ensure timely and accurate tracking of material around the world.

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CHESS MFD *ORDERING TO CLOSE*
By Ms. Tricia Shelley, Public Affairs, CHESS

Ordering through the Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) Multifunctional Device (MFD) contract will close when the contract expires on Oct. 31, 2016. Beginning Nov. 1, 2016, all new MFD requirements should be fulfilled under Information Technology Enterprise Solutions – 3 Hardware (ITES-3H). Products previously available on MFD will now be available through ITES-3H. ITES-3H is CHESS's total IT hardware solution vehicle that provides a wide range of hardware solutions including networking equipment, servers and video teleconferencing equipment for purchase or lease at competitive prices. Ordering is open to Army, DOD and other federal agencies. Please contact CHESS Customer Support with any questions at armychess@mail.mil or 1-888-232-4405.

IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON FOR AKO SINGLE SIGN-ON
By Mr. James Lindsey, Chief, Operations Division, EC2M

Established one year ago, the Technical Management Division (TMD) of Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging (EC2M) was created to manage improvements and upgrades to existing Army technologies to ensure they meet future Army requirements. With functional proponent buy-in from the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6, the first item to be upgraded is the technical architecture behind Army Knowledge Online (AKO)'s single sign-on (SSO) service, which manages access to secure Army sites by verifying a user's identity and permissions. AKO provides a secure enterprise suite of collaboration, communication and identity management services to the Army. Its worldwide intranet services include a single enterprise web portal, SSO services, Army-wide directory services, organizational and personal file storage, business process management and search. "AKO is not going away, so enhancements are being made to make it more efficient and cost-effective. TMD's initial efforts focus on enhancing AKO and its ancillary services," said Mr. Sergio Alvarez, product lead, EC2M.

To ensure quality control and a smooth transition, TMD is in constant communication with all stakeholders, including the more than 600 Army applications that rely on AKO SSO. There will be no degradation or cessation of the SSO service during the transition. Once complete, the system will be called the Enterprise Access Management Service – Army (EAMS-A). "The migration from AKO SSO to EAMS-A is occurring in stages. We expect to have all applications migrated by mid-2017. EAMS-A will improve reliability and enhance performance while providing cost savings to the Army," said MAJ John J. Pretz, technical director, EC2M. Beta testing of EAMS-A is currently underway and will continue through the fall. Once complete, TMD will publish technical details, best practices and instructional documentation.

October is NATIONAL ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

# USARPAC MCF *RAPIDLY PROGRESSING*
By Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, Strategic Communications Specialist, P2E

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) has a global presence responsible for acquiring and implementing enterprise-wide information technology capabilities and services supporting deployed forces. One of their latest projects is the installation of command, control, communications, computers and intelligence infrastructure at the U.S. Army Pacific Command's (USARPAC) Mission Command Facility (MCF) on Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The three phase plan will increase the operational capability for USARPAC headquarters and support the Joint Information Environment (JIE), a current major effort to standardize network services across the DOD.

USARPAC headquarters is currently operating in buildings built in 1944 that are structurally failing and require constant additional resources to maintain functionality. It is crucial that USARPAC move to a permanent location that can support the capabilities needed for mission success. "P2E is proud to partner with our USARPAC stakeholders on this MCF project. We are looking forward to delivering this game-changing capability within cost, schedule and performance parameters with the most up-to-date technology feasible," said LTC Gregory Soulé, product manager, P2E.

Over the past year, P2E began the first phase of installations. This includes engineering, furnishing, installing, securing, testing and training (EIFST&T) for a turnkey inside plant solution to support local area network, campus area network and visual information system interconnectivity throughout the new MCF. Upon completion of phase one in December, all subsystems such as video teleconferencing, briefing and display and audio/video will meet the requirements of the performance work statement. Construction is also currently underway for the second group of MCF buildings which will house the primary hub for the U.S. military operations in the Pacific theater. Phase two of P2E's efforts will require EIFST&T for the unclassified and classified data, voice and visual information system infrastructure for over 300 personnel. Phase two is on schedule to be awarded in December.

The final phase, will house the command group and operations centers. Each will require EIFST&T for unclassified and classified data, and voice and visual information system infrastructure. At completion, the MCF will provide an environment conducive for the USARPAC 4-star headquarters to host flag-level and diplomatic visits from partner nations in the Asian-Pacific region. Soldiers and other DOD personnel will have the power to connect to vital information resources from any device, at any time, from anywhere in the world. "These projects are made possible through deliberate and constant collaboration between P2E, USARPAC stakeholders and industry partners teaming on project execution," said LTC Soulé. The new MCF will enhance the capabilities to address unique mission area and component requirements, refine and better focus the activities, rules, functions and services used to achieve the JIE capabilities and increase the level of detail and analysis to further support IT investment decision making and solution development for the JIE.
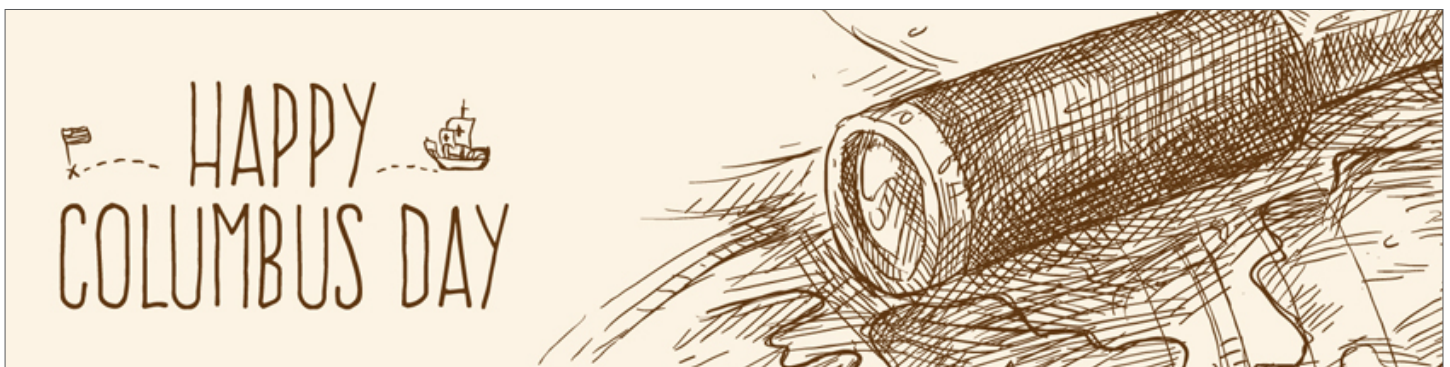
RCAS LEADS THE WAY WITH AGILE SOLUTIONS FOR DOD

By Mr. Robert G. Medley, Public Affairs Officer, RCAS

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) is promoting the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) Agile Solution Factory (ASF) as an experienced-based best practice across the DOD. The RCAS ASF is a new approach and framework that leverages design by contract and the narrow set of solution patterns. The ASF establishes a customized, reusable application platform infrastructure to support an automated Agile requirement, modernization, delivery and evolution process. Over the summer, members of DAU's Foundational Learning Directorate and capital and northeast region met with members of the RCAS program to examine four specific areas of the RCAS ASF, the RCAS Agile transformation approach, including the RCAS Innovation Engine; implementing Agile at an enterprise scale, including optimizing Agile; integrating information assurance across the Agile life cycle and implementing earned value management within Agile. DAU is working with DOD on advancing Agile in government and has advertised RCAS's work as a prime example of Agile transformation.

At the meeting, Mr. Robert Reid, senior program director for the RCAS integrator, explained that within 45 days, RCAS successfully transitioned from a waterfall methodology, a non-sequential process in which progress is seen as flowing steadily downwards, to an Agile methodology, in which requirements and solutions evolve through a collaborative effort of self-organized cross-functional teams, called scrum teams. As they began to implement automation, including test automation and continuous integration, the RCAS ASF began performing optimally within the first six months. The Agile approach focuses on quick and responsive software development designed to optimize the use and effectiveness of the RCAS suite of applications for Soldiers. The implementation of Agile is having far-reaching effects across the Army National Guard and Army Reserve by enabling RCAS to release a high-quality products and services more frequently to better meet stakeholders' requirements.

DAU looked at the RCAS ASF model to see how other programs can use the Agile approach to shape their future in a more effective and efficient manner. The key to RCAS's success is transparency with stakeholders and a trusting relationship with its contractors. RCAS's Agile management tool, VersionOne, provides a single, user-friendly system for planning and tracking all of the ongoing implementation initiatives, sprints, user stories, defects, tasks, tests and issues. Being able to responsibly empower teams and create high trust/quality delivery environments has yielded significant benefits for RCAS as software is released every quarter to accommodate ever-changing operating environments that demand innovative, adaptable information technology solutions. It also allows developers to satisfy key requirements through close collaboration with end users.

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EVENTS

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AUSA Annual Meeting, Walter E. Washington Convention Center

7 OCT
I3MP Change of Charter Heroes Auditorium FT Belvoir, VA

10 OCT
Columbus Day

11-12 OCT
Military Network Modernization Symposium, Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Arlington, VA

24-27 OCT
NDIA 19th Annual Systems Engineering Conference, Waterford Springfield, Springfield, VA

28 OCT
DWTS Change of Charter Hall of Heroes FT Belvoir, VA

October is
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

No one deserves to be abused, and anyone can be a victim.

Speak up: Be part of the solution

Even simple actions can make a difference.

⚠ **Know the warning signs.**

👤 **Learn safe and appropriate ways to raise the issue with friends and co-workers.**

💬 **Take a stand to stop domestic violence.**

For assistance, contact:
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- Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate
- National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233

For more information, call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.

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