AcqBusiness Brings Stakeholders Together for the First Army Acquisition Business Enterprise Forum

By Carla Faison, Strategic Communications, AcqBusiness

LTC Delisa Hernandez

The Product Manager, Acquisition Business (PdM AcqBusiness) held the first Army Acquisition Business Enterprise Forum (AABEF) for Army acquisition stakeholders at the Metro Park Conference Center in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 30-31. The theme for the two-day event was "Developing Innovative Capabilities for the Army Acquisition Community."

The intent of the AABEF was to bring together representatives from various Program Executive Offices (PEOs) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA[ALT]) to learn more about AcqBusiness capabilities and provide a platform for open dialogue about data collection processes, requirements and stakeholder priorities. The forum was well-attended, with 28 participants representing ASA(ALT), Office of Business Transformation, U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC), Training and Doctrine Command, Capabilities Integration Center, as well as seven of the 12 PEOs.

Product Manager LTC Delisa Hernandez opened the event with an overview of the program's mission, governance and organization structures, strategic vision, and the way ahead. She spoke about aligning capabilities to the Department of Defense (DOD) business enterprise architecture and other end-to-end processes. LTC Hernandez was followed by Mr.

Inside:

Joseph Brito, Deputy Director of the ASA(ALT) Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis (PARCA) Office, who presented an overview of the combat developer role and how PARCA interacts with AcqBusiness. He provided an update on efforts to establish a reporting policy for ACAT II and III programs, a Better Buying Power (BBP) initiative to measure non-ACAT I performance, and discussed formalizing the expanded use of the Defense Acquisition Management Information Retrieval (DAMIR) system for ACAT I reporting. His presentation sparked a conversation about authoritative data sources for ACAT II and III programs. As a result, attendees requested further discussions about data reporting policies and data sources. AcqBusiness is currently making plans to host an "authoritative data working group" early in 2014.

Ms. Lareina Adams', Deputy Product Manager for AcqBusiness, brief focused on the materiel developer's role in the requirements process and how AcqBusiness processes requirements for new capabilities.

Mr. Shawn Faunce and Ms. Sonya Rahmani, members of the systems integrator team, facilitated a presentation entitled "Innovation Requires Stakeholder Commitment." Ms. Pamela Henderson, Division Chief for USAASC Operations, Plans, Strategy and Analysis, shared her experience developing US-AASC's Army Acquisition Workforce (AAWF) dashboard while utilizing agile software development, a methodology which focuses on frequent collaboration with stakeholders during the development process.

The remainder of the agenda for day one included:
- AcqBusiness Capability Overview – Mr. Ken Waldrop, Chief, Advance Planning Group
- Access Request and Training Program – Mr. Chris Devens, Systems Integrator Team
- Spotlight Demo: Army Acquisition Dashboard – Mr. Chris Devens, Systems Integrator Team
- Identify 'To Be' AcqBusiness Model and Discuss Targeted Opportunities – Ms. Sonya Rahmani, Systems Integrator Team, and Mr. Bob Hairfield, Technical Advisor

The second day of the forum began with a continuation of the "Targeted Opportunities" discussion, and concluded with a tour of the AcqBusiness "Agile Development" room.

Mr. Joseph Brito, Deputy Director of the ASA(ALT) Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis (PARCA) Office

Ms. Lareina Adams, Deputy Product Manager for AcqBusiness

The AABEF resulted in greater awareness of the AcqBusiness program and capabilities, and an informative and lively dialogue about how PEOs and program and product managers collect, report and share information. Surveys revealed a majority of participants viewed the AABEF as a great opportunity to collaborate with other stakeholders in the Army acquisition community, and recommended that AcqBusiness continue to host the AABEF on a semiannual or annual basis. ⊕

PEO EIS Team Members Honored with 2013 Logistics Specialty Awards

By PEO EIS Public Affairs

On Nov. 12, six team members were recognized for logistics excellence by the Greater Washington Area Chapter (GWAC) of SOLE – The International Society of Logistics. The18th annual awards luncheon and ceremony were conducted at the Fort Myer Officers' Club.

The logistics specialty awards recognize technical achievement and professional experience in and contributions to a given specialty of logistics. The PEO EIS honorees were recognized for excellence in a wide range of logistics categories:

- CPT Mustafa Kamalreza, GFEBS, information systems

- Ms. Susan Pontani, AMIS, software support

- Mr. Ralph Porcelli, AMIS, facilities management

- Ms. Aurora Speed, P2E, integrated logistics support

- Mr. Roger Weist, PMD, financial management

- Mr. Anderson Wong, DoD Biometrics, life cycle cost management

Photo caption: (Left to right), CPT Mustafa Kamalreza, GFEBS; Mr. Anderson Wong, DoD Biometrics; Ms. Aurora Speed, P2E; Ms. Susan Pontani, AMIS; Mr. Ralph Porcelli, AMIS; and Mr. Roger Weist, PMD

On behalf of the Army, the PEO EIS and the acquisition community, congratulations for a job well done! ⊕

PD RCAS Says Farewell to Errol Bergsagel, Retiring After 21 Years of Service to RCAS

by Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Strategic Communications

After more than 21 years of dedicated service to Project Director, Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS), we say farewell to Mr. Errol Bergsagel. Mr. Bergsagel first joined RCAS in September 1992 as a contract software engineer establishing new data interfaces, and later a data base designer/modeler. In September 2005, Errol became a civilian IT specialist, with duties as the government lead for the RCAS Life Cycle Support (LCS) Division, now the Software Sustainment Division (SSD), for database, web services, back office and several force authorization applications.

Errol is Defense Acquisition University Level III IT certified and a college graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, where he wrote his first COBOL program. Errol also served 26 years in the U.S. Army flying helicopters and airplanes during many assignments, including Vietnam. Errol's last military assignments were with the National Guard Bureau

Errol Bergsagel

in the Pentagon as the Army National Guard Readiness Branch Chief, and later as Deputy Chief of the Readiness Division.

After 47 years of combined military and civilian government service, Errol Bergsagel retired on September 30, 2013, and he will be missed. A retirement ceremony was held in Errol's honor on October 10, 2013, at the Eisenhower Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Va. The event was well attended and much appreciated by Errol and all his RCAS friends, past and present.

Errol, we are very grateful and salute you for your dedication and devotion of service to our Citizen Soldiers through the RCAS, and we wish you a very bright and happy future. *Enjoy your retirement!* ⊕

IPPS-A Team Pushing Forward with Increment I

By COL Robert G. McVay, Project Manager, Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A)

The IPPS-A team has achieved an incredible amount of work in the last two months leading up to a revised Increment I schedule for IPPS-A. Army leadership determined a new way forward for Increment I in late summer, deploying to the Army in three waves, by component. This change in deployment plan required hard work by the IPPS-A team and they rose to the occasion.

The team conducted an Increment I workshop in August 2013, followed by the formation of Increment I Integrated Product Teams (IPTs) comprised of government, military, contractor and system integrator subject matter experts. These IPTs immediately focused on establishing a critical path as well as developing a schedule of activities required for the revised Increment I deployment plan. The team loaded an impressive 355,000 Army National Guard (ARNG) Soldier data records, generated the Soldier Record Brief with live ARNG Soldier data, completed and tested four of nine reports, and completed three user juries with ARNG Soldiers.

As the team pushed forward with development, testing and deployment activities, IPPS-A leaders conducted a myriad of briefs to obtain input and approval for the new way forward from Army and DOD senior leaders. The hard work and dedication of the IPPS-A team will result in the deployment of Increment I starting in 2014.

Latest information on the development of the IPPS-A project can be found on the IPPS-A website: www.ipps-a.army.mil.

MC4: Reflecting on a Year of Partner Collaboration

By MC4 Strategic Communications

By equipping deployed medical units with automated resources, Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) ensures that Service members have a secure, accessible, lifelong electronic medical record (EMR), resulting in easier access to medical benefits, peace of mind, and better informed health care providers.

Successfully achieving this mission requires continuous and diligent focus on meeting charter requirements while facing increasing budget pressures. This work cannot be done alone. MC4 invited key external stakeholders to a December 2012 strategy planning meeting and shared their ideas on positioning the organization for future success. In 2013, this feedback was carefully studied, resulting in the revision of the program's mission statement, the development of new program priorities and revamped strategic communications efforts. Stakeholder feedback also drove strategic design enhancements and content updates to MC4's website, multiple social media accounts and other external communication materials. As a result, MC4 noticed noteworthy increases in external stakeholder and partner engagement about shared topics of interest.

Another example of MC4's focus on stakeholder collaboration is the program's partnership with the Deployment & Readiness Systems (D&RS) Program Management Office of the Defense Health Clinical Systems (DHCS), formerly Defense Health Information Management System (DHIMS). Throughout 2013, MC4 and DHCS partnered to test and prepare for the next major release of the Army's lifelong EMR system, EMR 2.2.0.0. This ongoing partnership is critical because DHCS provides many of the software applications used on the MC4

GCSS-Army Continues Fielding by Launching International Efforts

By Lee Eustace, Logistics Division, GCSS-Army

The Wave 1 fielding effort of the Product Manager, Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution continues to make progress, despite challenges as a result of sequestration and the government shutdown.

Recently, a group comprised of chiefs of installation (COIs), trainers and system engineers (SEs), visited several U.S. Army locations in Germany and Italy to prepare for the upcoming fielding. For this European fielding, the GCSS-Army team will face a new set of challenges ranging from time zone and language differences to coordinating international travel, complying with host nation regulations and navigating labor force cultural differences.

To initiate this fielding, the training team has already conducted three sessions of the Advance Lead User Training (ALUT) at 23 different U.S. Army Europe (USA-REUR) units, 18 in Germany and five in Italy. The COIs and SEs also conducted a series of site visits, technical briefings and leadership briefings aimed at preparing the units for a successful implementation of GCSS-Army. These efforts are just the beginning of the overall fielding of GCSS-Army overseas. Worldwide fielding efforts continue until its completion in fiscal year 2017, when the GCSS-Army system will be in use by an estimated 160,000 users.

Darrell Page, the GCSS-Army ALUT coordinator, talks to students at the end of the ALUT course in Vilseck, Germany.

As of the end of November, GCSS-Army has fielded the Wave 1 solution to 11 Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) units, 19 Army National Guard units, three Army Reserve Command units and nine Army Sustainment Command Directorates of Logistics. So far, GCSS-Army has completed 13 percent of Wave 1, with an overall customer satisfaction rating of 80 percent.

For more information on GCSS-Army, please visit our website: www.gcss.army.mil ⊕

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system. The release is scheduled to be fielded to customers worldwide in early 2014 and includes multiple system enhancements that make it easier and safer for customers to document patient care.

MC4 also collaborated with customers to develop a behavioral health documentation method that would benefit providers and researchers who consistently track telehealth encounters. The Behavioral Health (BH) Standard Note and the Telebehavioral Health Originating Site template are two user friendly tools enabling MC4 users to effectively track telebehavioral health encounters, simplifying the process of tracking mineable data.

Looking forward, MC4 is committed to continuously serving Soldiers and supporting the mission now and well into the future. To ensure long-term prominence, MC4 will incorporate new technologies and strive to improve customer relationships. ⊕

Operation DDTC

By 2LT Chelsea R. Frazier, Joint Network Node Platoon Leader, Charlie Company "Cobras"

SPC Tony Jobin conducting initial setup of the new DDTC system

FOB Airborne Welcomes DDTC

In August 2013, the JNN12 Signal Team, from Charlie Company 4-3 STB, enjoyed the opening day for the Deployed Digital Training Campus (DDTC) - serving as the Education Center on FOB Airborne, Afghanistan. What exactly is a DDTC? The DDTC is a mobile, networked system of 20 workstations, servers, and supplementary equipment which connects to the web via satellite. The system, managed and deployed by PEO EIS' Product Director Distributed Learning System (DLS), provides training resources for deployed Soldiers around the globe to continue their education without interruption. Designed to Army requirements to be expeditionary and self-contained, DDTC systems are able to operate within any geographic region to include those areas where telecommunication infrastructures do not exist.
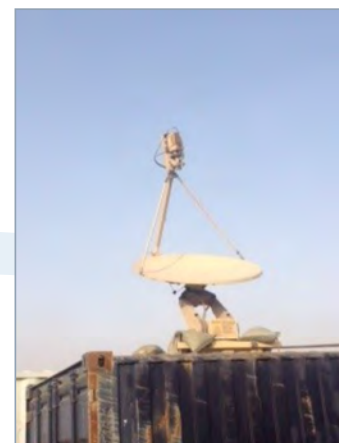
The DDTC provides access to online training to include delivery of web-based courses; courses delivered by Video Tele-Training, Voice over IP (VoIP), collaborative training tools, and access to Army Learning Management System (ALMS), Virtual BattleSpace 2 (gaming) and Army eLearning courses.

The DDTC is modular in design and consists of 21 notebook computers, local and wide-area network equipment, and a SATCOM Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT).

The DDTC system employed by the JNN12 Signal Team was completely set up and ready to go in less than two hours. The system was strategically emplaced in a suitable room in the Mayor Cell – an easily accessible central building on FOB Airborne.

What Does it Provide?

DDTC very-small-aperature terminal (VSAT) dish

The DDTC provides dedicated education capabilities to conduct career training such as structured self-development (SSD) level I-IV; reach back capabilities to Army proponent schools, and wide-area and local-area access to collaboration applications. Also, the DDTC

system provides Virtual Battlespace 2 (VBS2) – a fully interactive system providing high definition training. Soldiers learn to anticipate and respond to tactical situations by practicing existing and developing tactics, techniques and procedures using the VBS2 trainer. The DDTC system provides all of these resources to over 1,400 Soldiers located on FOB Airborne.

The DDTC is operated primarily by Specialist Nicholas Hayes, (Signal Company Operator). Our Education Center provides a quiet working environment with 13 notebook computers to conduct educational related tasks from the hours of 1300-2300, seven days a week. Specialist Hayes works closely with the lead DDTC help desk representatives located at the Enterprise Management Center in Fort Eustis, Virginia to ensure all problems are resolved in a timely manner, and that all users are aware of how to use and access all DDTC features.

"I would love to use this system back at Fort Stewart, Ga.," said SPC Hayes. "Having a designated area just for our [brigade], with multiple computer access is very ideal for Soldiers to conduct Sergeant's Time Training, and other Army/educational related requirements."

While the majority of the Soldiers on FOB Airborne requested to use the Education Center to complete SSD level I; a few senior NCOs were interested in completing higher lever SSDs. After a typical duty day, Soldiers have plenty of time to take advantage of the Education Center to complete educational related tasks and assignments.

FOB Airborne education center

"While deployed I made a personal goal to complete SSD level III," said SSG DeWayne Bell, signal foreman for the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry. "Thankfully, having the education center allows me to complete all of my educational goals."

Major Components

The DDTC system uses training management application software such as the Saba Learning program to maintain training

SPC Hayes troubleshooting minor issues with the DDTC FSRs

and education records in accordance with the Army Learning Management System (ALMS)

FOB Airborne Education Center

To name a few, the DDTC system provides access to the following distributed learning courses:

- Correspondence courses
- Advanced leader courses
- Mandatory Training
- Army Learning Management System (ALMS) Courses
- Army Training Requirements and Resource Systems (ATRRS) Courses
- Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Courses
- Reimer Digital Library (RDL) Army Training and Education Network Courses

During this nine-month deployment Commanders aim to maximize Soldiers comprehensive training while in a high-tempo and demanding environment. The intent is to provide Soldiers the opportunity to enroll in college courses, and structured self-development courses in order to gain promotion points and enhance their careers. Investing in a Soldier's education produces long-term opportunities whether they may choose to stay in the military or not. Yes, we are heavily dedicated to ensuring our Soldiers are proficient in their warrior tasks and drills; however, developing our Soldiers academically and professionally is an essential part of our mission here in Afghanistan. ⊕

OTSD: Out front for the PEO

By Samuel Massenberg, Division Chief, OTSD Theater and Logistics

Ms. Cleopatra Suel

Over the past three years, the Operations and Theater Support Directorate (OTSD) has deployed volunteer military and Department of the Army civilians to South West Asia (SWA) on developmental assignments supporting PEO EIS programs' operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The role of these employees is to ensure seamless critical collaboration and coordination with deployed U.S. and allied forces engaged in defending our national interests throughout the region. These operations have now moved into their final phase of retrograde and redeployment with the drawdown of forces.

PEO EIS has an active role in facilitating retrograde operations and continued training, as well as advising and assisting security force partners. This retrograde operation is the largest return of equipment and personnel in U.S. warfare history. The magnitude of this effort requires both in-country and regional involvement.

In the Kuwait Area of Operations (AOR), the PEO provides communication, security, logistics management, data transport and enterprise managed support services. Ms. Cleopatra Suel, an employee of Product Director Enterprise Email (PD EE), deployed to Kuwait in November 2012 as the PEO EIS retrograde operations lead. During her tour of duty, she had responsibility for the Kuwait AOR, to include Kuwait, Iraq and other central middle eastern countries. Her leadership, valued operational process expertise and support for senior leadership were exemplary. On multiple occasions she remotely managed operations for both Kuwait and Afghanistan. She was recognized by the ASA[ALT] forward

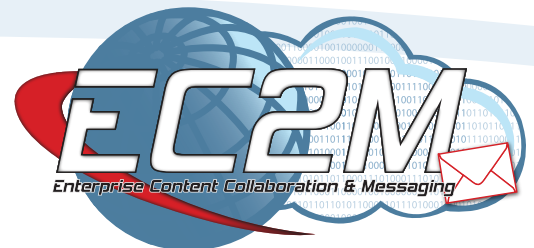# Spotlight on EC2M: Reorganization Focuses on Increased Efficiencies

By Andi Fehl, Product Director, Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging (EC2M)

Effective October 1, the Project Director, Enterprise Services (PD ES) re-organized to increase efficiencies and better align resources around the many Army enterprise IT projects and initiatives managed under its portfolio. The new organization consists of three Product Director (PD) offices: Acquisition Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services (ALTESS), Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging (EC2M) and Enterprise Computing (EC).

PD EC2M, led by Mr. John Howell, is comprised of four Enterprise Information Technology (IT) initiatives: Army Knowledge Online (AKO), Enterprise Content Management and Collaboration (ECMC), Defense Enterprise Email (DEE) and Unified Capabilities (UC). EC2M was initiated in order to increase efficiencies and better align resources to deliver and sustain enterprise-level IT communications that enable end-to-end collaboration, messaging and content management across the Army workforce.

operations director as a productive asset for the high-paced activities in Afghanistan.

As with most strategic operations, senior Army leaders visited the site to gain first-hand knowledge of the mission tasks. Ms. Suel coordinated theater briefings, meetings and information exchanges for leadership. On each occasion, she was recognized for making a positive difference in these important site evaluations. With cost, performance and schedule of par-

amount concern for EIS programs, one of her most significant accomplishments was establishing processes to streamline logistics support for incoming personnel, avoiding delays in task execution. Ms. Suel provided critical situational awareness to the PEO EIS leadership, applying critical thinking and communication skills to her tasks in theater. On Nov. 13, Ms. Terry Watson, Deputy PEO EIS, presented Ms. Suel with the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, recognizing her significant contributions. ⊕
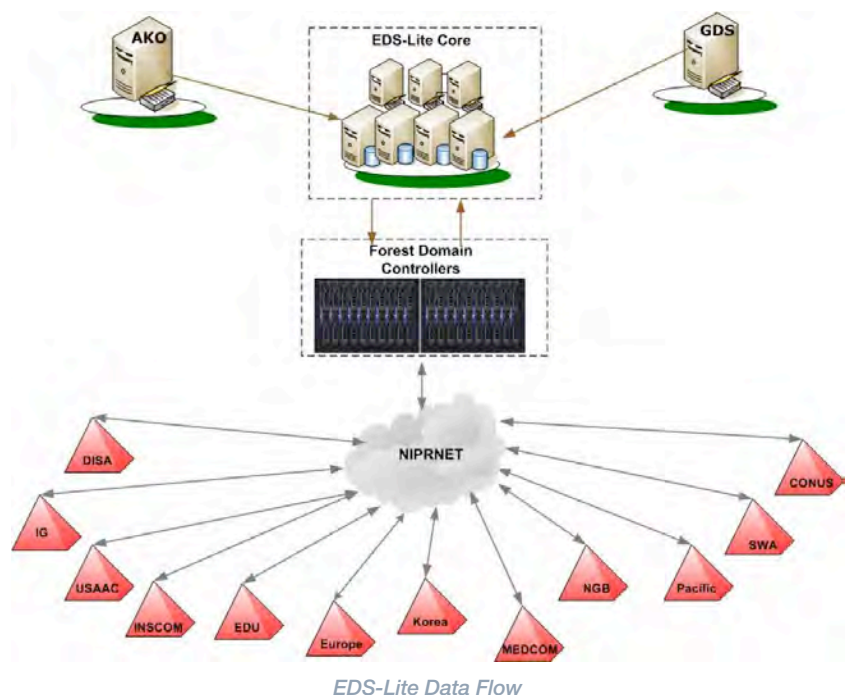
EDS-Lite Decommissioning

By P2E Public Affairs

The United States Army decommissioned the Enterprise Directory Service (EDS)-Lite on September 24, 2013, after more than seven years of using the system to update Active Directory (AD) user account attributes and provide a unified Global Address List (GAL) to Army's Active Directory infrastructures.

The Product Manager, Power Projection Enablers (PdM P2E), with technical support from the Network Enterprise Technology Command, Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6, Army Knowledge Online, the CONUS-Theater Network Operations and Security Center (CTNOSC), Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Project Manager Installation Information Infrastructure – Communications and Capabilities (I3C2) Information Assurance, and local Network Enterprise Centers (NEC), ensured the successful execution of the EDS-Lite capability throughout its life-cycle, providing the support necessary to keep the system fully operational and accessible on a daily basis.

The Army implemented the EDS-Lite system in 2006 in response to Army and Department of Defense guidance to replace disparate data sources with a consolidated GAL, allowing the standardization of AD user object attributes as well as providing the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificates to enable the signing and encryption of e-mail.

During peak operation, the system processed account updates for more than 800,000 Active Directory Forest us-

EDS-Lite Data Flow

ers, and distributed about eight million contracts for the user community around the globe. EDS-Lite also provided GAL synchronization during migration to DISA hosted Army Enterprise Email.

In early 2011, the Army CIO/G-6 office decided that EDS-Lite would no longer be required as the Army moved to a centralized GAL structure with DISA providing identity management and Army Enterprise Email services. At the time of decommissioning, EDS-Lite was providing directory update services to the CONUS, Military Academy, MEDCOM, and others, including distribution of approximately 1.3 million user account objects. ⊕

Pacific/P2E Merge

By P2E Public Affairs

The recent expansion of P2E's oversight to include the Pacific region has combined responsibility for all Command, Control, Communications, Computers, & Intelligence (C4I) requirements outside the continental United States under one global product office.
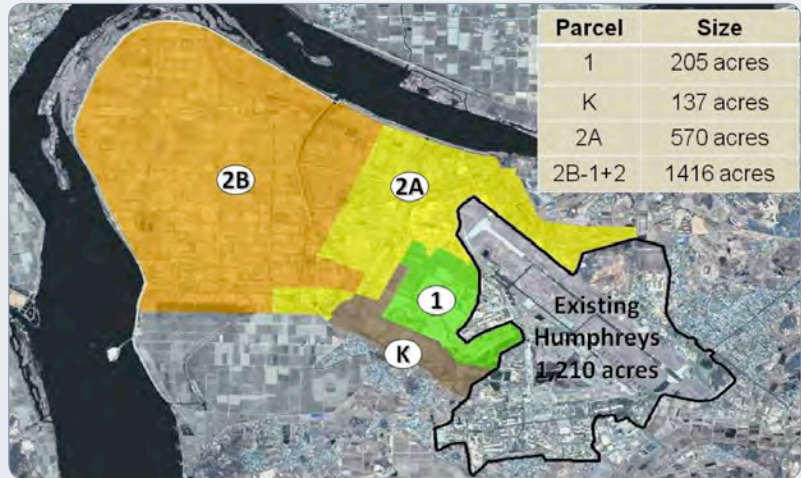
Through collaboration with stakeholders, including: the ASA(ALT), the CIO/G-6, Network Enterprise Technology Command, Defense Information Systems Agency, Pacific Command, U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Forces Korea (USFK), the Republic of Korea (ROK), the 311th Signal Command, and the 1st and 516th Signal Brigades, PdM P2E now manages over $140 million dollars in projects throughout the Pacific.

Specific support for the Korea Transformation, Yongsan Relocation Plan, Land Partnership Plan (YRP/LPP), includes providing and sustaining C4I systems and services for Classified/Unclassified Joint and Coalition networks for the YRP/LPP and the US-ROK Strategic Alliance 2015, as part of the effort to consolidate U.S. presence into two enduring hubs. A seamless transition to U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys represents approximately $828 million dollars of C4I projects, including:
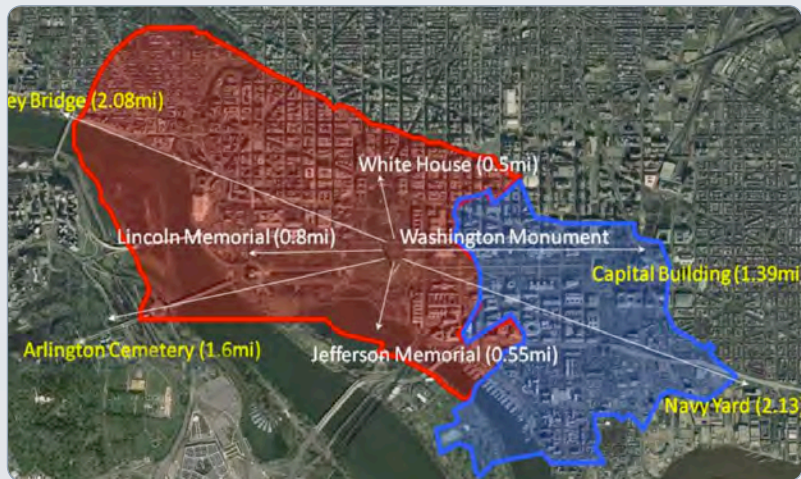
- C4I Installs in 600+ buildings
- New Communications Center
- Two Main Communications Nodes
- Four Area Distribution Nodes
- 140k voice/data outlets
- 412 manholes and 136 hand-holes
- Migration of 65 C4I systems
- 25,000km of conduit and 8,000km of cable

PdM P2E-Pacific ensures that USFK maintains ubiquitous

USAG -Humphreys Expansion Plan

Parcel	Size
1	205 acres
K	137 acres
2A	570 acres
2B-1+2	1416 acres

Comparison with Washington DC

Classified/Unclassified multi-national communications, providing users the ability to move to any base in Korea and connect with no change in service.

PdM P2E continues to meet stakeholder requirements while overcoming the challenges involved in managing a rapidly expanding mission across different time zones and conditions. ⊕

RCAS PD Graduates with MS Degree from Naval Postgraduate School

By Pete Van Schagen, RCAS Strategic Communications

Mr. Ralph Ocasio, Project Director for PD RCAS, was one of six graduates of the Naval Postgraduate School, School of Business and Public Policy, to be honored at a ceremony Sept. 27 at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va. Mr. Ocasio earned the Master of Science in Program Management, a two-year distance learning degree program of intensive academic and professional training. The NPS acceptance process is very competitive and Mr. Ocasio was one of only 27 students out of approximately 163 applicants to be accepted.

The Naval Postgraduate School, located in Monterey, Ca., graduates approximately 1,500 students per year, offering a range of Master's and Doctoral programs specifically tailored to impart the scientific, engineering, operational and administrative knowledge required to meet the present and projected professional needs of the Department of Defense (DOD). Its student body includes officers of all U.S. military services, as well as DOD civilian employees and officers from several allied nations.

Mr. Ocasio stated that his biggest challenge was time management, balancing course requirements with family time and

Pictured left to right, Dr. Charles Pickar, Senior Lecturer for NPS, Graduate School of Business and Public Policy; Mr. Ralph Ocasio, PD RCAS; and Ms. Karon Curry, Associate Dean for Outreach and Mission Support, DAU. Photo by Mr. Harambee Dennis, Art Director, DAU.

his RCAS responsibilities – which will benefit from his newly acquired knowledge. Congratulations to Mr. Ocasio and all the NPS graduates.

To find out more about the NPS and its programs visit the NPS website at http://www.nps.edu/. For more information about PD RCAS, visit the PEO EIS website: www.eis.army.mil/programs/rcas ⊕

AKO provides a secure enterprise suite of collaboration, communication and identity management services to the Army around the world. AKO's intranet services include a single enterprise Web portal, single sign-on (SSO) services to over 1,000 applications, Army-wide directory services, organizational and personal file storage, calendars, contacts, presence and awareness, instant messaging, chat, video messaging, blogging, business process management and search.

By providing secure email to the DOD Enterprise any time and from any location, DEE increases operational efficiency and facilitates enterprise collaboration by sharing individual, organizational and resource calendars across the DOD and with mission partners. Eliminating unnecessary administration and inefficient network configurations allows DEE to reduce cost and free resources for use on other Army priorities.

ECMC provides enterprise level content management and collaboration capabilities to Soldiers and the workforce to enhance and promote universal file sharing, collaboration, access to team sites, workflows, documents, and records. As a managed service, ECMC will significantly reduce redundant investments in applications and content storage, resulting in federated enterprise services and reduced costs.

The goal of UC is to further increase operational effectiveness and mission security by providing secure enterprise level unified capabilities as a service solution that brings voice, video conferencing, instant messaging, and presence together across the DOD Enterprise.

With the responsibility for these four critical capabilities, PD EC2M is preparing to provide seamless and integrated communications for the Army on any trusted device, anytime, anywhere. ⊕

U.S. Navy Leverages PD AHRS' DOD Solution for Range Scheduling and Data Collection

By Mark Gruber, Small Arms Range (SAR) Manager, Navy Installations Command Training and Readiness/N3AT

For the fourth consecutive fiscal year, Commander Naval Installation Command (CNIC) is leveraging the use of an application developed by the U.S. Army to facilitate scheduling and data collection on live fire training ranges. Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS), which is managed by the Product Director Army Human Resource Systems (PD AHRS), PEO EIS, is a proven scheduling and data collection application developed and funded by the Army since 1999. The U.S. Marine Corps and the National Guard also use RFMSS for their range scheduling and data collection needs. In addition to saving time and effort scheduling the ranges, the usage data facilitates informed resourced-based decision making.

The Navy pays the Army via an Inter-service Support Agreement for RFMSS use at a cost much lower than what the Navy would have to pay were it to develop its own system. "In order to operate in the most cost effective manner possible, the services need to leverage automated systems that can provide common solutions. The Navy required an application to track facility usage, expenditure of ammunition, and automate the scheduling/data collection process. We looked DoD-wide and found an application (RFMSS) already existed" said Mark Gruber, CNIC Small Arms Range Program Manager. Gruber continued: "By the Navy leveraging RFMSS, we follow in the footsteps of the Army, the Marine Corps, and the National Guard. RFMSS is truly a Joint DOD-wide solution. The Army program office provides all technical development, contracting administration, information assurance and authority to operate, and the other services use the application at a dramatically reduced cost, eliminating the need to develop our own application. It's a cost-effective, win-win across the services."

Dr. Leslie Sofocleous, PD AHRS, whose office is the acquisition manager for RFMSS, explained: "RFMSS was developed by the Army and is offered to other services at considerable savings. We believe that when you have an already developed product that can be leveraged at low cost by the other services, it is only the right thing to offer that product to the other services. Joint DOD-wide solutions provide economies of scale and save taxpayer dollars." Jerry Griffin, training range coordinator at the Naval Weapons Station (NWS), Yorktown, Va.,

depends on RFMSS to schedule, deconflict and safely manage the ranges at his installation. "We use RFMSS extensively for our 25 training ranges and training areas. It is a robust and capable system that we rely on to keep accurate situational awareness of what training is taking place at NWS Yorktown."

Heather Lawrence, training range manager at Joint Expeditionary Base-Little Creek, Fort Story, Norfolk, Va., had similar comments: "We rely on RFMSS for scheduling, data collection and keeping our leadership informed of the training taking place on our installation's 157 varied training areas. Many of these training areas support high risk training due to the live fire aspects inherent in weapons qualifications and explosives handling. We also support scheduling of helicopter and parachute training operations." LT Chris Zink, regional range manager at Commander Navy Region Southwest, finds another benefit of RFMSS: use RFMSS to schedule and collect data on live-fire ranges enabling anti-terrorism force protection qualifications. We then use the data make informed manpower and resourcing decisions."

In addition to CNIC-funded ranges, RFMSS is available to the rest of the Navy at no charge. Navy Special Warfare Group One, Commander, Naval Air Forces, Coronado, Ca., and Naval Education and Training Command, headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., currently use RFMSS to schedule/collect data at certain facilities. With CNIC recently funding Navy RFMSS for fiscal year 2014, and the Military Operations Area in place until fiscal year 2016, RFMSS is the go-to system for all Navy range scheduling and data collection needs. ⊕

GFEBS' Glenna Settle Retires

By Pam Gray, GFEBS Public Affairs

Ms. Glenna Settle, Resource Manager and Supervisor for the Business Management Division, Project Manager, General Fund Enterprise Business Systems (GFEBS), retired Sept. 30. The ceremony honoring her long and distinguished career took place Sept. 24 at the GFEBS Kingstowne offices in Alexandria, Va.

Ms. Settle received accolades and acknowledgement from her supervisors, peers, and team members during the ceremony, which was presided over by Mr. Wiltsie. Ms. Settle was presented with a coin, a PEO EIS plaque, and a letter of recognition from former President George W. Bush, as well as a coin from Ms. Kristyn Jones, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller), Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Information Management.

In addition, Ms. Settle received a coin, GFEBS plaque, and gifts presented by COL Patrick Burden, Program Manager

Mr. Douglas Wiltsie, PEO EIS, presents Ms. Glenna Settle with a letter from former President George W. Bush, recognizing her more than 30 years of government service.

GFEBS. Ms. Settle retired after 32 years of government service in budgeting and accounting. ⊕

PD TAO Presents Awards, Holds Organization Day

By Sharon Kollman, Management Services Specialist, PD TAO

Mrs. Jamie Kiser and Mr. John Swart hold up the award they received from the 408th Contracting Support Brigade, Kuwait, for their role in providing care packages to Soldiers.

The Project Director, Technology Applications Office (TAO), held their quarterly all-hands meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13, with over 50 in attendance. The TAO organizational day was incorporated into this meeting as well. Mr. John Swart, PD TAO, provided an overview of the program, highlighting accomplishments, the strategic plan, and long-term goals emphasizing the importance of TAO's vision and mission.

During the luncheon portion of the program, Mr. Swart presented four federal service awards. Mr. Swart and Mrs. Jamie Kiser, Division Chief of the TAO Contracting Division, accepted an award from SGM Ricky Orange and the 408th Contracting Support Brigade, Kuwait, for providing care packages to the Soldiers. The award was signed by members of the unit expressing their gratitude.

In addition, awards were given to the following for time in service:
Ms. Faye Ganoe - 30 years
Mr. Scott Shadle - 25 years
Mr. Christopher Eaton - 25 years
Ms. Frances O'Brien - 10 years ⊕

HEROES OF THE MONTH

ASA(ALT) Principal Military Deputy, LTG William Phillips, recognizes great individuals and unsung heroes monthly across the ASA(ALT) organization.

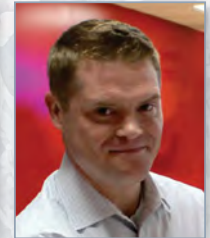### August 2013

Peter Nesby
DWTS

Debra Woods
EC2M

September 2013

Larissa Riviezzo
JPI

Miguel Buddle
P2E

October 2013

Gina Graves
IPPS-Army

Ryan Greeney
CIO

November 2013

Glory Yang
IPPS-A

LTC Sajjan George
GFEBS

December 2013

Michelle Walker
Biometrics

Sammi Foong
CHESS

On behalf of the US Army, the Acquisition Corps and PEO EIS, congratulations on a job well done!

Calendar of Events

29 Jan AFCEA Belvoir Luncheon
Fort Belvoir O'Club
LTC Mikesh, PD I3MP

30 Jan PEO EIS
PM Collaboration Meeting
HQ PEO EIS

13 Feb PEO EIS Town Hall
TBD

5 Feb PEO EIS
Brown Bag /DLS
VTC

19 Feb Federal Networks
Conference
McLean Hilton
Mr. Wiltsie Panelist

20 Feb CHESS
Information Exchange
Wallace Theater

21 Feb AFCEA NOVA Luncheon
Sheraton Premiere
Tysons Corner
Mr. Wiltsie Keynote (invited)

26 Feb PEO EIS
PM Collaboration Meeting
HQ PEO EIS

26 Feb AFCEA Belvoir Luncheon
Fort Belvoir O'Club
Keynote TBD

27 Feb ERP Information Exchange
Wood Theater