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General Information about the Defense Contract Management Agency

DCMA ensures the integrity of the contractual process and provides a broad range of acquisition management services for America's warfighters. DCMA's team of professionals ensures federal acquisition programs, supplies and services meet performance requirements and are delivered on time and within cost limits. DCMA's professional staff serves as information brokers for military buying agencies throughout the acquisition life cycle. The DCMA team interacts on a daily basis with customers to ensure the services provided meet the customers' needs.

Mission: We are the independent eyes and ears of DoD and its partners, delivering actionable acquisition insight from the factory floor to the front line … around the world

Vision: One team, one voice delivering global acquisition insight that matters.

Values:
Integrity - Committed to the highest standards of ethical and moral behavior at all times.
Service – Working for the benefit of our nation and putting professional responsibilities before self-interests.
Excellence – Committed to exceptional performance in everything we do.

Agency Data*

Number of civilian personnel: 11,558
Number of military personnel: 531
Number of contractors: 19,432
Number of active contracts: 337,901
Total contract amount: $5 trillion
Obligated Amount: $2 trillion
Contractor payment authorizations: $630 million per business day (250 days)

** as of 09/30/2017*

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History of the Defense Contract Management Agency

Defense analysts have studied and modified performance of contract administration services within the Department of Defense for many years. In the early 1960s, the Secretary of Defense commissioned a study to examine the entire DOD contracting process. Known as Project 60, the findings pointed to numerous benefits to consolidating contract administration functions. At that time, each agency and military service performed its own contract administration, resulting in substantial duplication of efforts. Many contract administration responsibilities were eventually moved to the Defense Logistics Agency. However, military services continued to retain oversight of major acquisition programs.

The Secretary of Defense reviewed the CAS process again in 1989. Citing continued problems with the manner in which the services were performing CAS, Defense Management Review Decision 916 recommended the establishment of a joint command to perform CAS to ensure that consistent policies and standards were applied to the acquisition process. The Defense Contract Management Command was established within DLA in February 1990 to satisfy the findings of DMRD 916.

On March 27, 2000, the DOD renamed DCMC as the Defense Contract Management Agency and established it independently from DLA. DOD Directive 5105.64, signed Sept. 27, 2000, formally established DCMA's purpose and mission and, except for specific exceptions detailed in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, required all DOD contract administration functions to be delegated to DCMA.

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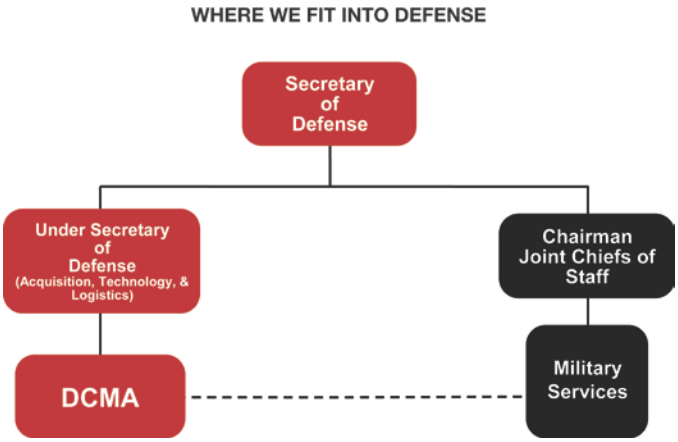
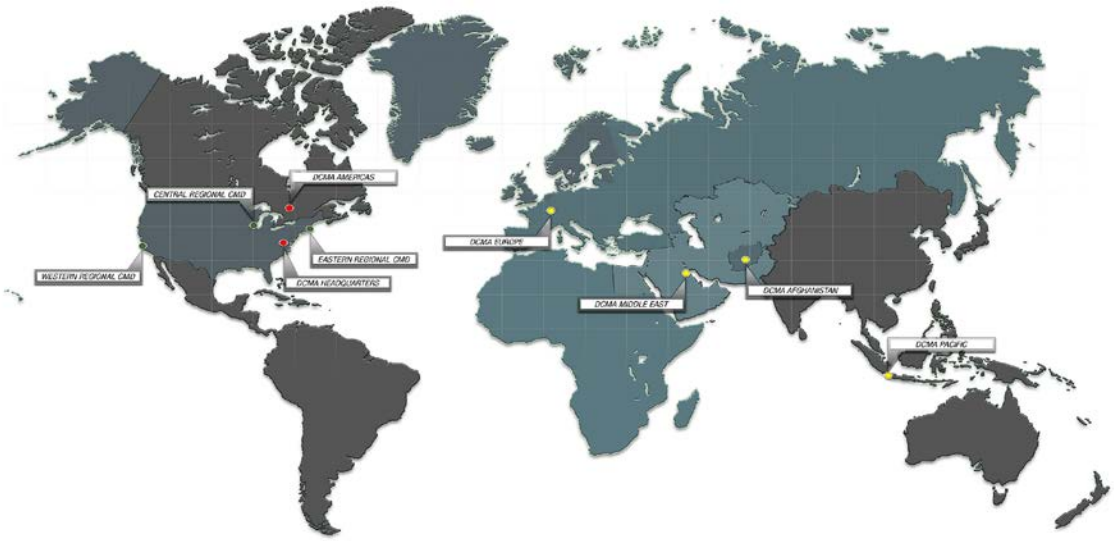
Organizational Structure

The Defense Contract Management Agency, headquartered on Fort Lee, Va., is a Department of Defense combat support agency responsible for ensuring the integrity of contractual processes and providing a broad range of contract-procurement management services for America's warfighters. As shown by the solid line in the chart below, the DCMA director reports directly to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. The chart below has a dotted line connecting DCMA to its customers, to the Joint Chiefs of Staff — who oversee U.S. combatant commands — and the military services.



The following map shows DCMA's worldwide operations. Approximately 12,000 civilian and military professionals throughout the United States and in 26 countries around the world execute DCMA's mission to provide customer-focused acquisition support and contract management services to ensure worldwide warfighter readiness, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.