

DCMA Redefines MTV for a New Generation

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When most people think of MTV, they think of rock 'n' roll music videos. For Protective Products International in Sunrise, Fla., MTV stands for Modular Tactical Vest. In 2007, the U.S. Marine Corps in Quantico, Va., was looking for a new vest to protect warfighters overseas. After testing many submissions, PPI was awarded a contract to supply 60,000 vests



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During the performance of this contract, PPI successfully supported any requests that came its way. PPI promptly implemented many technical changes that the Marines suggested during the performance period. The greatest request fulfillment came when PPI expedited 17,000 vests to the Marines to support the warfighters overseas.

PPI's efforts did not go unnoticed. David M. Fitzgerald, Marine Corps program manager, Infantry Division, presented PPI with a commendation in recognition of stellar performance. Fitzgerald's commendation stated, "PPI has shown superior professional excellence in delivering an outstanding level of quality

products and services. ... PPI's support has provided an invaluable contribution to our team's efforts and has made a positive difference in the support of the Marines and sailors engaged in the global war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. Along with having a direct impact on the lives of many Marines and sailors, PPI's dedication toward MTV reflects great credit upon the company and is in keeping with the highest industry standards."

DCMA Orlando's South Florida team worked closely with PPI to assure it achieved superior performance. During a recent PPI visit by Ronald Souto, the team met with PPI President Steve Giordanella, who expressed his sincere appreciation to DCMA Orlando for all of its support and assistance on this contract. PPI and DCMA look forward to working together on future contracts so they can better support the warfighters. **C**