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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, enhancing warfighter lethality by ensuring timely delivery of quality products, and providing relevant acquisition insight supporting affordability and readiness.

Vision: A team of trusted professionals delivering value to our Warfighters throughout the acquisition lifecycle.

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: 10,217

Number of military personnel: 534

Number of active contracts: 232,581

Total contract amount: \$3.5 trillion

Obligated Amount: \$2.3 trillion

Contractor payment authorizations: \$900 million per business day (250 days)

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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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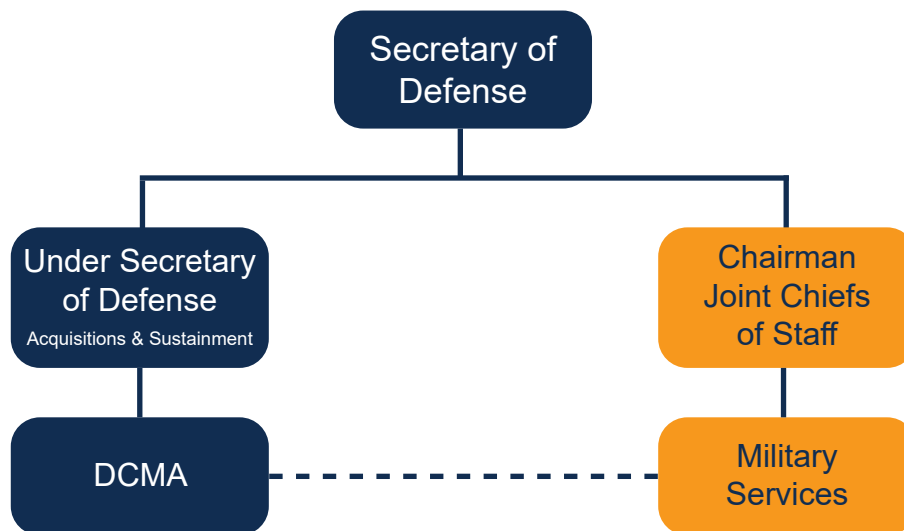


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Organizational Structure

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 and Sustainment. 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.

Where We Fit Into Defense



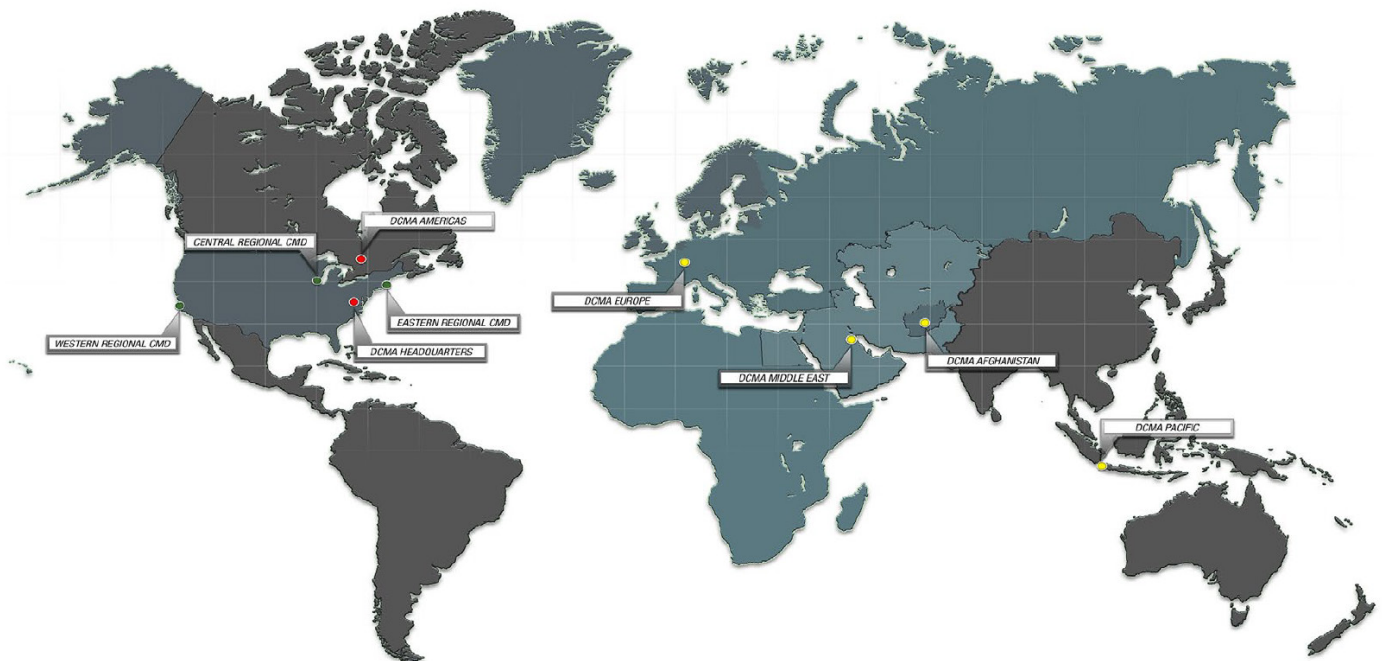
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Organizational Structure Cont.

The following map shows DCMA's worldwide operations. Approximately 10,500 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.



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DCMA FAQs

Q: What is the Defense Contract Management Agency?

A: DCMA 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. The agency's team of professionals ensures that federal acquisition programs, supplies and services are delivered on time, within cost and meet performance requirements.

Q: What does DCMA do?

A: DCMA is the Department of Defense component that works directly with defense suppliers to ensure that DOD, federal and allied government supplies and services are delivered on time, at projected cost and meet all performance requirements. DCMA professionals serve as information brokers and in-plant representatives for military, federal and allied government buying agencies - both during the initial stages of the acquisition cycle and throughout the terms of the resulting contracts. As such, DCMA directly contributes to the military readiness of the United States and its allies and helps preserve the nation's freedom.

Before a contract is awarded for any product or service, DCMA provides advice and information to help construct effective solicitations, identify potential risks, select the most capable contractors and write contracts that meet the needs of the customers in DOD, federal and allied government agencies.

After a contract award, DCMA monitors contractors' performance and management systems to ensure that cost, product performance and delivery schedules are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

DCMA authorizes \$900 million in contractor payments per business day (250 days).

Q: Where is DCMA located?

A: DCMA is headquartered on Fort Lee, Va. The headquarters building, Herbert Homer Hall, was dedicated on Sept. 15, 2011. There are also 45 contract management offices responsible for work performed at more than 1,000 locations worldwide.

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Q: How is DCMA structured?

A: DCMA is geographically aligned into regions - East, Central, West and International. This geographic alignment enables the agency to deliver consistent, tactical results and decision quality information across the acquisition enterprise.

Q: Who works for DCMA?

A: Approximately 10,800 civilian and military professionals in plants throughout the United States and in 26 countries around the world carry out 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. DCMA's professionals serve as information brokers for military buying agencies both during the acquisition cycle and throughout the life of the contract.

Q: Who are DCMA's customers?

A: DCMA's customers include DOD, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force, as well as non-DOD clients such as the Coast Guard, NASA and the Department of Homeland Security.

Q: Where does DCMA fit into defense?

A: DCMA is under DOD's Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. The USD(A&S) is the principal staff assistant and advisor to both the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense for all matters concerning acquisition and sustainment.

Q: When was DCMA established?

A: DCMA began as a Defense Logistics Agency organization called the Defense Contract Management Command and performed all contract administration services for the DOD. On March 27, 2000, the DOD renamed DCMC as the DCMA 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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BIOGRAPHY



Sonya Ebright

Acting Director, Defense Contract Management Agency

As the Acting Director for the Defense Contract Management Agency, Sonya Ebright oversees a team of more than 10,000 civilian and military personnel who provide contract administration services for the Defense Department, other federal organizations and international partners. The agency executes contract management responsibilities covering more than 200,000 contracts performed at more than 10,000 contractor locations

worldwide, with a value of \$3.5 trillion. In addition, the agency authorizes about \$1 billion in payments to contractors each business day.

Ebright was previously the Executive Director of the DCMA Contracts Directorate at Fort Lee, Virginia. She led over 3,000 contract acquisition professionals in support of DCMA's mission of delivering more than 400 million items – from fighter jets to fasteners – to the warfighter each year. She served 37 years in the Navy supporting operations and DOD major weapons systems and numerous systems' components and subsystems.

She served with NATO and most recently commanded DCMA International. Her experience includes multiple jobs in Contracting, Operations, Financial, Logistics, Strategic Management and Special Programs.

Ebright holds a B.S. in English (Summa cum Laude) from the University of Idaho, and an M.S. in Systems Management with a specialty in Contracting from Naval Post Graduate School and an M.S. in Strategic Resourcing from National Defense University, Eisenhower School. She also earned a certification in the Program for Organizational Leadership from Stanford University.

Ebright was awarded the Admiral Edward F. Ney award for outstanding Food Service (USS CANOPUS), the Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt award for 5 star Combined Quarters Management (Naval Station Everett) and the Admiral Robert F. Batchelder award for significant contribution to Supply readiness for operational forces at sea (USS DAVID R RAY). Ms. Ebright's military awards and decorations include numerous Defense Service Awards.

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