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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:** One team, one voice delivering global acquisition insight.

**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:** 11,964

**Number of military personnel:** 560

**Number of active contracts:** 308,749

**Total contract amount:** \$7 trillion

**Obligated Amount:** \$2.112 trillion

**Contractor payment authorizations:** \$780 million per business day (250 days)

\* as of 08/2019



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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.

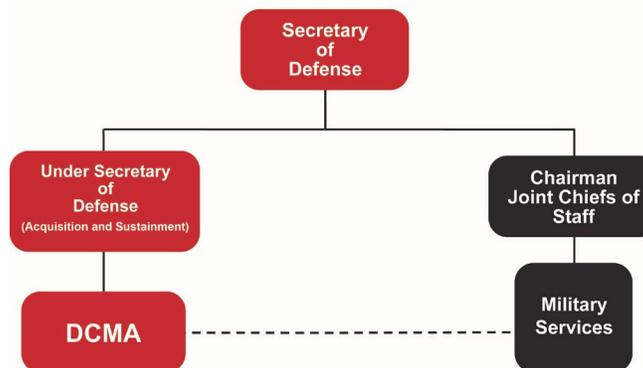
The Secretary of Defense reviewed the CAS process again in 1989. Citing continued problems with the manner in which the services were performing CAS, Defense Management Review Decision 916 recommended the establishment of a joint command to perform CAS to ensure that consistent policies and standards 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.

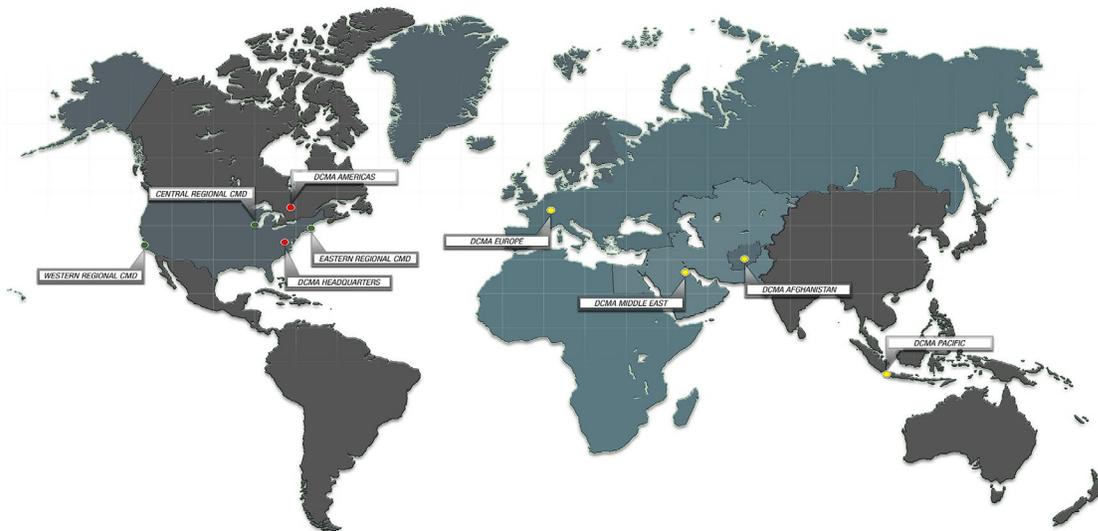
## Organizational Structure

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



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.





# DCMA FAQs

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**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 \$780 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 47 contract management offices responsible for work performed at more than 1,000 locations worldwide.

**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 12,000 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.



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**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.



## Lieutenant General David G. Bassett, Army Director, DCMA

Army Lt. Gen. David G. Bassett is the director of the Defense Contract Management Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, Virginia. As the director, he leads a Department of Defense agency consisting of more than 12,000 civilians and military personnel who manage more than 300,000 contracts, performed at 15,000 locations worldwide, with a total value in excess of \$7 trillion.

Bassett assumed leadership of DCMA on June 4, 2020. He came to the agency after serving as Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T) since January 2018, where he was responsible for the development, acquisition, fielding and support of the Army's tactical network, a critical modernization priority.

Bassett was commissioned into the Signal Corps in 1988 through ROTC concurrent with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. As a junior officer, he served in Germany in tactical positions with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 123rd Signal Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division.

Following the Signal Officer's Advanced Course and completion of a Master of Science in Computer Science through the University of Virginia, Bassett was assigned to the U.S. European Command Staff, where he served as the Requirements Analysis and Interoperability Action Officer, J6.

He transferred to the Army Acquisition Corps in 1999 and was assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as Operations Officer, Communications and Electronics Command Software Engineering Center. Bassett went on to manage software development efforts for the Army's Future Combat Systems program. He then served on the Joint Staff as the Ground Maneuver Analyst, Capabilities and Acquisition Division, J8.

From July 2009 to May 2012, Bassett served as the Army's Project Manager for Tactical Vehicles within the Program Executive Office for Combat Support & Combat Service Support (PEO CS&CSS). He then managed the Joint Program Office, Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV), through the Engineering and Manufacturing Development award.

In September 2013, Bassett was appointed Program Executive Officer, Ground Combat Systems, where he managed the portfolio of the Army's combat vehicle fleet including major modernization efforts to Abrams, Bradley, Stryker and self-propelled howitzer programs while also initiating the Army's Armored-Multi Purpose Vehicle program. Previous he served as Deputy Program Executive Officer for CS&CSS.

Bassett is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.