

'DTCI has been a huge success thus far, and there is no reason to think that it won't continue... Instead of surprise, I'd characterize my emotion as excitement (for the future of DTCI).'

Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, commander, USTRANSCOM and the DPO

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DTCI - first anniversary of 'go-live' activity

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. --- The [Defense Transportation Coordination Initiative](#) went 'live' a year ago when operations began in Puget Sound, Washington State. The "go-live" activities of March 31, 2008, marked the first time government shippers used DTCI to ship freight and began the first of three initial phases aimed at managing Department of Defense freight movements in the continental United States.

On this anniversary of DTCI operations, [Gen. Duncan J. McNabb](#), commander, U.S. Transportation Command and Lt. Col. Ronald L. Jackson, Jr., program manager DTCI, Program Management Office, discussed the program with the editors of The DPO Update and The Transporter.

EDITORS: What is DTCI?

GEN McNABB: It is a third party logistics freight management program designed to improve the reliability, predictability and efficiency of DOD materiel moving within CONUS. The transformational aspect of DTCI was its approach – the use of an industry partnership (the third party) to capitalize on commercial capabilities and proven best practices.

EDITORS: How did DTCI start?

GEN McNABB: Major corporations such as Dell, Target and Walmart were using 3PLs to manage their supply and distribution chains. Our freight transportation requirements were locally managed at almost 700 shipper sites with no central oversight. So, the idea for DTCI started as a way to gain efficiencies and effectiveness already being realized in the commercial world.

LT COL JACKSON: We set out to do this by improving operational effectiveness, reducing cycle times, increasing efficiencies, increased visibility enabling process improvements, achieving cost savings, and improving predictability through increased use of scheduled (dedicated) trucks, and refined cross docking operations as well as better mode selection and load optimization.

GEN McNABB: DTCI began as a DOD initiative to integrate logistics and improve efficiencies. The initiative was transferred from OSD to USTRANSCOM as the Distribution Process Owner for acquisition and program management in 2004.

LT COL JACKSON: The contract was awarded in 2007 to Menlo Worldwide Government Services.

EDITORS: General, you said the impetus was to gain efficiencies. After one year of activity, how close is DTCI to meeting expectations? Is DTCI saving money?

GEN McNABB: DTCI is avoiding the need to spend money on less efficient transportation solutions. The Menlo Team, Lt Col Jackson's folks, and the professionals at [DLA Defense Distribution Centers](#) make up the major muscle movements in the implementation schedule. Their hard work has allowed the Department to avoid spending \$17M thus far. [Read more...](#)

Items of Interest

[Chief of Naval Operations](#) Adm. Gary Roughead announced March 27, Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby will be assigned as commander, [Military Sealift Command](#), Washington, D.C. Buzby is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for global force management and joint operations, N3/N5, [U.S. Fleet Forces Command](#), Norfolk, Va.