Distributed Learning System (DLS)

MISSION

Acquires, deploys, and maintains a worldwide, distributed learning system to ensure our nation's Soldiers receive critical training for mission success.

DESCRIPTION

The Distributed Learning System (DLS) provides a worldwide information technology infrastructure that innovatively combines hardware, software, and telecommunications resources with training facilities and Web-based applications to electronically deliver course content for training of Soldiers and Department of the Army (DA) Civilians anytime, anywhere. DLS leverages technology to increase training efficiencies, increase individual and unit readiness, support Soldiers' career advancement, and improve their quality of life.

DLS provides users:
- Access to Army e-Learning, Web-based training, consisting of more than 5,400 commercial business, information technology, and 32 Rosetta Stone foreign language courses
- Globally located Digital Training Facilities (DTFs) capable of delivering multimedia courseware for individual or group training via computer or Video Tele-Training (VTT)
- Enterprise management of the DLS infrastructure, with customer support for training applications
- The Army Learning Management System (ALMS), for Web-based delivery of multimedia training and streamlined, automated training management functions
- Deployed Digital Training Campuses (DDTC) to deliver multimedia courseware to deployed Soldiers

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES

Other Major Interdependencies
Army Knowledge Online is used for identification, authorization, and to gain access to the ALMS. Student training results are transmitted via the ALMS to the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) as the system of record for Army training.

PROGRAM STATUS
- **2QFY04-4QFY10:** Sustained a centrally managed global training enterprise; electronically delivered training in military occupational specialties and self-development; supported migration of courseware to ALMS; began fielding DDTC; increased Army e-Learning and Rosetta Stone (foreign language training) enrollments

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES
- **2QFY11:** Upgrade ALMS to ALMS 3.0 software
- **4QFY11:** Complete fielding of 14 DDTCs
- **4QFY13:** Full deployment of DDTCs
- **4QFY14:** Complete production of DDTCs
- **1QFY11-4QFY21:** Continue to sustain all fielded DLS training capabilities; continue to produce, deploy and maintain a total of 50 DDTCs

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FOREIGN MILITARY SALES
None

CONTRACTORS
Army Learning Management System (ALMS):
IBM (Fairfax, VA)
DTF Management:
N-Link Corp (Bremerton, WA)
Language Training:
Rosetta Stone (Harrisonburg, VA)
Enterprise Management Services:
IBM (Fairfax, VA)
Army e-Learning:
Skillsoft Corp. (Nashua, NH)
Deployed Digital Training Campus:
Lockheed Martin (Alexandria, VA)
Program Management Support Services:
MPRI, an L-3 Company (Alexandria, VA)
VTT Communications Support:
Sprint Communications Co. (Reston, VA)