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• DLA’s overall transformation strategy requires all DLA business operations to upgrade their IT capabilities, including Technical and Quality functions
• BSM Release 2.0 functional blueprinting identified the need for technical document management and workflow management
• As a result, DLA has begun an Agency-wide Product Data Management Initiative (PDMI) whose objectives are to:
  – Increase the accuracy and accessibility of product data needed to make informed engineering and procurement actions
  – Provide a single enterprise application that supports one location and access of product data for authorized users
  – Link to the SAP application being developed and implemented where required to support ongoing business processes
• PDMI Program Office Established in Oct 2004
The PDMI is DLA’s strategy for transforming the Agency’s Technical and Quality business processes and capabilities. The Technical and Quality business process is one of the five core business processes comprising DLA’s BSM strategy. The PDMI will provide part of the Technical and Quality business process solution.
PDMI Capabilities

• Consolidate DLA Technical Data From:
  - Multiple JEDMICS
  - Shared drives
  - Personal computers
  - Desk drawers

• Provide Data Accessibility & Visibility to:
  - Product specialists
  - TQ community
  - Customers
  - Suppliers

• Create Bidsets
  - Replace DBI, ABI, CAPRS

• Link to Existing Databases:
  - ASSIST
  - MEDALS

• Allow Collaboration on:
  - Engineering support
  - Specification preparation

• Establish Capability for Future Links to:
  - Service data repositories
  - OEM data repositories

Take advantage of current product lifecycle management capabilities
How is PDMI Impacting Suppliers?

- In October 2006, DLA will implement SAP’s Collaboration Folders (cFolders) to replace existing bidset applications: Automated Bidset Interface (ABI), Contractors Automated Package Request System (CAPRS), and DSCC Bidset Interface (DBI).
- Bidset preparation and distribution will now occur within SAP, as cFolders will be created for each solicitation that requires a tech data package.
- BSM DIBBS will direct Suppliers to existing bidset applications for solicitations posted prior to PDMI.
- cFolders will be used for all new solicitations.
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• cFolders accounts are established based on BSM DIBBS Supplier accounts
  - All cFolders users must have a DIBBS account
  - BSM DIBBS – cFolders interface creates cFolders accounts upon creation in BSM DIBBS (at least 10 minute processing time)
  - PDMI’s initial conversion, approximately one week before Go-Live, will create cFolder accounts for existing BSM DIBBS users
  - Suppliers requiring cFolders access are encouraged to create BSM DIBBS accounts prior to October
  - More information around support processes will be provided closer to the Go-Live Date
Supplier Access to SAP

- Upon account creation, Suppliers will only have access to Distribution Statement A.
- Suppliers with US/Canada Joint Certification Program (JCP) certification will be granted appropriate access automatically. The JCP information will be refreshed nightly.
- Suppliers can request access to restricted data by downloading the appropriate form from cFolders and faxing to a DLA Point of Contact (POC).
- A DLA POC will manually track and approve additional access using the as-is paper based process for granting and removing access to product data covered by license agreements.
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PDMI System Capabilities

- **Engineering Support Automation**: The capability to request, receive and act upon external engineering analysis.

- **Document Management**: The capability to manage technical documentation and relationships between documents and materials.

- **Item Introduction**: The capability to maintain accurate item defining data through the SSR and LR processes.

- **Prioritization**: Optimal allocation of resources in support of overall Agency priorities.

- **Document Distribution**: The capability to allow partners access to appropriate item defining documentation.
• PDMI provides the capability to allow Suppliers to access appropriate item defining documentation

• A collaboration Folder (cFolder) will be created for each solicitation that requires a tech data package. The folder will include details about the data and provide users with the ability to download the documentation (if user has appropriate security access)

• Suppliers will be able to query cFolders for solicitations based on NSN #, Solicitation #, PR # and Document # in addition to dates, status, downloaded previously, or changes.
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• Suppliers will access cFolders via a link from BSM DIBBS or directly from the cFolders website
• Suppliers can view and download files and related information for solicitations
• Access to viewing and downloading files will be restricted based on the users authorization
• Suppliers will have the ability to download license agreement application forms from cFolders
• The home page will display recently viewed solicitations and allow for search capability
Users can query cFolders for solicitations based on PR #, Material Group, NIIN, Document #, CAGE, Doc Data Code, Revision, Doc ID in addition to dates, status,
The solicitation page will display all NSNs on the solicitation and header level details of the solicitation. Fields to display are currently
The NSN details page will display an NSN on the solicitation and will list the types of documents included – Drawings and ASSIST data (government specs and non-government specs). Fields to display are currently being
The Drawing details page will display the DIRs and the files and description information for each record (DIR). Fields to display are
• The Specifications page will display the information and links to ASSIST to find the correct specs, standards and CIDs. Fields to display are currently being defined.
The File details page will display information about downloading the file, including file type, sheet size. Access to this page will be dependant on a users authorizations depending on the restrictions of the file as
Users will be able to download to their machines.
Document Distribution Reporting

- cFolders will provide a report for OEM’s that will list users that viewed their documents and the documents they viewed.
- Data in the report will be applicable to the OEM that is viewing the report (an OEM cannot view a report for another OEM).
- The report will be available on cFolders and can be run on demand.
• A cFolder will only be updated with certain data for a solicitation:
  - Materials on a solicitation will not be added or removed
  - Documents will not be added or removed
  - The following fields will be updated during the course of the solicitation:
    • Contract Awardee
    • Close date adjustments
    • Status: Cancelled, Awarded
      - Cancelled
      - Awarded - at time of award only awardee able to view at that time
  • Information will be available for 60 days after the contract award date