

OSHA Challenge Pilot Program Implementation for Defense Logistics Agency (Task N.0831)

Statement of Need

The OSHA Challenge Pilot Program is an occupational safety and health management system (OSH-MS) and drives a successful OSHA program; implementation of an OSH-MS has demonstrated a reduction in occupational mishaps, workplace hazards and deficiencies. Per the Secretary of Defense's challenge to reduce mishaps, the Defense Safety Oversight Council (DSOC) identified initiatives for mishap prevention. The revision of Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6055.1, DoD Safety and Occupational Health Program, mandates DoD Services and Agencies have a safety management system. OSHA Challenge meets this criterion and has been agreed upon by the Unions to serve as the DLA OSH-MS. Assessments are required to determine whether DLA Distribution is meeting the requirements of a safety management system and OSHA Challenge. In response, the Army established a multi-service Safety Management Center of Excellence, formerly known as the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Center of Excellence for the DSOC, to provide technical expertise DoD-wide VPP implementation efforts to reduce civilian mishaps and injuries at military installations and Agency facilities.

The DLA Distribution organization has distribution centers working to implement or maintain Stages I, II, and III maturity level requirements of the OSHA Challenge Pilot Program. Some Distribution Centers are still behind on timelines while other centers require additional technical expertise to fully implement an occupational safety and health culture change.

Technical Approach

This task will provide the necessary technical VPP challenge program expertise through on-site corrective action and off-site technical expertise support to the eight (8) identified DLA Distribution organizations. In addition the team will create an OSHA Challenge Pilot Program Instructional Manual specific to DLA Distribution Operations that will step a Distribution Depot through all the OSHA Challenge Pilot Program initiatives.

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Status Ongoing

Anticipated Results and Benefits

The NDCEE will provide the tools and the support necessary for DLA Distribution to improve their OSH-MS. The program management will be improved to a level sufficient to help DLA achieve its strategic occupational safety and health goals, including completing OSHA Challenge, advancing in their possible pursuit of VPP Star at their locations.

Technology Transfer and Outreach

The NDCEE will identify key stakeholders within DLA Distribution and across the Services, as applicable, to promote collaboration and partnering opportunities.

