

Distributed Learning System (DLS)

INVESTMENT COMPONENT

Modernization

Recapitalization

Maintenance



MISSION

To ensure that Soldiers receive critical mission training for mission success.

DESCRIPTION

The Distributed Learning System (DLS) provides digital training facilities (DTFs) equipped with computers and video equipment, enabling Soldiers to take digital training anywhere in the world at any time. Currently, 226 digital training facilities are operational at 93 sites worldwide.

DLS provides:

- Digital training facilities capable of delivering courseware for individual or group training
- Enterprise management of the DLS system
- A web-based learning management system for centralizing training management and delivery
- Deployed Digital Training Campuses (DDTCs) (currently in testing) to deliver multimedia courseware to deployed Soldiers

- Army e-Learning: commercial web-based training for business, information technology, or language skills

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES

AKO is used for identification and authorization and to gain access to the Army Learning Management System (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

- **2QFY08–1QFY09:** Sustained a centrally managed global training enterprise; electronically delivered training in military occupational specialties and self-development; fielded ALMS to Army schools; awarded contract to develop and build the DDTCs and completed preliminary testing for DDTC; increased Army e-Learning and Rosetta Stone (foreign language training) enrollments.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

- **2QFY09:** Activate new DLS disaster recovery site; sustain operation of DLS
- **4QFY09:** Complete DDTC testing
- **4QFY09:** Conduct full-rate production decision review; begin fielding DDTC
- **2QFY09–2QFY11:** Continue to sustain all DLS increments; continue to produce and deploy the DDTC

ACQUISITION PHASE

Technology Development

Engineering & Manufacturing Development

Production & Deployment

Operations & Support

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FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

None

CONTRACTORS

Army Learning Management System (ALMS); Enterprise Management Center (EMC) Operations:

IBM (Fairfax, VA)

Army e-learning courseware:

Skillssoft (Nashua, NH)

DDTC development:

Lockheed Martin (Bethesda, MD)

Rosetta Stone foreign language training courseware:

Fairfield (Harrisonburg, VA)

Program management support:

MPRI (An L-3 Company) (Arlington, VA)

