Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS)

MISSION
Serves as the Army’s primary source in supporting Soldier’s information dominance objectives by developing, implementing and managing commercial information technology contracts that provide enterprise-wide, net-centric hardware, software and support services for the Army.

DESCRIPTION
Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) provides a no-fee flexible procurement strategy through which an Army user may procure commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) information technology (IT) hardware, software and services that adhere to DoD and Army standards. CHESS contracts provide continuous vendor competition and consolidation of requirements to leverage the Army’s buying power. CHESS is also the Army’s Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI) Software Product Manager (SPM). Responsibilities in this area include: consolidating software requirements and business cases and assisting contracting officers in negotiating, and administering the resulting agreements. CHESS offers the twice yearly Consolidated Buy (CB) with discounts of up to 62 percent off already discounted desktops, notebooks, tablets, slates and peripherals.

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES
In this Publication
None

Other Major Interdependencies
Army Chief Information Officer/G-6, Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command, Information Systems Engineering Command, and Army Contracting Command-Rock Island partner with CHESS in implementing and promoting standards of COTS products Army-wide.

PROGRAM STATUS
• 2QFY12: CB 14 yielded a cost avoidance of $7.1 million
• 3QFY12: Oracle agreement consolidated 225 software agreements and provided unlimited use of 11 products. The cost avoidance is estimated to be between $10 million and $50 million
• 4QFY12: Cost avoidance between $31 million - $65 million
• 4QFY12: Pilot of a portal for management of software enterprise license agreements (ELAs)

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES
• 1QFY13: Completion of portals for software ELAs
• 1QFY13: Execution of software ELAs
• 4QFY13: Information Technology Enterprise Solutions-3H (ITES-3H) which is a follow on the ITES-2H contract will offer state-of-the-art commercial IT equipment and related services
• 1QFY15: Execution of software ELAs
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES
None

CONTRACTORS
CHESS, in partnership with a host of large and small prime contract holders, subcontractors, resellers and original equipment manufacturers, provide architecturally sound, cost-effective, standards and policy-compliant IT enterprise solutions to all Army activities and organizations.