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# What's Next at LMP

30 Sep 2016: Fiscal Year End

30 Sep 2016: Transition to Sustainment

Complete

Oct 2016: Major Functional Release

# PM AESIP - Paving the Way of the Army ERPs

Army Enterprise Systems Integration Program (AESIP) truly is at the heart of the Army's Enterprise Resource Programs (ERPs), serving not only as the data hub to help integrate systems, but serving at the helm to advance several programs that are modernizing Army logistics, including the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP).



As the Project Manager (PM) AESIP, COL Harry Culclasure is responsible for the Army's enterprise logistics portfolio of

11 programs, valued at \$10.03B across the Future Years Defense Program. The portfolio includes the LMP and Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army), two Acquisition Category I programs with extraordinary capabilities to equip Soldiers.

Through his experience and commitment to the these programs and the Army, COL Culclasure has excelled in transparent communication across the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)) and cultivated strong relationships with key stakeholders, including Army G-4, Army Materiel Command (AMC), Office of Business Transformation, and Financial Management and Comptroller. His 11 programs continue to provide fully-integrated information on parts requisition, property accountability, and finance to ensure Soldiers have what they need, when and where they need it. The AESIP portfolio is critical to Army readiness and provides leaders at all echelons with vastly improved logistics visibility.

COL Culclasure and AESIP have become the voice of the Army's SAP ERPs, expanding collaboration with other Department of Defense (DoD) agencies, industry, and the international SAP community. He and AESIP continue to provide leadership and guidance to support the Army's goals to modernize its business processes through automation and integration. Through the team's efforts, AESIP is paving the way of the Army ERPs and delivering world-class support to Soldiers all over the world.



# The Continuous LMP Lifecycle by LTC Robert Williams, LMP Product Manager (PdM)

Every Defense Acquisition program has a prescribed lifecycle it follows, and the phases differ depending on the type of program. LMP's phases are as follows: Materiel Solution Analysis, Risk Reduction, Development and Deployment, and Operations and Support. Due to the recent Full Deployment declaration made by AMC, LMP Increment 2 is about to enter the Operations and Support Phase (i.e. sustainment).

Here at LMP, we have a constant flux of work that keeps us firing on all cylinders in nearly every phase of the lifecycle at the same time. We sustain the baseline (what we often refer to as Increment 1), a mature system that is reliable for our 30,000 users around the world. We implemented Increment 2 by working with AMC to determine requirements, develop the solution, and field capabilities over time. Transition of Services from the prime contractor to the Army Shared Services Center was completed during June 2016, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) migration is slated for completion during Spring 2017, the initial Total Package Fielding (TPF) implementation is scheduled for next April, and efforts to be compliant with the Auditability mandate are ongoing. What does all this mean? This constant mix of program management and operations activities will continue even though Increment 2 as a separate Defense Acquisition Program is coming to a close, and we leave Marlton due to the end of the contract with our current vendor.

Ultimately, you all work tirelessly day-to-day regarding the aforementioned activities so that LMP is always up and running with the capabilities AMC requires to support Soldiers anytime, anywhere. Regardless of your role, it's up to each of us to keep the various pieces of LMP moving through the acquisition lifecycle to support Army readiness and equip, sustain, integrate, and enable the AMC for years to come.

# **LMP Support for Army Modernization and Readiness**

by Mr. Gabe Saliba, LMP Deputy PdM

The Army Chief of Staff's primary mission is Army Readiness, which includes a focus on modernization that ensures today's Army is "equipped to fight." Given the current resource constrained environment, the Army has limited abilities to invest in new technologies and capabilities. Consequently, the Army has prioritized its investments in only the most critical capability gaps and incremental upgrades to existing major combat systems. As I'm sure you can conclude, the LMP is one of the systems that the Army is committed to.

The LMP remains strong, as a core Information Technology (IT) system supporting Army readiness day in and day out. Our delivery, our performance, and our ability to meet current and emerging needs have earned us an impressive reputation in and around the Pentagon, and among Army and DoD leaders. We are an ERP program that works, is reliable, and is providing tangible benefits to support Army operations. With Increment 2 now up and running, AMC will be able to identify and track even more benefits, including items that will be tracked through the planned Post Implementation Review (PIR).

Through what we've delivered to the Army since 2003, it's clear that the LMP ensures Soldiers have the right equipment at the right time. As a team, along with our customer, partners, and leadership, we deliver the best solutions and the best training to the users who will see to it that Soldiers and missions are equipped to fight - and win.





# LMP in the News

# AMC and Increment 2 on WHNT CBS - Huntsville



On 10 June 2016, the LMP Increment 2 was featured on the Huntsville, AL CBS affiliate Channel 19 news as part of the station's weekly "Defending America" segment. The clip highlighted the LMP Increment 2 and its automation of the AMC's mission to provide Soldiers with the right equipment at the right time. Mr. James Dwyer, AMC Principle Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Logistics, G-3/4 (retired), and Mr. Josh Call, Chief of Supply Chain Management AMC G-3/4, were interviewed. Click here to view the clip.

# LMP and Army Readiness Featured on Army homepage



US Army Logistics Modernization Program: Ensuring a steady state of Army readiness

JUNE 13, 2016

During Army birthday week in June, the LMP was featured on the Army homepage. LTC Williams, LMP PdM, authored an article about the LMP Increment 2 and how it supports Army readiness.

Click here to read the full article.

# LMP and AMC on Fed News Radio and Armed Forces Network Radio

On 22 June 2016, Fed News Radio aired an interview with LTC Williams, LMP PdM, and Mr. Josh Call, Chief of Supply Chain Management AMC G-3/4, on how the LMP contributes to Army readiness and the recent Increment 2 implementation. Following the interview, LTC Williams and Mr. Call participated in an online chat with audience members.

Click **here** to listen to the broadcast.

Click **here** to read the online chat transcripts.









# **AMC's LMP Training Cadre "The Lifeline of LMP Training"**

Submitted by HQ AMC G-3/4 Training Division

The AMC training cadre program is a tremendous success story thanks to the efforts of LMP Product Management Office (PMO), AMC, and the prime contractor. The LMP successfully achieved its scheduled Increment 2 Wave 3 Go-Live on 23 May 2016 thanks in large part to a robust training and education program that employed the use of site cadre to train end users.

The Increment 2 training approach utilizes a "train-the-trainer" methodology using a selected group of site professionals (called cadre) who understand the local legacy business processes and the LMP automation improvements. The LMP PMO and prime contractor trained AMC cadre, who in turn trained the end users ensuring sites received training from peers who know and understand their business and operations. The focus of the training strategy was to establish an enterprise end-to-end training process that maintains trained users, as well as provides training for new users in the future. This strategy facilitates the overarching goal of maintaining self-sufficiency of continuous education and training for the end users.

Choosing capable, committed cadre was essential to training success and hinged on the cadres' participation and involvement from the start. From day one, site cadre were actively engaged in course material reviews and workshops to create job-related training materials. As LMP Increment 2 Wave 3 training materials became more specific, the cadre were involved in training material validation and concurrence. The continual dialogue from numerous calls and working sessions ensured the cadres' voice drove critical content development, confirming that training material met users' needs.

Increment 2 training has been a success largely due to the cadres' teaching experience combined with their LMP subject matter expertise, intimate knowledge of site business processes, and enhancement of their presentation skills through enrollment in the Facilitation and Training Skills course at the Army Logistics University (ALU). These factors allowed the cadre to infuse training content with real-life scenarios to answer very specific questions about LMP operations at the sites. Through August 2016, cadre have conducted over 5,000 classes with over 62,000 participants, resulting in 345,000 total training hours. Leadership's support and commitment also was vital to training success and fostered creditability throughout AMC in trusting the cadre to provide the right training at the right time. Through these thousands of hours of learning and teaching LMP, cadre have supported not only the scope of this incredibly large effort, but have shown their commitment to get the work done in support of AMC's mission.

Congratulations to all of the LMP Training cadre for a tough task well done!



At right, Corpus Christi Army Depot's LMP cadre Hector Espinoza (standing, right) and Arlene Jimenez (standing left) logged more than 60,000 training hours teaching 10,000 students in more than 700 classes about LMP implementation.



# Supply Chain Planning Reporting Tool Replaces Budget Stratification to Better Meet OSD Reporting Requirements by Kitty McCaffrey, AMC Supply Chain Planning Deputy BTL

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) helps manage the DoD's budget planning process, which feeds into the development of the President's Budget each year. For decades, OSD had maintained a framework for supply chain management reporting, but with the emergence of the LMP and other ERPs, the reporting outputs no longer aligned - that is, how OSD requested information and how it was ultimately generated from the ERPs did not sync.

Recognizing the impacts of these differences between OSD requirements and ERP solutions, leadership at the Army Budget Office launched a Lean Six Sigma effort in 2011. Through that project, representatives from AMC and its Lifecycle Management Commands (LCMCs) began to formulate new methods and procedures to report supply chain data from the ERP system, building upon the original Budget Stratification (Budget Strat) process.

Data fed directly from Material Requirements Planning (MRP), which is the backbone of supply management under LMP, represented the only viable way to reflect budgetary needs. With this concept in mind, Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA) and AMC worked with OSD over the course of three years to pursue a large-scale Business Process Re-engineering effort. Design and development of the revised processes required involvement across the supply chain community. For example, CSRA representatives worked closely with the Supply Chain Planning (SCP) Business Team Leads (BTL) and Functional Team Leads (FTL), as well as SCP System Analysts and MRP/Budget Strat experts, to review the differing reporting methods and develop ways to match system capabilities to OSD requirements. The culmination of these efforts was the Supply Chain Planning Reporting Tool (SCPRT), a suite of Business Objects documents not only designed to provide financial information, but also to deliver robust reporting capabilities, metrics, and a more intuitive data layout for the item management communities. MRP enhancements also were delivered as part of the SCPRT, allowing users to eliminate the labor and time intensive quarterly Strat halt phase report. The SCPRT will serve as the supply, demand, and excess data of record for years to come. It will supersede the Historical Reference Report while offering more granular information than ever before.

Implemented on 31 May 2016, SCPRT required a significant training component. A group of 30 subject matter experts (pictured below) met in Marlton in June 2016 for a week-long train-the-trainer course. They then returned to their respective commands to lead courses for the entire item management community.

AMC is submitting its first official SCPRT report to HQDA and OSD this month, bringing the entire project full circle and delivering another incredible benefit from the Army's powerful ERP solutions.

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# **Recent News & Activities**

- June 2016 TPF training began for AMC cadre
- June 2016 TPF Pilot conducted at Fort Bliss
- June 2016 Supply Chain Planning Reporting Tool (SCPRT) training in Marlton (see article on page 5)

# What's Next

- September 2016 Fiscal Year End Close
- October 2016 Major Functional Release (to include additional auditability and functional requirements)

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# **Recent News & Activities**

- August 2016 Interoperability Verification of Fixes/ Cybersecurity test event
- August 2016 Full Fielding End User Training complete
- September 2016 Full Deployment declaration

## **What's Next**

September 2016 – Post Go-Live Site Support complete

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# **Recent News & Activities**

- June 2016 Transition of Sustainment Services complete
- July 2016 Building 3050 ribbon cutting for Sustainment Operations Group

# **What's Next**

September 2016 – Transition of Services complete

# June 2016 Town Hall Congratulations to the 3rd Quarter LMP Town Hall winners! Thank you for all you do for the LMP.



Contractor Employee of the Quarter: Sue Schreitmueller (r) accepts her award from Engility Program Manager Mary Lowe\*

### Unavailable for photos:

- Government Unsung Hero of the Quarter: Dave Bubak
- Government Subject Matter Expert of the Quarter: Darryn Deshong - CECOM
- Government Employee of the Quarter: Noreen Bartley
- Contractor Unsung Hero of the Quarter: Erin Rusnak\*



# **TPF Pilot Program a Success at Fort Bliss**

In June 2016, the LMP and ASA(ALT) completed the Total Package Fielding (TPF) pilot program at Fort Bliss to "hand off" M88 Recovery Vehicles from LMP to Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) using the LMP TPF distribution process. TPF will be used across 10 Program Executive Offices (PEOs) within ASA(ALT) to package fielded items together, and manage and track those packages and related inventory in LMP and GCSS-Army. The pilot at Fort Bliss is representative of how a majority of ASA(ALT) PEOs will use the TPF solution.

The M88 is used in the field to help recover heavy armored vehicles of Allied ground units to return for repair, maintenance, or decommissioning. PEO Ground Combat Systems (GCS) (TACOM) Project Manager (PM) Main Battle Tank Systems (MBTS) will utilize LMP TPF to package and hand off M88s and related items (like manuals, tools, and spare parts) from its fielding locations around the country to support its divisions around the world.

For the pilot, PM MBTS completed the transition of M88s from Fort Bliss to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (2-1AD). During the pilot, PEO GCS logged into LMP and completed transactions, including entering the M88s' inventory into LMP, packaging it, and directing it where to go, so the package could sync with GCSS-Army. Then the 2-1 AD team logged into GCSS-Army and executed steps to receive the materials in their system.

The successful pilot demonstrates the LMP TPF capabilities to minimize the workload associated with the fielding of new systems and equipment. LMP TPF helps the materiel developer and the fielding command to determine all requirements up front; fund and requisition nearly all needed items; consolidate support items into unit-level packages; and coordinate the distribution of the major system, its associated support items of equipment, and support packages to a central staging site or to the gaining unit itself.

Bottom line, the TPF solution links National-level logistics items (LMP) for Tactical-level use (GCSS-Army), and back again, to ensure timely and accurate tracking of materials around the world.





Above (I. to r.) CPT Maureen Minder, LMP APdM TPF, Lisa DaPonte, LMP Functional Integration Branch Lead, and Chayan Mukherjee, LMP PMO Solution Architect, stand in front of an M88 at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX during the TPF pilot exercise in June 2016.

At left (I. to r.) Frank Obasohan, CSRA developer, Chayan Mukherjee, and CPT Minder pose with the M88 after the package "hand off" was completed from LMP to GCSS-Army.

# AMC Thanks LMP for Years of Support



Above: LMP PdM LTC Rob Williams (center) accepts an AMC challenge coin from AMC Commanding General (CG) GEN Dennis Via (left) and AMC Executive Deputy to the Commanding General (EDCG) Ms. Lisha Adams (right). On 6 June 2016, PdM LMP provided an annual program update to the CG AMC and EDCG, highlighting program status, successes, and next steps. During the session, the CG AMC offered his congratulations to the entire LMP team for their years of hard work leading up to and including the Increment 2 implementation.

Below: LMP DPdM Gabe Saliba (center) also accepts an AMC challenge coin from CG AMC and AMC EDCG.



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# LMP MASTER SCHEDULE



