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DLA Research & Development

R&D AND MORE IN FY24

KOCH'S CORNER

This issue is all about "R&D and More in FY24!" - but first I'd like to share a few FY23 highlights. FY23 was a transformative year of growth for R&D filled with fresh initiatives and a return to in-person engagements. Following a successful series of "MSC Roadshow: Exploration, Experiments and Engagements" visits, we held our inaugural RD&J Snack Symposium in June, providing an opportunity to discuss MSC visit outcomes and collaborate with DLA leadership and stakeholders.



In FY23, R&D also ramped up our newest program, Applied Research & Testing Emerging Technology (ARTET), which serves as a testing and development resource for DLA projects and prototypes. In September, we closed the fiscal year with our first in-person Industry Collider Day (ICD) in four years. Building on FY23's momentum, R&D is headed to the Defense Manufacturing Conference (DMC) in December where we will hold our first-ever outreach session for small businesses. And, this spring, R&D will head back on the road for MSC visits and invite them to participate in our snack symposium alongside the J-Codes.



In FY24, we will also expand our MII partnerships, increasing R&D's engagement and impact in that space. As R&D expands, we are increasing our due diligence in vetting our valued partners ensuring their organizational security and financial fitness on the front end and working with ARTET to closely track our project's transitions on the back end. These steps are critical as we expand our BAA announcements across R&D's platforms. This is an exciting time at R&D as we continue to expand and transform our efforts! We hope you join us on this journey .

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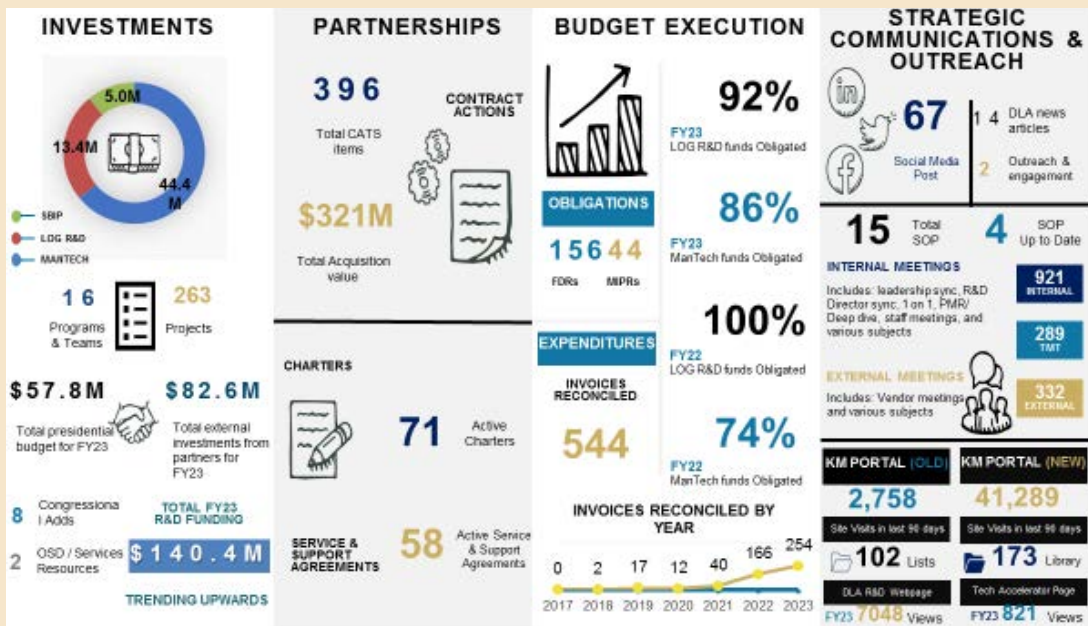
DLA R&D MISSION

DEVELOP AND DELIVER NEW CAPABILITIES THROUGH APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ENHANCE WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT

DLA VISION

PREMIER INNOVATION FOR GLOBAL WARFIGHTER MISSION READINESS

FY23 MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS





NATIONAL STEM DAY SPOTLIGHT: STRATEGIC DISTRIBUTION & DISPOSITION (SDD) PROGRAM

The DLA Research & Development (R&D) Strategic Distribution and Disposition (SDD) program is designed to advance innovation, science, and technology within DLA Distribution & Disposition to create Smart Warehouses that are relevant and ready in their support to the Warfighter. SDD's FY23 accomplishments include activation of the 5G Test Bed for DLA Distribution Albany, GA, the extension of a SBIR contract for Augmented Reality for 5G Test Bed testing, and the selection of Inventory Management SBIR's for DLA Distribution with Dr. Imes Chiu's Autonomous Floor Scrubber "Rosie the Robot." In FY24, SDD's focus will be Inventory Management for DLA Distribution and "Automating the Dull, Dirty, and Dangerous" for DLA Disposition through warehouse modernization initiatives.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOV 23
THANKSGIVING**

**DEC 7-15
HANUKKAH**

**DEC 11-14
DEFENSE
MANUFACTURING
CONFERENCE**

**DEC 20
VIRTUAL HOLIDAY
PARTY**

**DEC 25
CHRISTMAS**

**JAN 1, 2024
NEW YEAR**

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT: LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD



Great R&D Contracting capabilities by DCSO-P were essential to DLA R&D's FY23 achievements: a total 396 actions completed with \$321M acquisition value! Actions included two new Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs): Strategic Distribution and Disposition and Acquisition Modernization Technology Research. DLA Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) award for Contingency IT, and Other Transaction Authority (OTA) Production Award for commercial software licenses. FY24 is expected to be another busy year for R&D contracting with the President's budget to execute new BAAs for Strategic Materials and Logistics Technology Research, and update the Emergent IV BAA Areas of Interest (AOI) will further support DLA priorities. Contract management processes will be strengthened with new BAA language addressing transitions from R&D into production, intellectual property, Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) policies, and the 'Due Diligence' process regarding foreign interests, ensuring understanding for those seeking to do business with DLA R&D.

FINANCE CORNER

FY23 was another banner year for J68 R&D's financial health. J68 executed \$45M in CAs and garnered over \$82.6M in funding from external partners bringing J68s total FY23 budget to \$140M. The Finance Team expanded its use of RPAs, processing over 2000 goods receipts and freeing 170 manhours that improved processes and performed deeper resolution analytics. J68 made significant performance improvements against OSD Benchmarks completing over 1200 actions (FDRs, MIPRs, and purchase orders) over the course of the year. FY24 promises to bring more of the same. J68 continues to expand its OSD, industry and academia partnerships to garner other people's money in support of key critical areas within the R&D portfolio. The Finance Team is working with the J6 RPA Team to enhance the functionality of its GR automation and is pursuing innovation in the key areas of financial execution, process improvement and audit.

