Joint Contingency Acquisition Support Office (JCASO)

Overview

RDML Ron Maclaren
Director
August 25, 2010
JCASO Responsibilities

- JCASO provides program management of Operational Contract Support (OCS) to all the DoD Combatant Commands (COCOMs) for planning, exercises, training, and deployments
- Part of DLA J-7 with a distinct OCS mission
  - Work with all DLA activities at HQs and in field
  - Joint Operational Contract Support Planners (JOCSFPs) at each COCOM
  - Full acquisition process, including whole-of-government OCS synchronization
- JCASO will deploy fly-away teams to the COCOMs
• Shortfall in requirements definition and deliberate planning for contracted support
  • Competition among services
  • Underestimation of the size of effort
  • Varying standards of support
  • Incomplete OPLANs

• Poor management and oversight of operational contract support
  • Inadequate number of deployable Government Service Contract Mgt. Specialists
  • No single point of contact for contracting in the AOR
  • Limited governance documents
  • Gap in legal accountability over contractors
  • Inadequate oversight of contracts

• Limited ability to track and account for contractor personnel
  • Varying support standards
  • No “linkage” between contract vehicle and contractor personnel

2007 Gansler Commission
NDAA FY07, 08 & 09
Audits (GAO, SIGIR, SIGAR)
Commission on Wartime Contracting
Congressional Mandate - NDAA 2007 Sec. 854

- In coordination with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, develop joint policies for requirements definition, contingency program management, and contingency contracting during combat and post conflict operations

- Appointment of Specific senior leadership at DoD, Military Department, and Executive levels

- The Assistant Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Program Support (ADUSD(PS)) designated the Program Manager for Contingency Contract Support
  - Part of the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness (OASD(L&MR)), which advises the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L))
  - JCASO established by OASD(L&MR) via ADUSD(PS), located within the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
Initiatives to improve management/oversight

- Governance: Establish & maintain a policy and program management framework to govern management of contractor personnel in forward areas (DoDI 3020.41, et al)

- Establish JCCSO (now JCASO) to help develop joint policies that provide for a “preplanned organizational approach to program management” for Contractors Authorized to Accompany the Force (CAAF). JCASO advances acquisition management of Operational Contract Support for planning, exercises, training, and deployment.

- Establish Joint Operational Contract Support Planners (JOCSPs) at the Combatant Commands to strengthen planning for contingencies - now part of JCASO

- Institutionalize the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) to improve visibility and accountability of CAAF

- Training & Education Programs: Develop career and leadership plans and programs for all expeditionary contracting personnel and non-acquisition leadership

- Lessons Learned Program: Develop contractor scenarios that can be injected into Title X GCC exercises to ensure realism in logistics operations
JCASO Organization

Director
RDMIL Ron MacLaren

Executive Director / SES

Deputy

Policy Manager
COL (S) Thomas Killeen

Deputy Policy GS-15
Mr. Kevin Burke

Personnel Not Identified / Selected

Estimated start
For CIV: 2QFY10

Estimated start
For MIL: 3QFY10 – 2QFY11

Legal GS-15
Dep Legal LTC Peter Tran
OPS Officer COL Drefus Lane
Deputy Ops/GS-15 Mr. Chris Iskra
Mission Support SFC Anitra Carter

JCASO Forward Director
COL (S) Edward Keller
Logistics Plans Officer
LCDR Brian Henderson
Engineer
LCDR Emily Allen
Quality Assurance Rep
TSgt Sevin Balkuvvar-Smith
Mission Support
SGT Jennifer Watson

Joint Operational Contract Support Planners (7)
EU, CE, AF, SO

JOCASO Forward Director
CDR Courtney Turner

Logistics Plans Officer

Engineer
MAJ Donald Crawford
Quality Assurance Rep
LSC Boyd Jordan
Mission Support
SSG Robyn Peck

Joint Operational Contract Support Planners (7)
NO, STH, PAC, JF

IA / Multinational Spec. / GS-14
Mr. George Johnston

Acq. Ops Spec. / GS-14
Ms. Lynn Connors

Proc. Analyst / GS-14
Ms. Charmaine Camper

Engineer
MAJ John Hudson

Mgmt Analyst / GS-14
Mr. Rodney Dickerson

Mgmt Analyst / GS-13
Ms. Valerie Ingram

USN
USAF
USA
CIV
At CCDRs

a/o 15 JUL 10
JCASO role in the DoD joint policies for requirements definition, contingency program management, and contingency contracting.
JCASO provides OCS program management to the COCOMs during exercises, contingencies, and for special projects.
How JCASO Deploys

Before: OCS Policy Development >>> Acquisition Planning >>> Market Research >>> Training/Exercises/COCOM coordination

During: Requirements Development >>> Support Methods >>> Contracting Approaches >>> Contract Management

After: Contract Transition to DoS/USAID and OGAs

Orchestrated and synchronized OCS activities across entire acquisition cycle
Why/How JCASO was Created

- Gansler Commission identified shortfalls in Operational Contract Support (OCS)
- Congressional Mandate: NDAA 2007, Section 854
- OASD(L&MR) via the ADUSD(PS) established JCASO within DLA

Mission and Organization

- Provide OCS program management to the DoD Combatant Commands (COCOMs) for planning, exercises, training, and contingencies

Key Goals/Objectives

- Reach Full Operating Capability by Oct 10
  - Complete staffing; 2 deployable teams
- Integrate Joint Operational Contract Support Planners (JOCSPs) at COCOMs into JCASO
- Enhance “Whole of Government” OCS approach with DoS and USAID
- Partner with JSJ4 and JFCOM to advance Joint Doctrine and Training
- Develop ability to synchronize OCS activities across entire acquisition cycle
- Participate in Title X exercises and be prepared to deploy at any time

* JOCSPs located at AFRICOM, CENTCOM, EUCOM, JFCOM, NORTHCOM, PACOM, SOCOM & SOUTHCOM