



The Property for Operations, Ranges, and Training Areas Initiative

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Who is responsible for the Property for Operations, Ranges, and Training Areas Initiative?

DRMS, J-361 Reutilization, Transfer, Donation (RTD) Branch has assumed the duties for the Initiative. Formal guidance may be found in DOD 4160.21-M, which implemented the requirements of the Federal Property Management Regulation (FPMR), and other laws and regulations as appropriate, as they apply to the disposition of excess, surplus, and foreign excess personal property (FEPP). DOD 4160.21-M, Defense Material Disposition Manual applies to all elements of DOD, their subordinate commands, installations and activities, worldwide, except as otherwise indicated. Chapter 5 specifically addresses reutilization/transfer screening and issuance of property.

The Defense Reutilization Marketing Service (DRMS) is the DLA field activity assigned the task to reutilize, transfer, donate, sell, or properly dispose of all DOD excess property. DRMS Instructions 4160.14 Section 2, General Processing, C5.6.6 provides specific guidance for DRMS employees.



What is the desired outcome of the Initiative?

The Initiative is designed to reutilize Demilitarization Code C and D property that is in the lowest Supply Condition Codes and has Disposal Condition Codes of X or S; however, PORTA Members may requisition Demilitarization Code A, B, or Q property in all Disposal Condition Codes, when certain conditions are met (full RTD screening cycle complete and/or written justification).

Normally, the property is reutilized for training purposes in support of major military exercises or operations, for sustainment or pre-deployment live fire training on various ranges (direct fire, indirect fire, rotary wing, or fixed wing), and/or in non-live fire training areas. Ideally, the desired outcome of the program is to reutilize as much property as possible in support of the warfighter to increase military readiness, save DOD, DRMS, and the taxpayer money, and promote environmental stewardship.

Why?

Everyone benefits when we reutilize property; however, a quick snapshot of the parties that benefit the most from this Initiative are listed below:

- **Warfighter (More realism means enhanced training)** - the most realistic property to train with is actual military property, which has a unique color schemes, signatures, and systems (armor, communications, etc.)

Highlights:

September 2006 - Concept Identified

November 2006 Initiative Identified

December 2006 - 1st customers assisted

April 2007 - 1st target aircraft requisitioned through the Initiative

August 2007 - 1st target aircraft delivered through the Initiative

March 2008 - active marketing of aircraft results in largest one month reutilization ever-- just under \$250,000,000

May 2008 - The Initiative is approved as a DRMS Initiative

August 2008 - Planned release of the Webpage

October 2008 - Planned 1st Annual Conference (Battle Creek, MI)

- **Warfighter (Durability means more time to train)** - DOD excess property is exceptionally durable, as our adversaries will attest to---as a result of this durability property is easier to emplace, requires little or no maintenance, and will last longer---all of which translates to less set-up and recovery time for the range and more training time for operational units
- **Warfighter (Procurement cost reduction or avoidance)** - by promoting military customers to requisition property for use as a target or training aid vice purchasing DOD saves procurement monies
- **DRMS (Cost Avoidance/Reduction-Transportation)** - by allowing a reutilization customer another opportunity to use property DRMS avoids, which saves DRMS money
- **DRMS (Cost Avoidance/Reduction-Demilitarization)** - by allowing a reutilization customer another opportunity to use the property DRMS avoids demilitarization costs, which saves DRMS money
- **American Taxpayer (Military Readiness-better trained military)** - a highly skilled military is a deterrent to our enemies and a better trained military fights and wins quicker and with fewer casualties
- **American Taxpayer (Savings-Transportation, Demilitarization, Procurement)** - when DRMS saves on transportation, demilitarization, and procurement the taxpayer saves money
- **Environment (Less Fuel, Less Pollution)** - when DRMS transports and demilitarizes less there is less energy expended and pollution expelled



Where does the property come from?

DOD excess property is received from DOD activities stationed all across the United States. DRMS has Defense Reutilization Marketing Offices (DRMOs) has the ability to receive property in every state and territory; and, DRMS has the ability to receive foreign DOD excess property as well. DRMOs are located in every major country that that the Department of Defense operates in and there are Contingency DRMOs in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan supporting the warfighter.



When can property be requisitioned and how fast will a customer receive it?

Property may be requisitioned through the DRMS Website at www.drms.dla.mil. Military customers may conduct web-based searches from any .mil computer; and, if the military customer has requisitioning authority, may requisition property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. Based on the priority of the requisition, property will be pulled from the inventory, prepped, and shipped by DRMS personnel. Military members may walk-through a local DRMO to view the local inventory. If they see property they could use, they may manually requisition it and depart with it the same day providing they have a Letter of Authorization from their command on file with DRMS HQ.

