

Significant savings and improvements result of worldwide inventory going online
Winning web technology awarded

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. – The Government Information Technology Board named the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) winner of the 1999 Center for Excellence for Information Technology (CEIT) award at the Virtual Government Conference in Washington D.C. from Feb.23 through the 25. The Armed Forces and Communications and Electronic Association sponsors the conference.

CEIT showcases organizations that have successfully used web technology as part of their business practices who have realized significant savings or process improvements from its use. The award recognizes achievements from the public and private sector in industry.

DRMS employees Scott Riddle, Bob Fedyski, Julia Karns, Mark Vincent, Vickie Rodgers, Jill Schillinger and Mary Ellen Smith were honored for their successful, cost-effective entry titled “Reshaping Government through Creative Technology.”

DRMS now manages its inventory of excess military property through web-based technology. DRMS has used the Internet to replace its earlier method of property disposal by moving information instead of material.

The DRMS website places the entire worldwide system online, eliminating tedious manual record-keeping and volumes of paperwork. Customers save time by searching online instead of visiting field locations to view, order, and pick up Defense Department materials. Batch searches that

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once took two days to complete can now be processed at a rate of 50,000 stock numbers a minute.

No longer restricted by 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. office hours or geographic location, the web site makes property data available around the world and around the clock. Initially, the web page was accessed by customers an average of 2,000 times per month but that number has now risen to 4.5 million hits per month.

The CEIT award is the most recent addition to awards won for DRMS web technology. In early February, the General Services Administration named DRMS winner of its Miles Romney Award and in 1997, the Al Gore Hammer Award was presented to DRMS. The Hammer Award is given to teams that achieve new standards of excellence in reinventing the government.

The DRMS website can be visited at www.drms.dla.mil or www.drms.com.

DRMS specializes in the disposal of excess military equipment and supplies worldwide and is an activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.

(photos available upon request)