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Systems Applications Products (SAP) briefed at DRMS

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. -- Representatives of SAP AG briefed Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) employees at the Battle Creek Federal Center Jan. 11 about the features of SAP software and its uses.

The Defense Logistics Agency, which operates as the higher headquarters for DRMS, already uses SAP as part of its Business Systems Modernization efforts. According to Don Angell, the DRMS Integration Project program manager for the Office of Corporate Planning, DRMS is currently evaluating SAP products to determine whether or not such software could play a significant role in support of the pending business process changes.

DRMS employees have continually adapted their business practices to adapt to the e-commerce marketplace. By evaluating the use of SAP software, they will look to see if there are ways it can be used to bring employees, customers and industry partners closer together to capitalize upon the new Internet economy.

By purchasing multiple licenses for such software, DLA has taken advantage of a software product that provides a single point of access to collaborative networks, personalization tools and other services that users can personalize to individual preferences. This capability can be accessed by any employee or external community member such as a customer, business partner or supplier and provides quick access to relevant business information, applications, and services from a Web browser.

The goal is to provide users with Web-based access to all of the internal and external applications, business content, and services they need in a fast, easy and convenient manner. Additionally, users will be equipped with the necessary tools to perform effectively in dynamic, fast-paced, market-driven business environments by putting the appropriate information and applications just a keystroke away.

Employees of the Defense Logistics Information Service and the DLA Systems Integration Office joined DRMS personnel for portions of the demonstrations. The interests of these other DLA field activities include applications with the ability to enter inventory from a remote location, study the functionality of workflow, manage contracts, and make the best use of Web technology.