# **DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

AMERICA'S COMBAT LOGISTICS SUPPORT AGENCY

# **DLA Land and Maritime**

# Vendor Payment Process Updates and Challenges

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# **Normal Payment Timeline**

Payment is made based on the latter date of the receipt of a valid invoice or Government acceptance (unless fast payment procedures are authorized).

| Basic List            |                         |                   |              |     |                  |       |             |               |                  |                  |      |                     |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|--------|
| Sh. Text              | MvT Material Document   | Item Posting Date | ₽ Quantity   | OUn | ۶ Amount in LC   | L.cur | Reference * | ₽ Qty in OPUn | Order Price Unit | ε Amount         | Crcy | Trans./event type 1 | ≅ GR Ł |
| GR                    | 101 <u>5118077231</u>   | 1 10/09/2013      | 8.000        | EA  | 14,864.00        | USD   |             | 8.000         | EA               | 14,864.00        | USD  | 1                   |        |
| Tr./Ev. Goods receipt |                         |                   | <b>8.000</b> | EA  | <b>14,864.00</b> | USD   |             | 8.000         | EA               | <b>14,864.00</b> | USD  | 1                   | •      |
| IR-L                  | 5162404207              | 1 10/09/2013      | 8.000        | EA  | 14,864.00        | USD   |             | 8.000         | EA               | 14,864.00        | USD  | 2                   |        |
| Tr./Ev. I             | Tr./Ev. Invoice receipt |                   |              |     | <b>14,864.00</b> | USD   |             | 8.000         | EA               | <b>14,864.00</b> | USD  | 2                   |        |
|                       |                         |                   |              |     |                  |       |             |               |                  |                  |      |                     |        |



# Vendor Payment Process Updates and Challenges



# "Why Don't I Get Paid"

# Acceptance is based on:

- Material
- Quantity
- Price
- Receipt Location
- Shipping, Packaging, Marking Requirements
- Receiving Documents





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 Not packaged to the Quantity Unit Pack (QUP) specified in the contract.

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 Electrostatic Sensitive Material shipped in non-conforming packaging.





# No

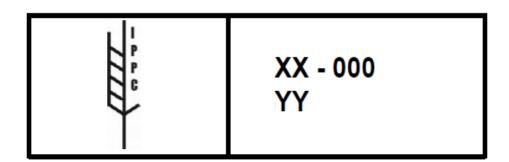






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 Non-conformance to wood packing materials requirements (ISPM 15)



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 Material received not packaged to the requirements specified in the contract (Method of Preservation).





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 Shipping documents missing, incomplete or illegible

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 Missing Bare Item Markings (Mil-Std-130)







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Shipping material before the DCMA Quality
 Assurance Representative signs acceptance.
 (Inspection and Acceptance at Origin/Source)

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Shelf life markings omitted or incorrect.





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 MIL-STD 129R Labels omitted or missing required elements

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Reason why payments are delayed:
 No Invoice submitted in WAWF



# **Accounts Payable – Payment Process Overview**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

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# What is Vendor Pay?

# Payment for Day to Day Goods and Services

#### **Uses Multiple Systems**

# Deployed Across Multiple Locations Worldwide

# **Encompasses Entitlement Determination for:**

- Non-DCMA Administered
  Contracts (some
  exceptions)
  - ✓ Transportation Payments
  - ✓ Miscellaneous Payments to Businesses and Individuals

# **Entitlement Processing and Certification Branch**



| Entitlement Systems |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SAVES               | FABS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAPS-W DAI          |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBS                 |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |

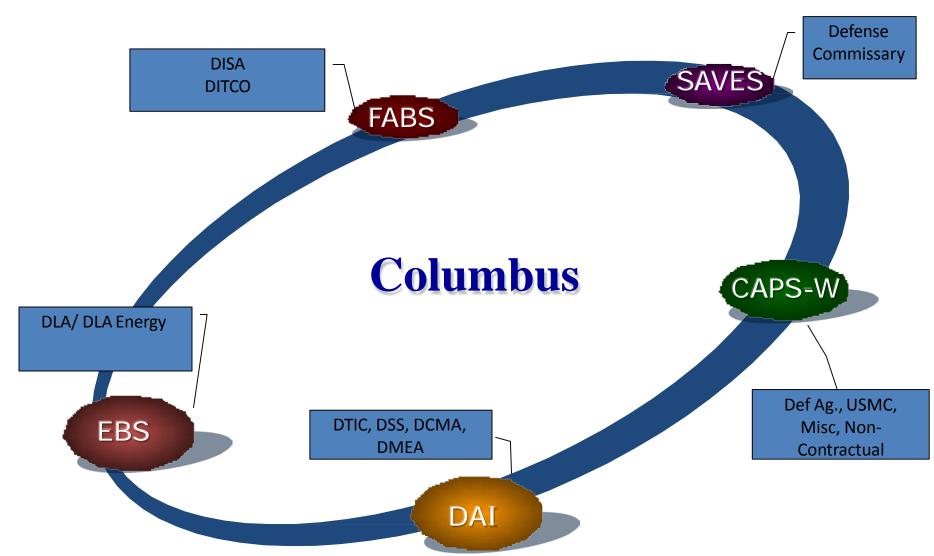
| Supporting Systems |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SAM/BEIS           | Powertrack/Syncada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EDA                | iRAPT/WAWF         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EDI                | ADS                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EDM                |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### **Functions:**

- Review contracts, invoices, and receiving reports for propriety IAW regulatory requirements.
- Match contract, invoice, and receiving report to initiate proper payment.
- Verify vendor SAM registration and remittance data.
- Perform entitlement/computation actions necessary to generate payments to vendors and individuals for services performed and/or goods/materials received.
- Process payments into the applicable entitlement system (Systems vary depending on customer)
- Payment Certification.
- Perform pre-pay & post pay audits.
- Manage EFT reject process.

# **AP Systems – Defense Agencies/USMC**





# **Accounts Payable Process - 3 Way Match**











#### DoD

- Awards contract to Vendor
- Forwards contract to DFAS

#### Vendor

- Provides Goods and Services
- •Submits receiving report for the goods and services to DoD
- •Can also submit the invoice along with the receiving report (Combo and Invoice 2 in 1)

#### DoD

- Recieves goods and services
- Forwards signed receiving report to DFAS



#### Vendor

•Submits Invoice to DFAS if not already submitted with the receiving report.



#### **DFAS Entitlement**

- Using a 3-way match between the Contract, invoice, and Receiving Report, validates, entitles and then prevalidates the invoice
- •Sends payment file to Disbursing office



#### Disbursing office

- •Sends Check/EFT to Vendor
- Updates MyInvoice
- •Sends disbursement data back to the Accounting systems.

# Prompt Payment Terms – DoD FMR Vol. 10 Chapter 7



## ▶ Net 30 Days = Normal Payment Terms

# Net 7 Days

✓ Meat, Meat Food Products, including Poultry, Fresh Eggs, Seafood or Shellfish

# Net 10 Days

✓ Perishable Agricultural commodities, Fresh Baked Goods, Dairy Products, Fats and Oils

## Net 14 Days

✓ Construction Contracts

# Fast Pay 15 Days

✓ Based on inclusion of the FastPay FAR clause in the contract

# Accelerated Pay (All Vendors)

- ✓ Paid as soon as possible (15 days)
- ✓ Per memorandum dated 8-1-2014



## **Calculation of Interest**



- Interest paid on LATTER of:
  - ✓ Date Invoice Received at Proper Billing Office
  - ✓ Acceptance Date
  - **✓** Constructive Acceptance Date

\*Constructive acceptance = 7 days after delivery date
(If the difference between Delivery and Acceptance exceeds 7 days,
then Constructive Acceptance is used in place of Acceptance Date).

Inv Rcvd: 12/14/11 Inv Date: 12/12/11

RR Rcvd: 12/20/11 Mdse Del: 12/12/11 Mdse Acpt: 12/20/11

\*Constructive Acceptance is 12/19/11





Interest would be calculated off of 1/18/12 due date

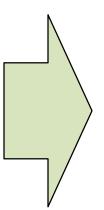
Prompt Pay and Discount calculators can both be found at this site:

https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/pmt/promptPayment/promptPayment\_home.htm

# **Proper Manual Invoice**



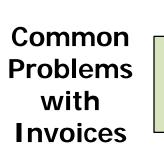
A proper invoice must have the following:



|           | Invoice Date  |
|-----------|---|
|           | Name and Address of the vendor  |
| V         | Invoice number, Account number, and/or any other identifying number agreed to by contract   |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Contract Number or other authorization for delivery   |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Description, Price and Quantity   |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Shipping, Payment, and Discount Terms   |
| V         | Taxpayer Identifying Number (TIN), unless agency procedures provide otherwise   |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Contact Name (where practicable) of person to be notified in event of a defective invoice   |
| <b>√</b>  | Banking information, unless agency procedures provide otherwise, or except in situations where the EFT requirement is waived under 31 CFR 208.4 |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Other substantiating documentation or information required by the contract  |

# **Improper Invoice**







| $\sqrt{}$ | Wrong or incomplete contract (PO) number  |
|-----------|---|
| $\sqrt{}$ | Missing call/delivery order number  |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Vendor sends statements and not invoice   |
| <b>√</b>  | Billing for past due amounts on current charges instead of submitting original invoice where balance is due |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Missing invoice number and date   |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Billing description is incomplete or incorrect  |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Failure to mark DD250 as an original invoice  |
| $\sqrt{}$ | Invoice is submitted by a vendor (sub contractor) other than the vendor named on the contract               |



By using WAWF, most of these errors would be eliminated

# **Accounts Payable Defense Agencies – Pay Offices**



#### **HQ0131**

- Defense Agencies
- •System = CAPSW
- Customer Service
  - ✓ Call 1-800-756-4571, option 2
  - ✓ Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - ✓ 1-877-278-3106

# **HQ0131**

- MISC PAY
- System = CAPSW
- Customer Service
  - ✓ Call 1-800-756-4571, option 2
  - ✓ Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - ✓ 1-877-278-3106

#### M67443

- USMC
- System = CAPSW
- Formerly DFAS Kansas City
- Customer Service
  - ✓ 1-800-756-4571, option 5
- Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - √ 1-866-217-6523

#### **HQ0252**

- DITCO
- System = FABS
- Formerly DFAS Pensacola
- Customer Service
  - ✓ 1-800-756-4571, option 2
  - ✓ Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - 1-866-451-1110

# **Accounts Payable Defense Agencies – Pay Offices**



## **HQ0104**

- Some FUELS
- System = CAPSW
- Customer Service
  - ✓ Call 1-800-756-4571, option 2
- Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - √ 1-614-693-2630

## **HQ0131**

- DeCA
- System = CAPSW/SAVES
- Customer Service
  - ✓ 1-800-756-4577, option 2
- Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - √ 1-877-278-3106

#### **SL4701**

- EBS
- System = EBS
- Formerly BSM, also used for Fuels
- Customer Service
  - ✓ Call 1-800-756-4571, option 2
  - ✓ Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - √ 1-866-313-2340

#### HQ0492/HQ0690/HQ0751/HQ0748

- DAI
- System = DAI
- Customer Service
  - ✓ Call 1-800-756-4571, option 2
  - ✓ Non-WAWF fax invoice submission:
  - **✓** 1-877-326-8044

# **Challenges**



- When things don't go as expected
  - ✓ What do I do now? I haven't been paid! My invoice got rejected! I got a partial payment!
- Contact DFAS Customer Service or Use Self-Service
  - 1-800-756-4571
  - ✓ Top Reasons for Inquiry
    - Pay Status
      - Solution: MyInvoice <a href="https://wawf.eb.mil">https://wawf.eb.mil</a> to register
        - If you have iRAPT/WAWF, you can easily register for MyInvoice
    - Missing Goods Receipts
      - This is NOT a DFAS role. You must contact your DLA/Govt Receiving Activity POC or your contracting officer
    - Short Pay (as a result of partial or missing GR)
    - Freight balance due
      - Did you attach a copy of your freight bill to your WAWF invoice submission?
    - How to bill
      - Invoicing should MIRROR you contract CLIN/SLIN layout, including QTY/Unit Price/Unit of Measure
    - Maintain your SAM registration.
      - Annual requirement. If expired/suspended, you will NOT get paid! https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1

# **Challenges continued**



# Why am I not getting paid?

- ✓ Do you have an existing debt with a federal agency? IRS, local government, liens, outstanding collections?
  - If DFAS is paying you, we partner with the Treasury Department and IRS to process offsets based on your TIN. (these can and will include administrative fees, penalties and interest)
- ✓ Small Business Payment Acceleration Program
  - Currently, all payments are accelerated with a Department goal of 15 days (for Net 30 payment terms). While this is the goal, all processes MUST occur before payment is released, which could result in delays, including applicable PPA interest if terms of contract are exceeded.
    - Requirements include: Proper Invoice, Proper Receiving Report, Proper Contract, AND Prevalidation (validation of adequate funds to disburse). Example) You wouldn't write a check for a personal utility bill for \$200 if you only had \$100 in your account would you?

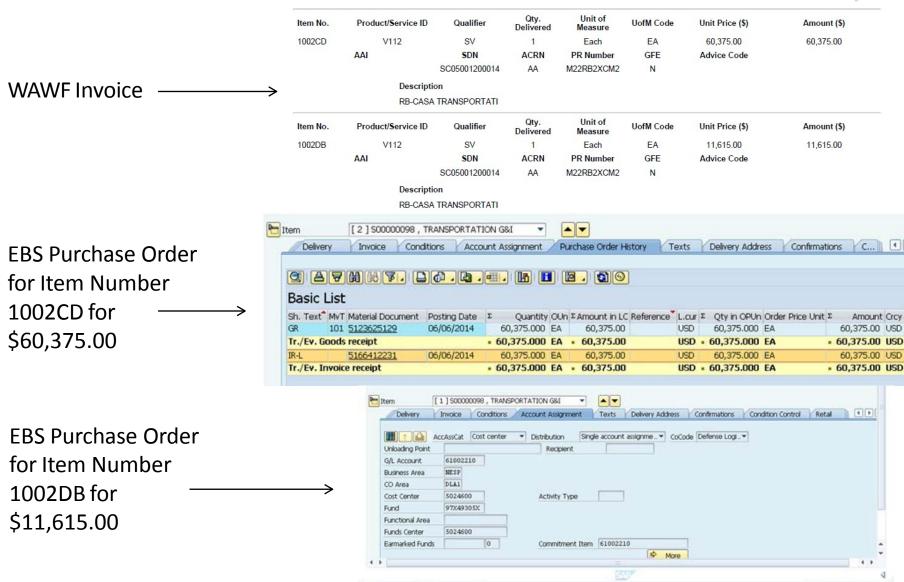
# **Separation of Duties**



- Creation of Purchase Order
  - ✓ DLA Procurement
- Creation of Invoice
  - ✓ Vendor
    - Electronically submitted and passes all edits
  - ✓ DFAS Entitlements
    - Electronically submitted, but contains error or doesn't pass an edit
    - Invoice submitted manually, requires input by DFAS
- Creation of Goods Receipt
  - ✓ Receiving Activity
    - DLA (DLA Direct)
    - DLA's Customer (Customer Direct)
- Creation of Disbursement
  - ✓ DFAS Certification/Disbursement

# **Partial Payment (Invoice)**

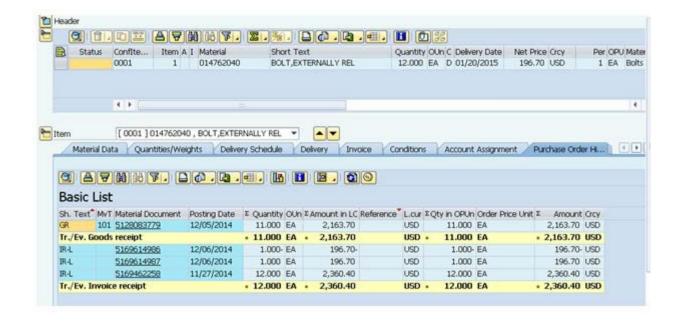




# **Partial Payment (Line)**



| [-]Line Item Ir | nformation  |  |      |                 |                  |                              |            |             |  |  |
|-----------------|---|--|------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| Item No.        | Product/Service ID  | Product/Service ID Qualifier Qty. Shippe |      | Unit of Measure | <b>UofM Code</b> | Unit Price (\$) Qty. Accepte |            | Amount (\$) |  |  |
| 0001            | 5306014762040   | FS                                       | 12   | Each            | EA               | 196.7                        |            | 2,360.40    |  |  |
|                 | SDN   |  | ACRN | Δ.              | AI               | PR Number                    |            |             |  |  |
|                 |   |  | BX   |                 |                  |                              | 0054507197 |             |  |  |
|                 | Description   |  |      |                 |                  |                              |            |             |  |  |
|                 | BOLT, EXTERNALLY RELIEVED BODY 53711 P/N 721-7070284-45 REV A |  |      |                 |                  |                              |            |             |  |  |
|                 |   |  |      |                 |                  | Line Item Total (§           | \$):       | 2,360.40    |  |  |



# **DLA Lines of Accounting**



- EBS can only pay DLA Lines of Accounting
- If a contract has a non-DLA LOA, EBS can't entitle/disburse (Payment Office SL4701)
- ▶ If SL4701is the payment office, a modification is necessary
- DFAS policy not to split up a contract over multiple payment offices

# **Payment Office Changes**



- Modification
  - ✓ Payment Office Change
- Certification of Funds
  - ✓ Identifies the obligation
  - Amount disbursed
  - Awaiting liquidation
  - ✓ Signed by Losing Payment Office
  - ✓ Sent to new Payment Office

# **Questions**





# Other Tips and Suggestions



- Contact your Contract Administrator
- Maintain up-to-date point of contact information in the System for Award Management (SAM)
- Retain and make available Proof of Delivery (Carrier Tracking) information
- Recommend placing shipment commercial tracking numbers in Wide Area WorkFlow (WAWF/IRAPT) Receiving Report



# **Helpful Websites**



- http://assist.daps.dla.mil/ copies of Military Standards including MIL-STD-129P and MIL-STD- 2073-1D
- www.dodrfid.org information on DoD's Radio Frequency Identification marking requirements
- www.wawftraining.com online training for WAWF



# **Helpful Websites**



## **DFAS Home Page**

- http://www.dfas.mil/contractorsvendors.html
  - One-Stop Shop for ALL your payment questions and links to valuable resources

#### iRAPT/WAWF

- Invoice, receipt, acceptance, property transfer & Wide Area Workflow (your electronic invoicing tool)
  - https://wawf.eb.mil/
  - » Includes training tutorials, how to, and additional reference material Mylnvoice Tutorial (YouTube) (Payment Status Online)
    - » https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbYi85oRH5o

## DFAS Open House – come see us!

http://www.dfas.mil/contractorsvendors/upcomingevents/openhouse.html

# **System for Award Management (SAM)**

https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1

#### **Prompt Payment Act**

http://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/current/10/10\_07.pdf

# **United States Treasury – Prompt Payment Calculator**

https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/pmt/promptPayment/promptPayment\_home.htm



# Conclusion



# Process of Payment Payment Delays Tips & Suggestions













