

## **DLA Public Affairs**

### **Defense Logistics Agency recognizes ECVV**

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Eastern Carolina Vocational Center Inc. of Greenville was among the award recipients when the Defense Logistics Agency honored 18 industry partners, customers and individuals Jan. 20 with its Business Alliance Awards in Springfield, Va.

Eastern Carolina Vocational Center received the Outstanding Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program Vendor: Awarded to non-profit agencies (National Industries for the Blind, employing the blind; or NISH, employing persons with severe disabilities) that exemplify overall excellence in superior product quality, on-time delivery, superior customer service, reliability, dependability, consistency and accuracy.

Overall, the Business Alliance Awards recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to partner with DLA and improve the Agency's mission -- providing supplies and services to America's warfighters. DLA Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail presented the annual awards.

The Agency's primary role is to provide supplies and services to America's military services worldwide and includes managing more than 5 million consumable items, including rations, medical supplies and equipment, clothing and textiles, and repair parts for land, sea and air weapons systems and platforms.

Eastern Carolina Vocational Center provides a wide variety of batteries used by the military in many battlefield applications. Delivering a quality product on time is the standard for the center, and they do this in a way that is a model for other Javits-Wagner-O'Day suppliers to follow. They employ more than 100 people with disabilities while also offering a transitional training program.

The transitional training program can last from a few weeks to a few months and prepares nearly 200 persons with disabilities per year to enter the workforce. The program teaches safety, responsibility, the importance of customer service and good work ethics. The support continues to the employees' ultimate job site with one-on-one assistance and long-term follow-up services.

The award citation noted that the center "is truly an outstanding organization as a supplier and in keeping the spirit and intent of the JWOD program."

Defense Logistics Agency provides supply support, and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., the Agency is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency pre-paredness or day-to-day operations.



