

Services Sustain

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On Sept. 2, the Corps of Engineers marked another milestone in its 10-year history of providing contracted logistics services in the Balkans. Contract administration for the Balkans Support Contract shifted from the Defense Contract Management Agency – Southern Europe, to the Corps' Europe District. A formal transfer of authority ceremony was held at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

DCMA has provided daily contract administration for logistics contracts awarded by the Transatlantic Programs Center since peacekeeping operations began in Bosnia-Herzegovina in December 1995. Three separate logistics contracts have been used to provide life support, transportation and maintenance services, and temporary construction of troop facilities.

But the organization's partnership with TAC



◀ **Contracted local national employees work on a Kosovo Forces vehicle at Camp Bondsteel. In the vehicle maintenance shop, they can perform routine maintenance as well as fix damaged vehicles. This is just one of the many services offered in the Balkans Support Contract.**

Soldiers

began well before operations in the Balkans. In August 1992, the Transatlantic Division (which preceded TAC) awarded the first Logistics Civil Augmentation Program contract, and DCMA was tapped to provide on-the-ground contract oversight for any military contingency operation. The first LOGCAP contract supported several contingencies, including the 20,000 troops that deployed to implement the Dayton Peace Accord that halted the four-year Balkans conflict.

Deborah Duncan, deputy for programs and project management, represented TAC at the ceremony. She thanked DCMA personnel for their contributions, and she expressed appreciation to the audience for their dedication to the Balkans peacekeeping mission. In addition to DCMA and Corps representatives, also

attending were Task Force Falcon personnel and Kellogg Brown & Root Services employees.

"DCMA is a valued member of the Balkans support team," Duncan said. "DCMA has a reputation for excellence in contract management services, and its people are

agile and focused on customer success."

DCMA has served as the liaison between the Army's area

support teams in Bosnia and Kosovo, U.S. Army Europe headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, Kellogg Brown & Root Services, and TAC headquarters. DCMA's Contingency Contract Administration Services teams had administrative contracting officers, quality assurance, property and fuels specialists.

Because of the changing nature of the Balkans mission

"I am pleased to accept this responsibility and to carry on the great tradition of support to our Soldiers stationed in the Balkans."

