



# Defense Automated Printing Service Receives White House Award

**D**efense Logistics Agency's Defense Automated Printing Service [DLA DAPS] was presented a White House Closing the Circle Award during ceremonies at the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House July 13, 1999. Lt. Gen. Henry T. Glisson, DLA director, received the award.

"DLA is innovative and active in environmental and conservation efforts. The DAPS team showed its continued commitment toward protecting the environment by winning this award," said Glisson.

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive presents awards to recognize individuals and groups who demonstrated leadership in implementing pollution prevention provisions of Executive Order 13101, Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition.

DAPS provides Department of Defense agencies with digital output, imaging, document conversion, scanning, CD-ROM, printing, copying, and World Wide Web services.

"I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your efforts toward 'Greening the Government.' You have accepted the challenge to ensure that, as we move together into the 21st century, the Federal Government will continue to lead by example," said Vice President Al Gore in a letter to the 1999 award winners.

The team award in the Affirmative Action category was presented based on the results of "before" and "after" DAPS surveys conducted between the period of October 1997 and November 1998 of all paper

purchased for its cost-per-copy and in-house operations. The initial survey revealed that 63 percent of 1.25 billion sheets purchased contained 100 percent virgin fiber. With these results, DAPS directed all operations to use only 20 percent or greater post-consumer recycled paper by Oct. 1, 1998, to be in full compliance with the Executive Order. Orders for virgin paper ceased effective June 15, 1998.

Waivers to use 100-percent virgin fiber paper had to meet the guidelines outlined in the Executive Order and be approved by the DAPS Chief Operating Officer.

The follow-up study conducted October-November 1998 showed a dramatic improvement in the procurement of recycled paper purchases as a percentage of total monthly paper purchased, increasing from 37 percent as of May 31, 1998, to 97 percent as of Nov. 30, 1998.

DLA was also mentioned on a team award presented to the Navy for the Joint Service Pollution Prevention Technical Library. The library is the comprehensive DoD environmental resource containing information on equipment, technologies, and management practices that assist installations in reducing or eliminating waste generation. The library is a cooperative effort [of] the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the DLA. The library may be accessed at <http://enviro.nfesc.navy.mil/p2library>.

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