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## Army Doctrine for Contracting Support on the Battlefield

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement (DASA (P)) developed Army doctrine for commanders to plan, deploy and employ Army contracting personnel to support their soldiers performing missions across the operational spectrum. DASA (P), working with Military Professional Resources, Incorporated (MPRI), authored field manual (FM) 100-10-2, Contracting Support on the Battlefield. MG Brown, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center (CASCOM) at Fort Lee, Virginia, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) proponent, approved publication of FM 100-10-2 on April 28, 1999. The Army becomes the first Service to publish contingency contracting doctrine in the Department of Defense (DoD).

The DASA (P) and MPRI incorporated comments and lessons learned from more than 120 Joint Staff, DoD and Army headquarters and staff agencies, plus Marine, Air Force, and British Army contracting personnel, while staffing drafts of FM 100-10-2. These headquarters' teamwork, coupled with mentoring from CASCOM's Directorate of Combat Developments, allowed the DASA (P) to develop FM 100-10-2 within 19 months; CASCOM cites 36 - 48 months as the normal timeline to develop new doctrine. The DASA (P)'s staffing and briefing of emerging Army doctrine served as a catalyst for discussions about joint contracting doctrine with the Joint Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps and the Air Staff.

FM 100-10-2 empowers the Army's warfighting Principal Assistants Responsible for Contracting (PARCs) and contracting chiefs at each level of command. The manual requires mission commanders to include a contracting support plan, authored by their PARC or mission contracting chief, as an appendix to the logistics annex of their operational plans (OPLANs) and orders (OPORDs). This contracting support plan governs all Army contracting within the theater or mission area of responsibility (AOR), eliminating the competition for resources between agencies, Services and Army units, which marked earlier missions. When the Army is designated lead Service for contracting for a joint force, this contracting support plan likewise governs contracting by all deployed Department of Defense Services and agencies within that theater or AOR. The Army Training Support Center (ATSC) at Fort Eustis publishes doctrinal field manuals for TRADOC. During their publication process, Army personnel can access and download FM 100-10-2 from CASCOM, at [http://www.cascom.army.mil/multi/Field\\_Manuals/FM\\_100-10\\_Series/](http://www.cascom.army.mil/multi/Field_Manuals/FM_100-10_Series/) or the DASA (P) site at <http://acqnet.sarda.army.mil/acqinfo/zpcntcrt.htm>

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