



**CONTRACTOR SUPPORT OF U.S. OPERATIONS IN THE
USCENTCOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY,
IRAQ, AND AFGHANISTAN**



BACKGROUND: This update reports DoD contractor personnel numbers in theater and outlines DoD efforts to improve management of contractors accompanying U.S. forces. It covers DoD contractor personnel deployed in Iraq (Operation New Dawn (OND)), Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)), and the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) area of responsibility (AOR).

KEY POINTS:

In 3rd quarter FY 2011, USCENTCOM reported approximately 175,000 contractor personnel working for the DoD in the USCENTCOM AOR. The number of contractors outside of Iraq and Afghanistan make up about 11% of the total contractor population in the USCENTCOM AOR. A breakdown of DoD contractor personnel is provided below:

DoD Contractor Personnel in the USCENTCOM AOR

	Total Contractors	U.S. Citizens	Third Country Nationals	Local/Host Country Nationals
Afghanistan Only	93,118	23,294	25,666	44,158*
Iraq Only	62,689	18,900	34,974	8,815
Other USCENTCOM Locations	19,177	7,127	10,854	1,196
USCENTCOM AOR	174,984	49,321	71,494	54,169

*The reported number of local national personnel in Afghanistan continues to be refined as we address the challenges associated with the day to day employment of individual contractors supporting contracts which meet reporting threshold requirements.

Iraq Summary

- The main categories of contracts in Iraq and the percentages of contractors working on them are displayed below:

Base Support:	38,135	(60.8%)
Security:	10,414	(16.6%)
Translator / Interpreter	3,425	(5.5%)
Logistics / Maintenance	953	(1.5%)
Construction:	738	(1.2%)
Transportation:	1,260	(2.1%)

Communication Support:	507	(.8%)
Training:	587	(.9%)
Other:	6,670	(10.6%)
Total:	62,689	

- **OND Contractor Posture Highlights:**
 - There are currently 62.7K DoD contractors in Iraq. This represents a 2.4% decrease as compared to the 2nd quarter 2011. The military to contractor ratio in Iraq is now 1.18 to 1 (based on 53.3K military).
 - In Iraq there is a focus on consolidating, de-scoping and cancelling contracts. We expect further decreases in the overall number of contractors as FOBs close and the military footprint is reduced later in FY11.
 - DoD and DoS are conducting detailed planning for post-2011 contract support. We expect that approximately 17K-22K contractors will remain at the end of fiscal year 2012 under the Economy Act in support of the enduring diplomatic and security assistance mission. Approximately 4,000 of the total will be directly supporting DOD mission areas and funded accordingly; the remaining contractor personnel are provided to support the Chief of Mission, Iraq, on a reimbursable basis.

Afghanistan Summary

- The main categories of contracts in Afghanistan are similar to those shown in the Iraq summary. We are currently capturing data by contracting activity as follows:

Theater Support - Afghanistan:	21,846	(23.4%)
LOGCAP:	33,131	(35.6%)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:	11,348	(12.2%)
Other:*	26,793	(28.8%)
Total:	93,118	

**Includes Defense Logistics Agency, Army Materiel Command, Air Force External and Systems Support contracts, Special Operations Command and INSCOM.*

- **OEF Contractor Posture Highlights:**
 - There are currently approximately 93.1K DoD contractors in Afghanistan.
 - The military to contractor ratio in Afghanistan is 1 to 0.86 (based on 107.9K military).
 - Recent efforts to develop strategies to improve the viability of business in Afghanistan include developing a more skilled workforce, increasing business opportunities, increasing community cash flow, improving public infrastructure such as roads and utilities and community organizational capacity to maintain economic governance. All of these initiatives have a direct influence on the hiring of Afghan local nationals.
 - Local Nationals make up 47% of the DoD contracted workforce in Afghanistan.

General Data on DoD Private Security Contractor Personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan

- Private security contractors perform personal security, convoy security, and static security missions. Not all private security contractor personnel are armed.

- USCENTCOM reports, as of 3rd quarter FY 2011, the following distribution of private security contractors in Afghanistan and Iraq:

DoD Private Security Contractor Personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan

	Total**	U.S. Citizens	Third Country National	Local/Host Country National
DoD PSCs in Afghanistan*	15,305	693	1,282	13,330
DoD PSCs in Iraq	10,414	935	8,839	640

Note: These numbers include most subcontractors and service contractors hired by prime contractors under DoD contracts. They do not include PSCs working under DoS and USAID contracts.

* The PSC numbers in Afghanistan fluctuate due to a rapidly changing environment surrounding President Karzai's Decree 62. The Afghan PSC numbers are lower this quarter due to the difficulty in awarding and renewing security contracts in accordance with Ministry of the Interior (MOI) licensing requirements.

** Numbers include both armed and unarmed contractors employed on contracts providing private security services.

General Conditions Regarding Contracts and Contractor Personnel

- The Combatant Commander has provided specific guidance on arming contractor personnel and private security contractors in the USCENTCOM AOR through a series of Fragmentary Orders (FRAGOs) and other authoritative guidance, including the following:
 - Private security contractor personnel are not authorized to participate in offensive operations and must comply with specific USCENTCOM Rules for the Use of Force (RUF). Under these RUF, private security contractor personnel are authorized to use deadly force only when necessary in: self-defense, defense of facilities / persons as specified in their contract; prevention of life-threatening acts directed against civilians; or defense of Coalition-approved property specified within their contract. U.S. Forces-Iraq (USF-I) issues to approved private security contractor personnel a weapons card authorizing them to carry a weapon. This weapons card also contains the guidance for the RUF and the contractor personnel's signature acknowledging the difference between the RUF and the Rules of Engagement.
 - Private security contractor personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan must be properly licensed to carry arms in accordance with host nation law and must receive USCENTCOM / Coalition Forces' approval of their operations. DoD contractor personnel armed by DoD authority must report any use of force, including the firing of a weapon. This requirement and the required information to be submitted are identified within the terms of the contract, MNF-I FRAGO, 09-109, and USFOR-A OPLAN 09-01.

Improvements to Management and Oversight of DoD Contractors

- **Defense Standards for Security Services.** NDAA FY 2011 broadens the provisions of section 862 of NDAA FY 2008 (which established the requirement for standard USG regulations relating to armed contractors in designated combat operations) expanding the requirement for common standards to significant military operations not rising to the level of major combat. Standards and provision for third party certification in section 833 will facilitate identifying technically acceptable contractors and best value which: enables expedited contract award; mitigates risk of delay of services due to contract award protests; and, mitigates risk of contractor non-performance or misconduct in critical early phases of contingency operations.
- **Joint Theater Support Contracting Command (JTSCC).** JTSCC has centralized oversight and authority to ensure all contracts executed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Kuwait are visible and in compliance with contracting policy and procedures. JTSCC headquarters relocated to Qatar in December 2010 and facilitated broader theater contracting oversight functions. There are now two Flag/GO officers assigned to JTSCC; the commander and Senior Contracting Officer (SCO) in Afghanistan.
- **Task Force 2010.** Recognizing that contracting is not the root cause of corruption, but corruption clearly feeds off contract money, Task Force 2010 was established to more effectively link US contracting dollars to a winning COIN strategy in Afghanistan. TF 2010 focuses on gaining visibility of USG contracting funding flows in Afghanistan in order to ensure that the billions of US dollars being spent are used as an effective tool in the COIN campaign.
- **TF SPOTLIGHT** was established by USFOR-A to review implementation of DOD Instructions and USFOR-A implementing orders regarding Private Security Companies. Focus areas for TF SPOTLIGHT include: contractor compliance with arming, licensing and reporting procedures; PSC participation in SPOT; and, PSC contract oversight (manning, operation, and responsibilities of the Armed Contractor Oversight Division (ACOD)).
- **DoD Directive (DoDD) 3020.49 on Orchestrating, Synchronizing, and Integrating Program Management of Contingency Acquisition Planning and its Operational Execution** was signed on March 24, 2009. It establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for program management for the preparation and execution of acquisitions for contingency operations, and for the accountability, integration and management of all contractors supporting the DoD and all USG PSCs operating in an area of contingency operations.
- **Rewrite of DoD Instruction (DoDI) 3020.41.** A revised version of DoDI 3020.41, “Operational Contract Support,” formerly entitled “Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany the U.S. Armed Forces,” has been prepared for signature, but cannot proceed until it is approved for publication in the Federal Register – a process that will take several additional months. This version contains significant changes to the existing instruction including: (1) incorporation of lessons learned from current operations; (2) requirements for the development of contractor oversight plans; (3) requirements for adequate military personnel necessary to execute contract oversight; and, (4) standards of medical care for deployed

contractors. Further, it reiterates the importance of the use of a common database for the accountability and visibility of contractors supporting DoD contingency operations.

- **DoDI 3020.50 on U.S. Government Private Security Contractors Operating in a Designated Area of Combat Operations** was signed on June 22, 2009 and was concurrently published in the Federal Register as an interim final rule for all US Agencies. Following consideration of public comments, an updated version has been approved for publication as a final rule by OMB and the revised DoDI has been forwarded for signature. This Rule / DoDI prescribes the selection, accountability, training, equipping, and conduct of personnel performing private security functions under a covered contract in a designated area of combat operations for both DoD and other agency PSCs. It also prescribes incident reporting, use of and accountability for equipment, RUF, and a process for the discipline or removal, as appropriate, of USG PSC personnel. The DoDI responds to requirements of section 862 of the FY 2008 NDAA as amended.
- **Establishment of the Operational Contract Support (OCS) Functional Capability Integration Board (FCIB).** The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics signed the OCS FCIB charter. This Board consolidates the statutory duties of the 854 General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC), the responsibility of the 849 Contingency Contracting Administrative Services (CCAS) Executive Steering Committee (ESC), into one forum, with both Principal and Associate members to accomplish duties and responsibilities described in both. Combining related bodies into a single Board increases our ability to optimize investments across the defense enterprise (both materiel and non-materiel) and minimize risk in meeting the Department's capability needs in support of an OCS strategy.
- **Joint Contingency Acquisition Support Office (JCASO).** DASD (Program Support) has institutionalized this organization to perform program management of OCS policy and doctrine, as well as operational synchronization of theater related contracting support planning efforts. JCASO has Policy and Operations sections to perform these functions. As a part of the Operations section, OCS planners are embedded with each of the Combatant Commands. JCASO may also be called upon for future contingencies to assist a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force in establishing a joint construct for contracting support. Earlier this fiscal year, RDML Ron MacLaren was assigned as the JCASO Director. JCASO is currently assisting USCENTCOM with two critical functions. The first is in synchronizing the transition of contracting support in Iraq from DoD to DoS by 31 Dec 11. Specifically, the JCASO leads an interagency coordination forum called the Iraq Contract Transition Working Group (ICTWG) and recently completed a coordination visit in Kuwait and Iraq. Secondly, JCASO is facilitating USCENTCOM's theater engagement strategy in the South Caucasus and Central Asian States by assisting in the expansion of contract support in those countries, which enhances USCENTCOM's use of a Northern Distribution Network (NDN) to support OEF.
- **JCASO Planners.** Fourteen (14) JCASO planners are allocated among the Geographic Combatant Commands to assist the commander in identifying gaps where contractor support capability may be required. They then help to integrate required contractor support into operational plans and synchronize requirements with subordinate commands, the Military Departments, Defense Agencies, other USG Agencies, and coalition partners. The Department permanently resourced the planners and placed them under the authority of JCASO. As part of this decision, the planners are being converted from contractor to civil service positions to allow

for enhanced continuity over the long term. The Secretary further directed an additional 146 planners / analysts to be integrated into the total force. The planners have been instrumental in integrating OCS into Combatant Command plans. In USCENTCOM alone, the planners were fundamental in the establishment of the JTSCC, planning the DoD to DoS transition in Iraq, Pakistan humanitarian efforts, increased operations in Afghanistan, as well as other critical operations supporting USCENTCOM's theater engagement strategy.

- **Memorandum of Understanding between DoS, DoD and USAID Relating to Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan.** Section 861 of the NDAA for FY 2008 requires the identification of common databases among the DoD, DoS, and USAID to serve as repositories of information on contracts and contractor personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on July 8, 2008. In it, the Agencies agreed that SPOT will serve as the single interagency database for information on contractor personnel. An updated MOU was signed on April 7, 2010 which incorporates legislative requirements from sections 854 of the FY 2009 NDAA and 813 of the FY 2010 NDAA.
- **Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT).** We continue to transition from manual accounting of contractor personnel to SPOT, a web-based, database tool designed to track contractor personnel and contractor capability in theater. A SPOT-generated Letter of Authorization (LOA) is required for contractors receiving government furnished services in the USCENTCOM AOR. Deployment of Joint Asset Management and Movement System (JAMMS) scanners to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan is complete. This scanning equipment captures movements of contractor personnel through key life support and movement nodes using their LOA or other identification cards. SPOT is being used to manage the drawdown of both contractor and DoD civilians personnel in Iraq.

DoS will continue to utilize SPOT as the primary automated program management tool as they assume the lead for all USG contractors in Iraq.

A NATO test is presently underway in Afghanistan to determine the utility of SPOT to manage allied contractor populations. Initial assessments are positive.

- **Programs of Instruction for the non-acquisition workforce.** Contingency Contracting is taught by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) as a special subject for key acquisition personnel. We have developed Programs of Instruction (POI) on contingency acquisition for our non-acquisition workforce to be taught at military staff and senior staff colleges. This training focuses all leaders on determining requirements, translating those requirements into Statements of Work (SOW), and then overseeing work. Additionally, JFCOM has developed a 'Joint Knowledge Online' program which provides globally available web-based individual training and knowledge services. Online courses currently available include an 'Intro to Operational Contract Support (OCS) Commander and Staff Course' for our deployed Commander/Staff Officers and an 'OCS FO/GO Essentials Course' for our Flag and General Officers. An OCS Planners Course has been added for the non-acquisition military planner.
- **Operational Contract Support Concept of Operations (CONOPS).** The CONOPs, signed on March 31, 2010, outlines how the operational and acquisition communities plan and execute OCS during complex operations involving support, not just to the joint force, but to our

multinational, other government agency and interagency partners as well. Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) endorsement is expected this month.

- **Increase in staffing to strengthen pre- and post-award contract oversight.** We are continuing to maintain a high fill rate of Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs) across Iraq. Emphasis is on maintaining CORs during the drawdown of forces from Iraq. In Afghanistan, the number of CORs on hand continues to improve. The COR focus is: appointing CORs in the right areas (Key Service Areas), CORs performing audits and completing them in a timely manner, and performing solid audits (valuable input).