

Evolution Is The Name Of The Game At PEO EIS

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To many people, PEO EIS is synonymous with Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN), Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (Navy ERP) and Sea Warrior.

What you may not know is that evolution is the name of the game at PEO EIS. While the organization was originally stood up in 2006 with just a few programs in its portfolio, over the years as Navy and Marine Corps requirements evolved, so did the PEO. Since its establishment, PEO EIS has become one of the Department's widest-reaching organizations, providing acquisition support to programs that affect every platform and person in today's Navy and Marine Corps. Under the direction of Program Executive Officer Rear Adm. Charles "Grunt" Smith and Deputy Program Executive Officer Randy Delarm, the organization has some components to it that many SPAWAR employees might not be familiar with.

For instance, did you know the PEO stood up a program to streamline the acquisition and management of IT solutions? That the PEO merged two programs to unify the Department of the Navy's terrestrial networks and data management? Or, that the PEO EIS oversees a program that is modernizing, integrating, and sustaining IT solutions for 21st century Marine Corps logistics?

In order to leverage buying power for command hardware and software products and service, as well as centralize enterprise IT solutions and services, the Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) program office (PMW 270) was established. EITS aligns the development, acquisition, and deployment of IT solutions and capabilities across the Navy's enterprise networks systems and programs of record. Under the program management leadership of John McKenna, EITS is primarily focusing on five initiatives:

- Data Center Consolidation – Reducing the 120 disparate data centers into a significantly reduced enterprise data center footprint with common standards, increased capability, lower costs, and increased availability of business and warfighting systems;
- Enterprise Software Licensing – Centralizing software acquisition and lifecycle management to reduce costs and increase interoperability;
- DON Criminal Justice Information System (Follow-on) – A web-based case management system that provides enterprise and process-wide visibility into incident and case data throughout the lifecycle of Navy and Marine Corps unclassified criminal/military justice incidents. A follow-on program is currently being established;
- Joint Air Logistics Information System – Providing an on-demand scheduling system for all DOD continental U.S. air logistics assets enhancing passenger and cargo movement in combat or contingency operations;

- Navy Enterprise Portal – Consolidating more than 59 disparate legacy portals into a central solution, lowering costs and improving warfighter decision-making capabilities through effective information management.

“The current fiscal environment both requires and provides opportunities for the generation of IT efficiencies across the department,” stated McKenna. “Our focus is on identifying and developing plans to pursue these opportunities.”

February 24 marked another evolutionary milestone for naval IT. The Naval Enterprise Networks (NEN) Program Management Office (PMW 205) was established, merging the program management offices for NMCI (PMW 200) and NGEN (PMW 210).

According to program manager Capt. Shawn Hendricks, PMW 205 is about the future. “Our networks represent almost one-fourth of all DOD users. NGEN represents the largest IT procurement action in DOD. If we put those two elements together – along with the fact that our network functions today, we can transform on a scale that is simply not possible by any other component.”

Rear Adm. Grunt Smith indicated the establishment of PMW 205 is a strategic and natural evolutionary step. “By focusing our efforts under one program office and one enterprise network construct, we unify the department’s terrestrial networks and data management; we improve capabilities and service while saving significant dollars. NEN will provide warfighters with unparalleled mission support through its continually improving network with ever greater capabilities built upon each success in the lifecycle of the network.”

Another fact that may not be widely known within the SPAWAR workforce is that not all PEO EIS programs fall under the SPAWAR umbrella. In addition to providing NMCI and NGEN network services to the Marine Corps, PEO EIS has one program that aligns with Marine Corps Systems Command. The Global Combat Support Systems – Marine Corps program office is tasked with maximizing Marine Corps combat effectiveness through logistics information technology. They are fulfilling a critical warfighting logistics deficiency and replacing antiquated systems to provide cutting edge technology in support of expeditionary logistics operations. The end state will be a successfully implemented IT system utilized by the Marine Corps air ground task forces and supporting establishments to enhance their logistics and warfighting capability with minimal disruption to the enterprise network. Slated to support 56,000 end-users worldwide, it is expected to be available to Marines deployed on every continent, except Antarctica.

The Evolution Continues

Committed to a vision of maintaining warfighting readiness while building the future force and defining the next generation of enterprise networks, PEO EIS continues to discover ways to better support the warfighter and strives to achieve goals that are critical to the department’s present and future mission objectives. Together with its portfolio of programs, PEO EIS is identifying and implementing leap-ahead technologies

throughout the naval enterprise and provides the DON and its warfighters with unsurpassed opportunities, immeasurable capabilities and endless possibilities.

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