

Centres, DPSC is not expected to receive additional procurement responsibilities following the transfer of procurement activities from the three services.

**Defense General Supply Centre (DGSC)** - DGSC is responsible for the supply and management of assigned items and distribution of these items for the services worldwide. DGSC procures a variety of item categories of a general nature including non-powered material handling equipment, rubber fabricated materials, plastic fabricated materials, photographic supplies, measuring instruments, batteries, safety equipment and rescue equipment, electrical equipment including transformers and motors, electrical hardware and supplies, industrial chemicals, and aircraft components and structures. DGSC presently manages and procures approximately 500,000 items, however, this level of procurement activity is expected to increase by some 300,000 items being transferred from the three services, the most important of which is Federal Stock Classification 1560 (aircraft structural components), and 1680 (aircraft accessories and components), and miscellaneous.

In addition to the three major DLA Centres in the territory, there are numerous research and development centres and two major United States Navy Procurement Centres. The two US Navy Centres, called inventory control points, are the following:

**Aviation Supply Office (ASO)** - ASO is responsible for the procurement, inventory control, and distribution of all Naval and Marine Corp aviation spare parts, systems and related equipment. As such, it has the responsibility to forecast spares requirements for the total aviation fleet of the USN and of those foreign governments which use USN type aircraft in their fleets. ASO procurement level is approximately \$1.0 billion (US). ASO is responsible for all repairable and critical parts and only consumable parts will be transferred to the DLA Centres.

**Ships Parts Control Center (SPCC)** - The procurement responsibility of SPCC has decreased dramatically over the last year with the decline in the DoD budget. However, this trend is expected to level out to result in a procurement responsibility level of approximately \$500 million (US). Procurement responsibility for consumable items was transferred to the DLA in 1991.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG)** - USCG is not a DoD organization. It belongs to the Department of Transportation and as such is not party to the DDSA/DPSA arrangements and agreements. Indeed, the Buy America Act applies. However, because of USCG's close association with DoD, in particular with USN, CDPO has been actively promoting the participation of Canadian suppliers in the USCG repair and overhaul program in its facilities in Curtis Bay (MD.) for ships and in Elizabeth City (NC) for aviation equipment. USCG buys approximately \$750 million worth of equipment yearly. \$225 million is reserved for the procurement of major systems. USCG marine equipment includes boats (under 65 ft.), cutters, icebreakers, tugs and patrol boats. Its