Workshop provides update on logistics tools

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The 2010 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and User Group was held March 11-13 at the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. This event was once again sponsored by the Council of Engineering Professionals in cooperation with the Logistics Support Activity.

This year's workshop follows on the heels of a successful 2009 event and was forced to move into a larger location because of the increased attendance. More than 340 attendees gathered to learn about LOGSA's Lifecycle Logistics tools, networking and meeting with visiting vendors. Experienced product users were on hand to share expertise and feedback on various life cycle logistics tools.

Several keynote speakers provided presentations on the latest guidance in logistics policy/implementation throughout the services.

Keynote speakers included Claude Bolton Jr., the former Army acquisition executive and current Defense Acquisition University executive-in-residence; Pat Tamburrino, assistant deputy chief of naval operations for Fleet Readiness & Logistics; Randy Fowler, assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for materiel readiness; and Lane Collie, principal deputy G-3/5 for operations and the executive deputy for supply chain and industrial operations with the Army Materiel Command.

Additional speakers at the conference included Chris Bramon from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Beth Carlock from Integrated Support Systems, a defense contractor.

The workshop highlighted five of LOGSAs logistics life cycle tools — POWER-LOG-J, SYSPARS, CASA, COMPASS and PFSA — as well as information on the activity's involvement with the new GEIA 0007/927 Logistics Data Standards and Condition Based Maintenance Data Warehouse, and information on involvement with Army Item Unique Identification plans.

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KEYNOTE HONOR— Workshop speaker Claude Bolton Jr., left, receives an award from CLEP president Jim Martin of the Society of Engineering Professionals.