

PURCHASING FSE THROUGH THE PV PROGRAM

The PV equipment program was developed as an Indefinite Quantity Contract with four Prime Vendors strategically located in three regions throughout the world, with a broad selection of equipment manufacturers that will provide the Army with FSE requirements. Customers may order any aspect of full life cycle support by one of three methods: MILSTRIP requisition, credit card or MIPR (Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request). Ordering by MILSTRIP requisition means that when customer requisitions are submitted through the respective area PV, it is essentially the same as submitting them through the normal supply system. Important information concerns for Resource Managers are that customers will submit orders directly to the PV as an off line requisition. The PV sends orders to DSCP for payment and billing processing, and then the PV fills and tracks orders through final acceptance. When the PV sends the order to DSCP, the appropriate funds are immediately obligated the same way as with the traditional requisitioning process. Many customers are electing to use MIPR's as a funding option during the course of the fiscal year. Customer's can complete form DD 448 and forward directly to DSCP for acceptance. DSCP will accept the requirement using form DD 448-2 and return a copy to the customer and the PV. For more guidance on using MIPR's, please contact ACES or DSCP. Credit cards are the third ordering method available to customers to purchase FSE. Dollar limits and type of equipment purchases are contingent upon local command or activity policy. A customer profile form is required to be completed and sent directly to the PV for any of the three methods cited above with a separate section for credit card information. For more information on credit purchases, contact DSCP.

Customers need to be aware of the added benefit of full life cycle support when purchasing FSE through the DSCP PV Program. Full life support includes any aspect of the equipment life cycle including the period before and after equipment is operational. Everything from design, layout, product, parts, installation, removal, repair, maintenance, warranty and training is covered. Full life cycle support begins with the customer in the planning stage. The PV will provide you with technical support to assist in choosing the most efficient economical piece of equipment for your operation. Why purchase a Cadillac when a Chevrolet will do? Consider the FSE PV Program as your "One Stop Shopping" service center. Timely delivery is another important factor when purchasing equipment. Direct deliveries can be expected in days/weeks and are flexible to meet customer needs. Reports have illustrated the need for additional shipping time for OCONUS deliveries due to unavoidable circumstances and requirements. At present, more efficient OCONUS shipping alternatives are being explored such as bulk shipping, where significant amounts of like items or quantities are to be purchased which allow for the use of sea vans that can be loaded at the manufacturer's plant and sent directly to the ship. . Customers have a direct link with the PV and can expect 24/7 help desk support for technical and warranty issues.