



UNICOM Government Operating Lease Delivers Critical IT Support for Army Logistics

The Logistical Support Activity (LOGSA), headquartered at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, is the U.S. Army's single authoritative database for logistics.

LOGSA performs enterprise level analytics across the spectrum of supply, maintenance, distribution, transportation, and finance, collecting information from other offices involved in military materiel, equipment, and lifecycle management. It then organizes and packages that information into databases, electronically accessible by authorized users globally, holding in-depth information about every step in a system or component's life – and offering more than 5 billion data records

However, an aging IT infrastructure was beginning to impact the agency's ability to deliver its mission. "Upgrades in the data center were critical if we were to continue to accomplish our mission efficiently and assuredly," said Richard Manley, LOGSA Chief of the Enterprise Integration Center. Consequently, the agency called on Jacobs Technology, who held an Information Technology Support Services (ITSS) contract to provide IT services and manage the LOGSA data center, to help bring its infrastructure up to speed.

After a thorough assessment, leading-edge Sun and Hitachi servers and storage units were selected as best-suited for meeting upgrade and growth requirements. However, the challenge was that LOGSA did not have the

capital funds necessary to purchase the equipment needed to keep their data center running at optimum levels, to deliver the day-to-day services on which the Army depended.

In order to develop and deliver the identified solution, in a design ideally suited to LOGSA's budgetary capabilities, Jacobs turned to UNICOM Government. UNICOM Government financial analysts began working closely with Jacobs and LOGSA in a collaborative partnership, searching for a solution that would deliver the technology today – and ensure that IT requirements would continue to be met tomorrow. "We had a long and beneficial working partnership with UNICOM Government," said Manley. "We knew them to be trusted advisors established in providing best-of-breed solutions."

Ultimately, it was determined that Jacobs would be the prime integrator on the account, while UNICOM Government's sub-role was to provide not only the technology equipment and services, but the financial resources relative to providing a more cost effective acquisition solution for the data center equipment and services.

Creating a Cost-Effective Financing Plan for Present and Future IT Needs

After considerable research, it was determined that, instead of a capital expenditure, LOGSA could use their operating and maintenance funds to implement and integrate the needed technology, utilizing a uniquely designed UNICOM Government financial solution wherein the equipment was not owned by LOGSA or Jacobs, but by UNICOM Government. Furthermore, it was critical that the terms of the arrangement were compliant with strict federal standards. Consequently, UNICOM Government worked with Jacobs to develop an operating lease financial solution, based not only on LOGSA's current budgetary and IT configuration requirements, but the need for future upgrades as technology advanced and demands changed.

Contractually, UNICOM Government would own the assets. LOGSA, whose contract with Jacobs to manage the data center also included an IT "Pay-for-Use" acquisition capability, would provide services.

Said Thad Kemp, Senior Sales Manager for UNICOM Government, "Many of our customers do not have enough capital dollars to outright purchase their IT needs. Further, as IT evolves

at an ever-faster rate, the traditional method of purchasing mission-critical IT assets as a capital acquisition

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becomes less and less logical for the client user. Thus, to be able to use operating monies to pay-for-use’ of IT, over a fixed lifecycle, makes abundant sense.”

LOGSA, who was having difficulty just keeping their data center running, was now well equipped to meet their mission-critical demands – and to handle the 6 to 12 million transactions conducted every day for forces around the globe. “Without this solution, the absence of capital funds would have weakened our delivery of critical services,” said Manley.

Government has continued to provide like-kind financial solutions and increased capabilities and capacity meeting a variety of LOGSA’s IT requirements. In every instance, UNICOM Government and Jacobs have partnered to facilitate LOGSA’s specific mission critical requirements while insuring that LOGSA is equipped with vital IT infrastructure resources and services necessary to deliver state of the art support to its end-user clients. To date, UNICOM Government and Jacobs have successfully designed and completed over 20 operating lease solutions, involving numerous types of IT equipment and services, under continuing schedules to its Master Lease Contract.



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