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Mr. Richard A. Ellis is the deputy commander of Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support. DLA Troop Support annually buys over \$14.5 billion worth of food, clothing, textiles, construction and equipment, medicines, medical supplies and industrial hardware items for America's warfighters and other customers worldwide.

Before coming to DLA Troop Support, Mr. Ellis served as contracts manager, Readiness and Sustainment, Electronics, Intelligence & Support, BAE Systems, Inc. There, he was responsible for providing contracting functional expertise, specifically as it related to performance-based logistics.

Mr. Ellis retired from the Navy Supply Corps at the rank of captain after a 26-year career. During his Navy career, his responsibilities were in the areas of operational logistics, inventory management, and contracting.

Prior to arriving at DLA Troop Support, Ellis's last assignment was director of contracting at Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP), Philadelphia, Pa., where he was responsible for the acquisition of aviation and maritime repair parts, awarding over 40,000 contracts valued in excess of \$4.5 billion annually. During his tenure, NAVICP awarded 30 PBL contracts. Additionally, Mr. Ellis pioneered the use of on-line reverse auctions in the federal government.

The deputy commander holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Jacksonville University, and a Master of Business Administration from University of Washington. Additionally, he attended the Wharton School Executive Development Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ellis is also certified Level III in Acquisition Management.