



#14 - Partnering with USAREUR-AF for Engineering, Construction, and Mission Success

Summary

The USAREUR-AF ODCSENG, the Army's lead engineering command in Europe, directs infrastructure planning and development across the theater. This brief details their organization, primary responsibilities, and key programs like NSIP and PPI, highlighting current and future requirements where engineering and construction industry partners are essential for mission success.

Full Description

The U.S. Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF) Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff-Engineer (ODCSENG) serves as the primary engineering component for the Army Service Component Command in the European theater. Organizationally, ODCSENG directs and synchronizes a full spectrum of engineering disciplines to include geospatial, general, and combat engineering to fulfill its core responsibilities. These responsibilities involve support to NATO regional plans, setting the theater for contingency operations, ensuring mobility and force protection, and managing the development and sustainment of critical infrastructure. Key programs managed by the command include the Army Facility Investment Plan and USAREUR-AF Infrastructure Investment Plan, NATO Security Investment Program (NSIP), and significant Host Nation-funded agreements such as the Polish Provided Infrastructure (PPI) program, which are central to expanding operational capabilities.

The command's primary focus areas directly translate into opportunities for industry partnership. Current and planned projects are heavily concentrated on enhancing readiness and deterrence through the construction of Army Prepositioned Stock (APS) sites, ammunition and fuel storage facilities (Class III/IV), and forward operating sites across strategic locations in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, and the Baltics. The project lifecycle, which spans from initial master planning and environmental studies to detailed design and construction management, demonstrates a clear and continuous requirement for external technical expertise. For industry partners, these ongoing initiatives serve as a

direct indicator of future needs, highlighting where specialized engineering, design, and construction capabilities will be essential to support USAREUR-AF ODCSENG in executing its mission and shaping the future of the European security environment.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the organizational structure and primary responsibilities of the USAREUR-AF ODCSENG and its role as the lead Army engineering command in the European theater.
- Identify the major strategic programs and funding mechanisms, such as the Army Facility Investment Plan and USAREUR-AF Infrastructure Investment Program, NATO Security Investment Program (NSIP) and Polish Provided Infrastructure (PPI), that drive infrastructure development in the theater.
- Recognize the key focus areas for current and future engineering requirements, including the development of Army Prepositioned Stock (APS) sites, fuel and ammunition storage, and other critical readiness infrastructure that support rotational forces and NATO Regional Plans.
- Pinpoint specific opportunities where industry partners can provide engineering, design, and construction expertise to support the USAREUR-AF mission and its project lifecycle from planning to execution.

Speakers

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