



Information Technology Agency

Army ITA's WLAN Pilot Featured at Pentagon Enterprise IT Demo Day

Washington DC—Participants at the Pentagon Enterprise IT Demo Day, held on March 28, were given a special inside-look at new technologies and tools that are being rolled out as part of the Department of Defense (DoD) Information Enterprise Strategic Plan, including services from the US Army Information Technology Agency (ITA).

The event featured seven separate stations where members of the Pentagon community were invited to see first-hand the changes and programs that are set to enhance the ability of DoD personnel to support war fighting operations across the globe.

Included in the demo was a station for ITA's newly constructed Pentagon WLAN pilot, which provides secure wireless internet for mobile computing capabilities in the Pentagon Library. The station featured the ITA design team, represented by Eric Cole and Brendan DeBow, who walked attendees through the design and plans for the WLAN project.

"The pilot is set to run through April 15, after which time it will be fully operational," said Cole. "We are also doing the site surveys for additional areas in the Pentagon where it may be rolled out."

Guests were also invited to see an operational demonstration in the Pentagon Library, where ITA staff encouraged the visitors to participate in the pilot by bringing their own laptops in to experience the new capabilities first hand.

"We are setting an example here at headquarters," said DoD CIO Principal Director Dave DeVries as he described how the Pentagon itself is seeking to lead in serving the defense community.

In addition, DeVries asked participants to "learn what was working and to go home to [their] organization and experiment with it" in order to bring the benefits, including those offered by ITA, to as many users as possible.