WHAT IS SPOT?

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Public Law 110-181 requires a common database for federal agencies to track contracts and contractors for contingency, humanitarian, and peacekeeping missions. Department of Defense, Department of State (DoS), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have designated the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker as this central repository. Other federal agencies who deploy contractors to these areas also use SPOT for visibility in the area of operations.

SPOT is available over both classified and unclassified networks, allowing access to the contract numbers, individual contractor identities, and movement data stored in SPOT wherever there is connectivity.

Companies enter their employee data in accordance with published Business Rules. The government organization with the mission authorizes the deployment requests and the appropriate contracting officer approves the resulting Letter of Authorization, all within SPOT’s automated workflow process. SPOT is integrated with the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reports System (DEERS) to validate user entered information and increase data quality. Movement data collected at Joint Asset Movement Management System (JAMMS) workstations is appended to the person’s record in SPOT allowing users to track current locations and providing theater commanders and logistics planners with up-to-date contractor visibility.

Letters of Authorization
SPOT generates digitally signed Letters of Authorization (LOAs) as part of the deployment process for contractors. These LOAs identify the authorized government services, are signed by the relevant contracting officer, and have a unique SPOT barcode at the bottom to enhance security.

Key Points
• Authoritative system of record for contractors
• Repository of high-value contractor owned/contractor operated assets
• Personnel accountability database, providing deployed contractors’ near real-time location
• Status of deployed contractors: duty station, current location, arrival and departure dates, whether authorized weapons, and job function
• Contract information: period of performance, contract/task order number and contracting officer contact information
• Company information: billing address, and primary and in-theater points of contact
• LOA information: generated via workflow in SPOT, unique ID number, person, company, contract number, purpose, countries to visit, deployment period, and authorized government services
• Reports on Personnel, Predeployment Eligibility, Deployment, Contract, JAMMS, LOA, and Web Service Logs
• SPOT URL: https://spot.dmdc.mil