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## **Medical program gets new name, reflects recent mission growth**

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One of the medical programs at the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville changed its name in November, and that name change reflects recent mission growth.

The Integrated Modular Medical Support Systems Program, often simply referred to as IMMSS, is now the Integrated Medical Furniture Program.

IMF provides all furnishings necessary to create a functional medical space whether it is in a hospital, clinic, office space, or any space that supports the medical mission, for U.S. Army Medical Command medical facilities worldwide, often working closely with the Center's Medical Repair and Renewal Program and Initial Outfitting and Transition Program. The IMF Program also acquires other furniture for Army medical facilities. This can include wood office furniture and case goods, lounges and waiting rooms, some patient-room furniture, and other types of loose furnishings. These products are typically delivered and installed using GSA schedule contracts..

The name change reflects how the program has branched out from sole-source-contracted medical systems furnishings to office furniture and related products the customer needs, said Joseph Serena III, program manager.

Items now range from waiting room chairs to medical staff offices to special installations for pharmacies and labs, offering the customer one source for both systems products and other related items.

"The new name is intended to more accurately reflect the mission we actually execute and the products and services we actually provide," he said.

The growth of the program's mission is easy to track, in the "other furniture and furnishings" category, the work grew from two orders in fiscal year 2006 to 66 orders with more than \$3.5 million in fiscal year 2012.

IMF uses Blanket Purchase Agreements for systems products, coupled with General Services Administration contracts for other furniture and furnishings, getting the best value for the customers who also often have tight schedules to manage, Serena said.

"We have broadened our vision supporting the Army medical mission," said Julia Chlarson, IMF and IO&T branch chief.

"This required a new name to signify our capabilities. We found that some customers did not come to us because of the IMMSS name – they would say, 'Huntsville only does the modular piece,' Chlarson said. "They thought we could not meet their needs, but we can. We are so proud to be there for our medical customers."