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Shippers sits as new ISPM director

Huntsville, Ala.--Valerie Shippers is the new director, Installation Support and Programs Management Directorate, Huntsville Center.

In this position, she has responsibility for partnering with geographic districts, labs and agencies to provide life-cycle world-wide support to Army, Defense Department and non-DoD agencies in providing maintenance, repair, operation and upgrade services for their facilities and infrastructure.

Shippers came to work with the Corps of Engineers in 2008 as the deputy director for the Fort Bliss Program Office, responsible for managing the more than \$4 billion expansion program for the Fort Worth District. Prior to her move to Huntsville Center, she was the chief of the Military Branch, Program and Project Management Division, at Fort Worth District.

From 2001 to 2008, Shippers worked for the Missile Defense Agency in Huntsville, Ala., as the chief of Site Activation and Integration.

She supervised essential planning and construction activities that supported the successful deployment of national missile defense initial operating capabilities at various locations in Alaska, California, Colorado, Japan and Greenland.

She also engaged in the siting, planning and initial negotiation efforts with other nations in planning for expansion of operating capabilities.

Prior to Missile Defense Agency, Shippers worked with Army Directorates of Public Works in Germany, Kentucky and Alabama, serving in a variety of positions to include master planning, engineering, environmental, energy, housing and operations. Her past experience brings a strong customer perspective and focus to her Huntsville Center responsibilities.

Shippers graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering. She is a certified project management professional.