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Air Force IT Commodity Council saves money for major commands

MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala--By harnessing the buying power of the Air Force, the Air Force Information Technology Commodity Council leveraged spending for several major commands during the last quarterly enterprise buy.

The quarterly enterprise buy process establishes standard configurations and consolidates requirements to leverage the buying power of the Air Force. This approach provides the Air Force the best overall value and makes it easier to support the Air Force's business goals.

The four major commands – Air Combat Command, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Materiel Command and the United States Air Forces in Europe – purchased 2,153 desktops and 1,323 laptops. “The consolidated buy increased buying power by approximately 18 percent, and saved the Air Force \$500,000 in cost avoidance,” Lt. Col. Tom Gaylord, ITCC Deputy Director, said.

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Formed in June 2003, the AFITCC includes representatives from across the Air Force Major Command and Air Staff. Its mission is to develop enterprise strategies for buying and managing IT products and services. Headquarters Standards Systems Group officials lead the council.

Headquarters Standard Systems Group provides acquisition, engineering, fielding, operation, sustainment, maintenance and support for 61 Air Force combat support information systems and networks across the Air Force and DoD. SSG operates a continuous 24X7 Help Desk serving over 110 systems worldwide. The Group procures leading edge information technology products used by virtually every organization on Air Force military bases worldwide.

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