



# **Smart Distribution**

A System of Systems For The Objective Force

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# Purpose

# FTTS Industry Day briefing on the collaborative efforts to develop an Objective Force <u>Smart Distribution System</u>







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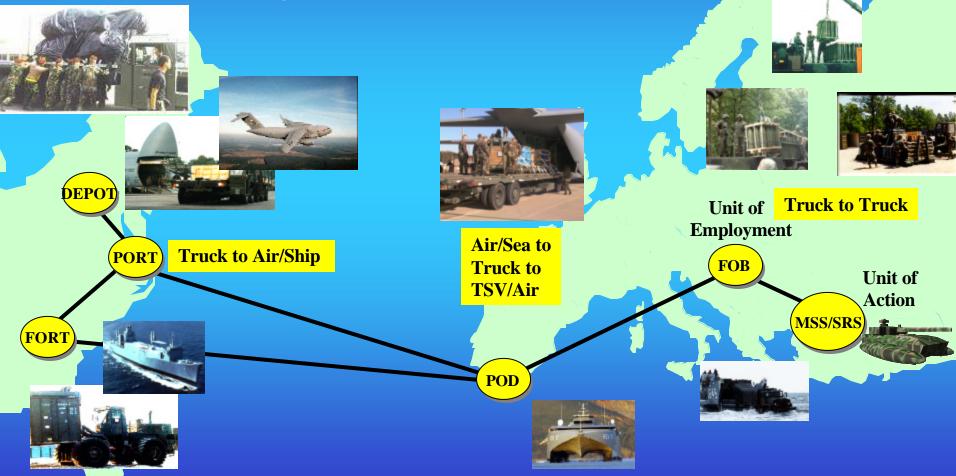
# **Reviews and Comments**

- GEN Kern
  - "You've got some good ideas. Now make them happen." 30 June
- MG Juskowiak
  - "I fully support this concept" 9 May
- MG Dail
  - "The potential impact is enormous" 15 May
- MG Stevenson
  - Enables "Ordnance Corps Transformation: Configured Load Concepts" – 6 June
- Mr. Edwards
  - "An excellent concept" 6 May



#### **Problem Statement**

Objective Force operations require a logistics system with timely, rapid and pulsed delivery of supplies. Incompatibilities between transportation modes, Materials Handling Equipment (MHE) & cargo platforms in the current system will force the inefficient re-handling of supplies by soldiers and a variety of equipment at each logistics node.



The pipeline is too slow and the Army's logistics footprint is too large!



Technology to transform the current cumbersome, seamed, and inefficient distribution system to...





... a seamless intermodal Smart Distribution System



Force Operating

Capabilities

# Documented Need in Objective Force

- Unit of Action O&O, Draft, v.98, Jun 02
  - Configured loads capable of either ground or aerial delivery
  - Intermodal platforms and ground transport capabilities
- Objective Force UE Concept, Draft, 12 Apr 02
  - Flexible multi-modal sustainment
  - Refined procedures for accelerated throughput
  - Strategic base configured to support deployed forces with configured loads to tactical (unit of action) level
- TRADOC Pam 525-66, Draft, 17 Jun 02
  - Innovative, multi-modal distribution concepts



- Enable quick cross leveling of supplies between platforms and units in contact and on the move
- Leverage pre-configured packaging and platform-embedded materiel handling and lift for rapid, accurate and agile resupply that minimizes demand on soldiers





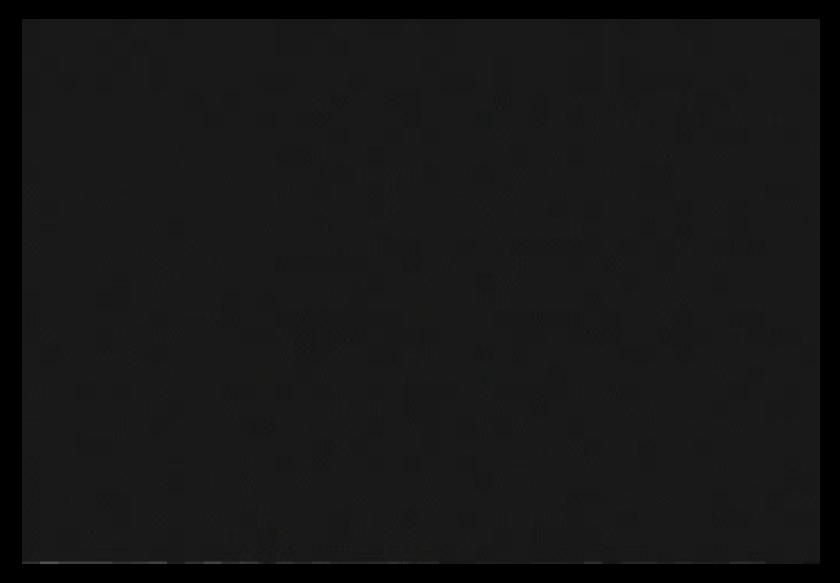






#### **Smart Distribution System Video**







## Intelligent Load Handling System



### **Articulated Load Handling Arm**

Robotic handling system to:

- Load modular containers and platforms on FTTS
- Configure modular packaged loads on platforms

Leap forward -Integrate backward







#### Configured Load Building Software

- Software application interfaces with GCSS-Army supply module
- Enables battlespace reconfiguration of all classes of supply for optimal delivery within the UA



# Future Tactical Truck System (FTTS)



### **Virtual Prototyping**

Virtual prototype engineering design solutions (cab design, integrated C4ISR, Smart Distribution components)

Provide inputs to operational analyses



Interfaces with:
➤ TSV, C-17, C-130, CH-47
➤ ISO Containers, Modular Platforms, CROP



### **Vehicle Alignment System**

Enables rapid alignment of the FTTS with:

- Modular platforms
- Containers
- USAF K-loaders
- USAF aircraft
- Other trucks



### **Modular Platform System**



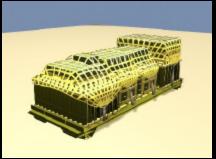
#### Modular Platform

- Reconfigurable to meet user needs
   Intermodal platform:
- Air/Land/Sea/Airdrop/Slingload
- Lightweight material design
- Allows multiple deliveries with one vehicle

#### Smart Tiedown

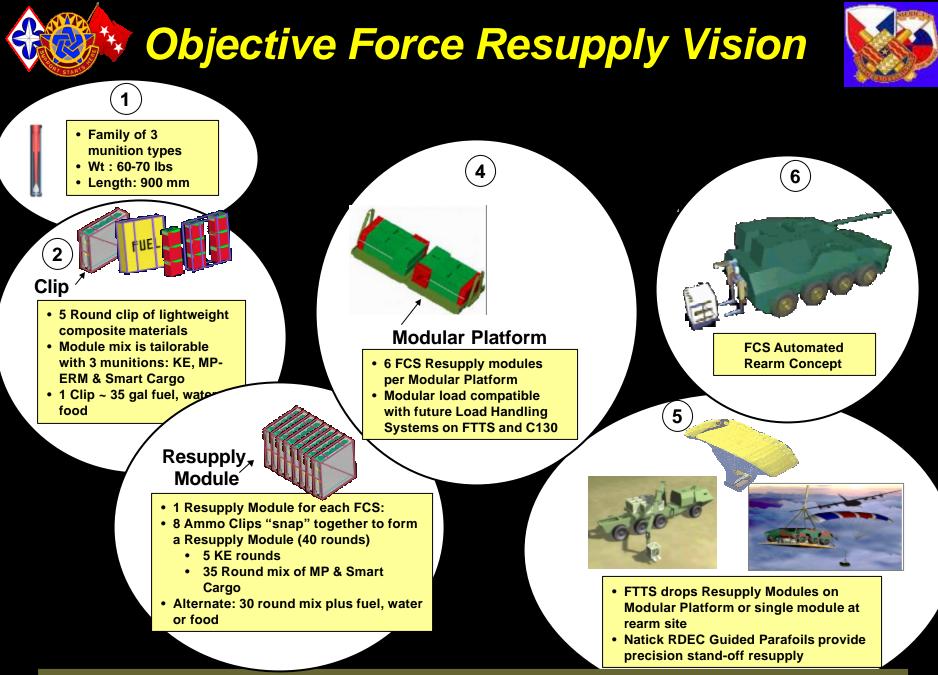
Load conforming tie-down system

Enable rapid securing of configured loads



#### Modular Packaging

- Compatible w/Modular Platform
- Interlocking concept for storage and transport of all classes of supply
- Reconfigurable to meet user needs
- Automation friendly
- > Automatic identification technology
- > Airdrop capability



Rapid and Responsive Resupply













# Warfighter payoffs

- Lethality increased combat power through reduced resupply time - 60% quicker SRS
- Agility able to respond to changing unit needs to maintain battle rhythm - 70% quicker reconfigure
- Deployability reduction in MHE reduces deployment footprint by 100 tons/brigade or 6 C-130J lifts







# Smart analysis

Analysis based on:

- Objective Force support concept
- SBCT consumption and CSS force structure
- 3-day pulse of all classes of supply less water and fuel = 360 ST
- 25% of CROPs require reconfiguration at FOB
- No MHE forward of FOB



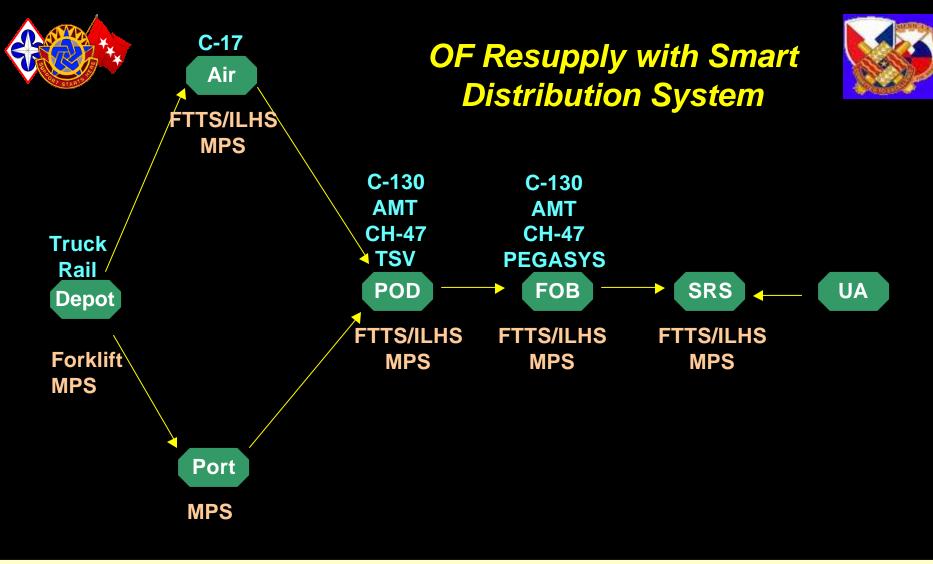
**C-17** 

Air

#### OF Resupply without Smart Distribution System







	Handling Hours				
	APOE	APOD	FOB	SRS	Total
Clock	8.1	6.3	1.1	2.4	17.9
Equipment	22.7	11.0	15.2	48.0	96.8
Personnel	53.0	<b>35.0</b> FOR OFFICIAL	<b>15.2</b> USE ONLY	48.0	151.2





# Smart benefits

	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Smart</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Clock Hours</b>	38.5	17.9	-54%
<b>Equipment Hours</b>	311.0	96.8	-69%
Personnel Hours	515.3	151.2	-71%
Pallet Positions	120	80	-33%

Dramatic improvements in all areas!



## **RDTE 6.3 S&T Components**



### **Intelligent Load Handling System**

#### Technology challenges:

- Rugged, vehicle mounted, lightweight materials handling capability
- Precision placement capacity
- > High payload capability
- Lightweight to meet vehicle deployment restrictions





### Modular Platform

Technology challenges:

- > Lightweight Materials
- > New design capabilities
- Structural integrity to provide for modular capability
- Meet design and survivability requirements for air drop





### **RDTE 6.6 Components**



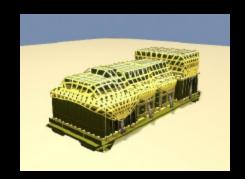
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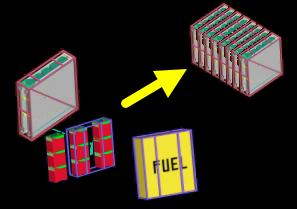
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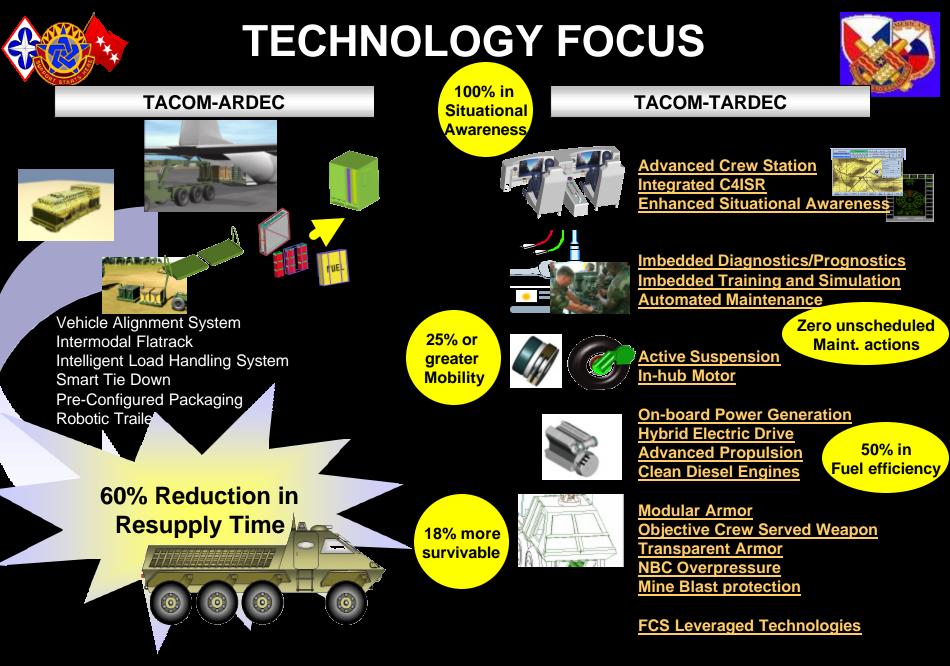


#### **Smart Tiedown**



#### Modular Packaging





**GOAL: LEVERAGE FCS TECHNOLOGIES FOR BLOCK 1 FTTS** 

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**Smart Distribution** is a System of Systems addressing the supply and sustainment needs of the Objective Force on the future battlefield. Smart Distribution is enabling technology which breaks down traditional stovepipes-

...to deliver multiple classes of supply

...in mission configured loads

...across a noncontiguous battlefield

...with minimal material handling

**Smart Distribution – A Revolution in Logistic Distribution** 





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