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Smart/Precision Munitions

Current Trends & Objectives

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Smart/Precision Munitions
Must Be:

Low Cost
Inexpensive

LETHAL!

Affordable
“The Committee is concerned that the Army has paid insufficient attention to the projected cost of its precision guided indirect fire munitions. *The Committee cannot justify artillery rounds costing $25,000 to $35,000 per round given the number of rounds the Army needs for training and for the war fight.* At these costs, the Army will never be able to integrate precision guided munitions into its warfighting doctrine and tactics for anything more than "silver bullet" extraordinary requirements.”
Robust Lethality is Key

**World Wide Employment**
- Adverse Weather
- High Clutter Environments

**Wide Spread Employment of Countermeasures**
- Terrain Masking & Natural Cover
- Movement Discipline
- Signature Suppression
- Jammers/Decoys
- Active Protection Systems
Robust Lethality is Key (2)

Reduce Logistics Burden
and
Improve Force Effectiveness & Survivability

- Certainty of Performance
- Versatility
- Light and Lethal - “One-Shot/One-Kill”
Key Trends & Objectives

- Technology is Improving
  - Design Tools (Faster Development Cycle)
  - Digitized Battlefield (Reduce TLE and Response Time)
  - Lower Cost Components
- Don’t Neglect Man-in-the-Loop
  - Still Superior in Many Ways
- System Solutions not just the Bullet
  - New Designator -> New Seeker and vice-versa
  - Smaller Seeker Footprints?
- Focus on Performing in Challenging Environments
OBJECTIVE: Build an affordable, smaller, and lethal smart submunition applicable for the Army’s Indirect Fire projectile and missile artillery platforms; and utility for potential Air Force and Navy carrier applications.

APPROACH: Use “Common Guidance/Common Sense” paradigm in system design to force commonality and modularity of components. Leverage New Technology to Reduce Size & Cost and Improve Performance. Defeat multiple Target Types.

TECHNOLOGY

LADAR/IR Sensors
Next Gen EFP
Novel Decelerators
Microprocessors
Accurate Delivery
Course Correcting Fuze (CCF)

- **What it is:**
  - Low cost, fuze-sized module intended to replace a "NATO standard" fuze
  - Used on conventional ammunition
- **What it does:**
  - Reduces delivery errors by improving projectile accuracy with the aid of guidance
- **How it does it:**
  - GPS provides location and time during flight
  - Inertial Navigation System determines trajectory and makes continuous corrections
  - Includes fuzing function

**Ballistic Solution**
- Initialize Fuze
- Despin Nose
- Acquire GPS
- Predict Miss
- Deploy Controls
- Steer to Target

**Course Correcting Fuze (CCF)**
Summary

- Affordability & Performance Challenges
- System & Joint View Offer Opportunities
- CAIV & Mindset are Critical to Success

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