

# Army's Precision Fires Study



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# Transforming Army Indirect Fires



- Robust <u>mix</u> of fire support systems is required to address the full spectrum of requirements and mitigate against surprise
- <u>Volume</u>, <u>precision</u>, <u>responsiveness</u> (24/7, all weather, all terrain), and <u>range</u> remain critical attributes of a fire support system
- Networked and precision fires offer opportunity to disrupt/destroy enemy capabilities at extended ranges and with greater precision



Networked through battle command Fully interoperable with Joint systems Mobile (strategic and tactical) Fully integrated with maneuver Lethal (through precision and volume) Precise effects with area options Reduced logistics Ability to mass effects 24/7, all weather, all terrain

To achieve **Destructive**, **Suppressive** and **Protective** effects while minimizing collateral damage and taking advantage of emerging technology

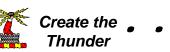
# Must Deliver Precision Effects . .



*Capability* to <u>rapidly</u> and <u>accurately locate and attack targets</u> with the required operational responsiveness matched to desired effects (lethal and non-lethal) and the greatest efficiency.

Must have these for Precision Effects:

- Accurate target location and size
- Accurate delivery system location and direction
- Meteorological
- Weapon and ammo info
- Accurate computational procedures



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### Missiles & Rockets

### **RESPONSIVE LONG RANGE FIRES FOR THE JFC COMMANDER**

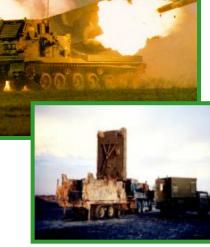
✓ Organic fire support directly responsive to the JFC commander



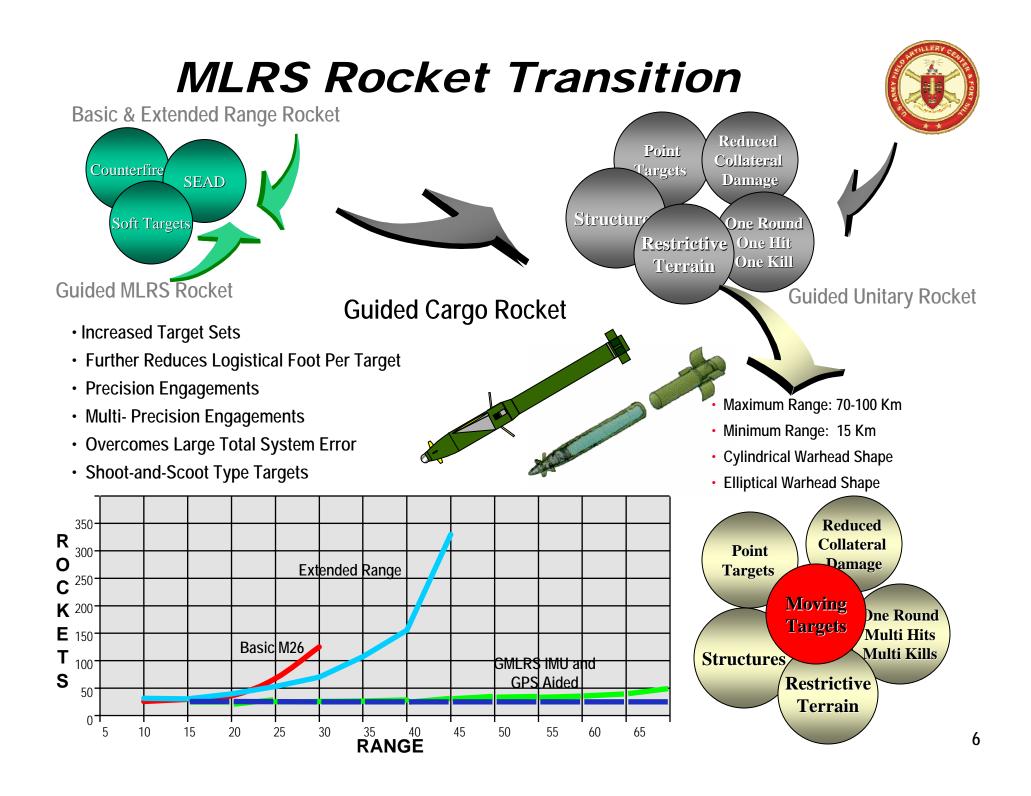
- ✓ All weather / all environments
- ✓ Precise & smart munitions
- ✓ ADA threat irrelevant

   Highly effective in SEAD role
   ATACMS QRU: Command Posts
   ✓ High volume continuous fires
- ✓ Direct, digital linkage with sensors
  - ✓ Rapid fires against fleeting targets
  - Effectively engage nK arty system in 3-5 minute window of vulnerability
- ✓ Pilots not placed over targets ... rockets and missiles are unmanned systems

✓ Fires available to the joint force commander where and when they are needed
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## What We're Looking For

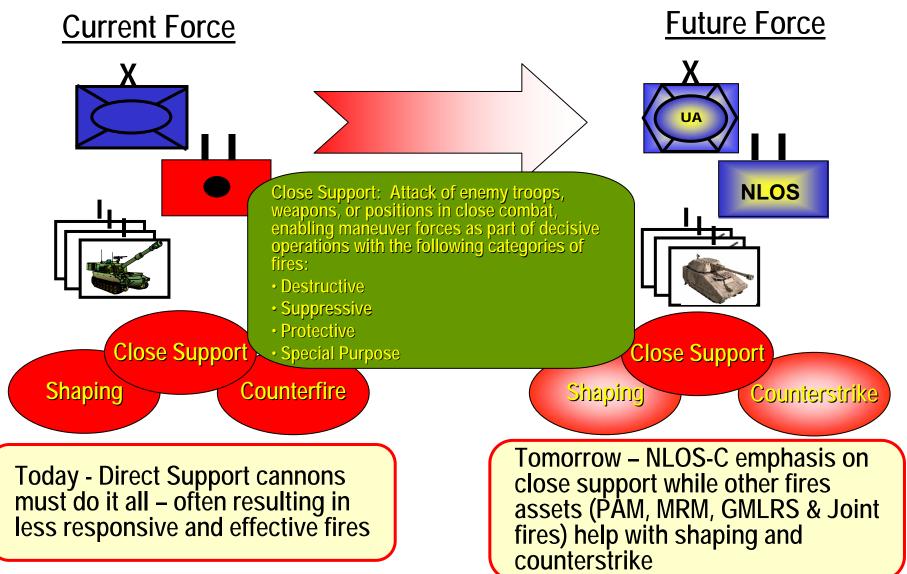


- -- More Precision (Reduce CEP); Better Inertial Measuring Units / GPS
- -- Predictable Effects and Controllable Effects
- -- Scaleable Multiple Effects (Wrapped Penetrators)
- -- Semi-autonomous / Autonomous Operations
- -- Greater System Reliability
- -- Increased Reach (Range)
- -- Loiter Ability (Maneuverable)
- -- Waypoint Flight
- -- Automatic Target Recognition (Detect, Classify, Recognize, Identify)
- -- In-Flight Communications (Update, Re-tasking, etc.)
- -- Multiple Sensor Package (Uncooled IR, IR, Millimeter Wave, LADAR, TV, Semi-active Laser)
- -- Greater Sensor Footprint
- -- Reduced Size / Weight
- -- Reduced Cost
- -- Warheads with Controllable Separating Motors

#### **Excalibur Precision Bus** Unitary **Excalibur Family Variants GPS** Receiver Inertial Measurement Unit – IMU Height of Burst, Point **Canard Actuation Sys - CAS Detonating & Delay Block I (Unitary):** Block II (Smart): Sensors Unitary (HE) warhead Detect/acquire/engage Fuze Safe & Arm Fin stabilized airframe submunition capability GPS SAASM **Precision guidance Unitary Penetrating** Payload GPS Antennas System Battery Base Bleed Airframe **Block III (Discriminating):** Future Blocks: **Discriminating capability Unlimited potential** (e.g. Target Recognition) **Capabilities Future Potential** Precision bus capable of delivering a variety of Future potential is unlimited • warheads Serves as a bus to carry any payload that must • Expands fire support capability to support be delivered at extended ranges with increased various missions precision Extended Range 35-40km ۲ Future applications could include: home-on-jam, delivery of sensors, precision scatterable mines 10m Circular Error Probable (CEP) at all ranges Other non-lethal applications • **Decreased collateral damage Increased tactical efficiency** Create the

### Changing Role of the Cannon



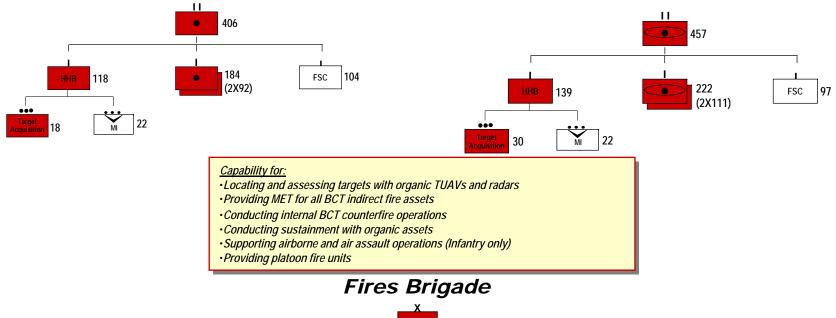


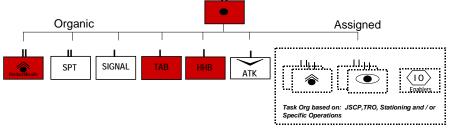
# Modular Designs

Fires Battalion – Infantry BCT

Fires Battalion - Heavy BC1







#### Capability for:

- Providing close support and precision strike for JFC, UE and brigades with cannons,
- rockets, missiles and armed UAVs without augmentation
- Employing combinations of organic and assigned enablers
- Conducting sustainment and signal operations with organic assets
- Locating and assessing targets with organic TUAVs and radars
- Providing MET and survey for all Fires BDE indirect fire assets and radars





# NLOS-Cannon Caliber Decision



## **Cannon Mission Module Priorities**

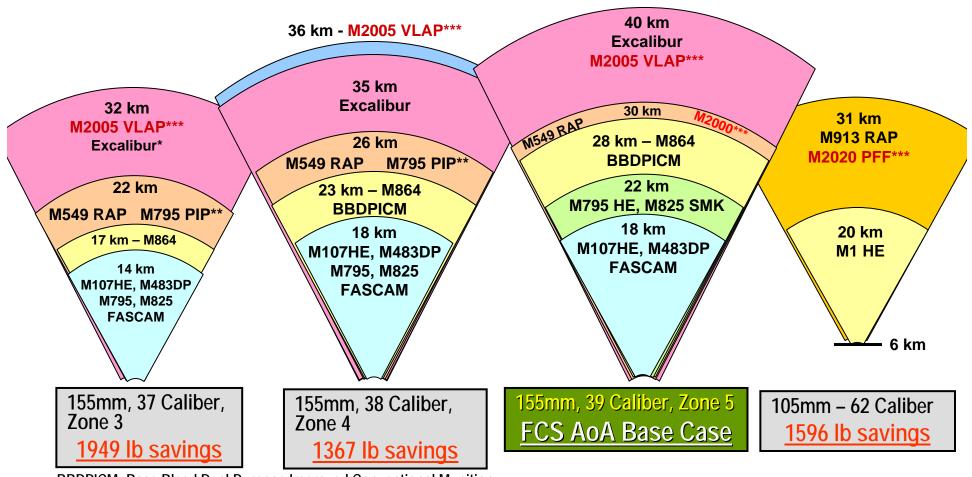


- ✓ Range of at least 30KM for HE
- Accuracy must not exceed 0.55% of range at low angle, for ranges of 30 km or less (165m CEP)
- Rate of fire of at least 6 RPM
- Respond to a fire order in 30 seconds when moving
- Automatic loading (no personnel)
- ✓ Rearm the system in under 12 minutes
- On-board ammunition of at least 24 rounds
- Survivability through crew served weapon and active protection



### Range vs Weight Savings





BBDPICM: Base Bleed Dual Purpose Improved Conventional Munition FASCAM: Field Artillery Scatterable Mine Field PIP: Product Improvement Program PFF: Pre-formed Fragment

RAP: Rocket Assisted Projectile

VLAP: Velocity Enhanced Long Range Artillery Projectile

- \* Excalibur range estimated
- \*\* Technology base development
- \*\*\* Foreign Tech Base / Not currently US certified

# 38 Caliber 155mm ECC Concept



107 lbs

**Greater BII** 

### **SURVIVABILITY**

14.5mm 360° horizontal crew protection 306 lbs
14.5mm top crew protection
30 mm frontal area crew protection
60° arc side crew protection
HE/HEAT 360° protection (APS)
60° to 90° vertical dead space in coverage
7.62 Ball Protection for 15% Coverage of Mission
Module
NBC filtration/sensing system
No NBC overpressure
AP mine protection / No AT mine protection
No Smart top attack protection
152 mm frag crew protection 360° for Crew

No Aerial bomblet protection

### **MOBILITY**

40 kph cross country sustained 70 kph hard-surface sustained 1m obstacle 1.5 m gap crossing



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### **LETHALITY**

155mm, 38 Caliber, Zone 4 cannon 6 rounds on board at ECC 723 lbs 18 rounds added for 24 rounds at FCC CCSW (XM 307) - 300 of 300 rounds Projectile Tracking System 231 lbs

### **OPERATIONAL MANEUVER**

Allocated C4ISR

4.8 hours from ECC to FCC

### SUSTAINABILITY

**Automated Rearm** 

A<sub>o</sub> baseline of 85%

(Requirement is 95%)

- Water generation/purification/storage 100 km range / Fuel for 400 km at FCC
- 3 days rations/water added for FCC

Black Text = included at ECC

Red Text = not included at ECC/FCC

Blue Text = not included in ECC, added at FCC for the capability

#### Hi-Lite = changes from 39 Caliber

= weight savings investment



# Phase I - Precision Effects Study



# **Precision Fires Study**

### Purpose

- ✓ Evaluate current or near-term precision engagement capability
- $\checkmark$  Select those that will provide the best pay-off for improving the precision capability
- ✓ Provide an improvement in engagement efficiency, meet rules of engagement (ROE) restrictions on effects, and provide potential logistical efficiency at a reasonable cost
- ✓Outline how the Army can expedite acquisition and fielding of these capabilities

### Methodology

- ✓ Identified capability gaps
- ✓ Working with industry and S&T communities developed proposals for a SAG decision

### Evaluation

- ✓ <u>Effectiveness</u>: Enhance accuracy, responsiveness & reduce collateral damage
- ✓ <u>Cost</u>: RDT& E, Integration (system and software), fielding to one BCT
- ✓<u>Risk</u>: Assessed by Technology Readiness Level at least TRL 6
- ✓ <u>Schedule</u>: Capability can be fielded to a BCT in 24-36 months

Precision Effects Mission Manager

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Lightweight Counter

Mortar Radar



# Selecting the Best Request for Proposals - 56

	Advanced Cannon		
	Artillery Ammunition Program		
	Low Cost Course Correction (LCCC) Technology - 120mm Mortar	Accelerated Precision Guided Mortar Munition Fielding	
	Approach for the 155mm M232 High Zone MACS	Projectile Tracking System (PTS) for Paladin	
	105mm Stryker Artillery Weapon System		
	Projectile Tracking System for Paladin	SMArt 155	<u>SAG - 5</u>
	Optimized Control Kit for Missile Rounds	GMLRS/BLU-108	JAG - J
	M898 SADARM Plus	Advanced Cannon Artillery Ammunition Program (ACA2P)	
Precision	An Improved Smart Submunition for M982 Excalibur (Smart)	· · · ·	
FIECISION	Improved Smart Submunition for the Guided MLRS	Viper Strike Precision Munition (UAV)	<ul> <li>Accelerate Precision Guided</li> </ul>
	Precision Guided Mortar Munition 120mm XM395	Precision Effects Mission Management Improvements	
Delivery	Course Correction Fuze	V	Mortor Munition Fielding
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Suctome	Course Corrected Fuze for Large Caliber Artillery	Excalibur Upgrade for Paladin	6
Systems	Artillery Registration Shell Concept (ARSC)		<ul> <li>Procure Advanced Cannon</li> </ul>
		155mm BONUS Sensor Fuzed Munition System	• PIULUIE AUVAILLEU CAIIIUII
and	Precision Targeting Workstation	Improved, Multi-Mode Unitary Warhead on ATACMS	Autillanus Ansussus Itiana Dua aurana
ana	155mm BONUS Sensor Fuzed Munition System	M898 SADARM Plus & An Improved Smart Submunition for	Artillery Ammunition Program
Munitions	Non-Lethal Indirect Fire	•	/ a chief / a chief a
IVIULII II	Course Corrector Fuze	M982 Excalibur (Smart) (PLUS)	
	Projectile Kinetic Energy Reduction System	Precision Targeting Workstation	<ul> <li>Develop Precision Effects</li> </ul>
	Viper Strike		
	BLU-108 Submunition Configured GMLRS	M898 SADARM Plus & An Improved Smart Submunition for	Mission Management for
	Guided Projectiles	M982 Excalibur (Smart) (Excalibur)	Mission Management for
	Rocket Assisted GPS Guided 155mm Projectile	$\cdot$ $\cdot$ $\cdot$ $\cdot$	
	Modernized Copperhead	Viper Strike Precision Munition (GMLRS)	AFATDS
	Kinetic Energy Artillery	Improved Smart Submunition for the guided MLRS	
	GMLRS Unitary Cargo		
	HIMARS C2	SMArt 155 (GMLRS)	
	Accelerated NLOS-LS		
	Self-Propelled 120mm Mortar		
	GMLRS Unitary		
	ATACMS Unitary		
	Antoine enitary		
Mounted	Short Wave InfraRed (SWIR) Technology		Additional Fire Support Sensor
wounted	EO/IR Sensors	Fire Support Sensor System (FS3)	<ul> <li>Additional Fire Support Sensor</li> </ul>
	Proposal for CE #2	Precision Tageting Acquisition Mobile (PTAM)	
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	Common Remote Stabilized Sensor System	INEON	
Optics	TALON		
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	Chaulder Laurahad Llamonned Deservation and Outlook	_	
	Shoulder Launched Unmanned Reconnaissance System (SLURS)	-	
	Passive Hostile Artillery Locating HALO(+)		<ul> <li>Accelerate Light Weight Counter Mortar Radar</li> </ul>
	Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar	Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar	• Accelerate Light weight
Counterfire	Unmanned Air Vehicle		
oountonno		Passive Hostile Artillery Locating (HALO+)	Counter Mortar Radar
	Weapon Locating Radar Enhanced Shelter		
	JLENS Spiral I	_	
	Q-36 Upgrade		
		-	
<b>Direction &amp;</b>	UWA DGPS Network		
DIECTIONA	Position Location and Direction Determination		
Location	Joint Tactical Positioning System	Joint Tactical Positioning System	
LUCATION	Simplified Survey System	-	
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	Ballistic Met Data via Guided Projectiles		17
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# Analysis of Precision Fires Study

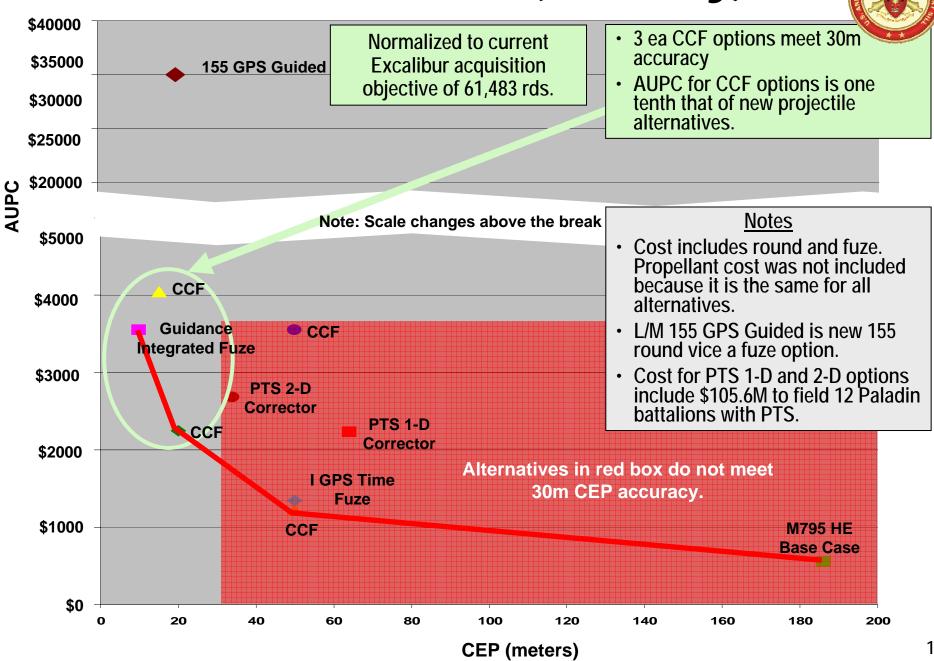


- Phase I study recommendations to reduce target location error are critical enablers for precision effects and Joint capabilities
- Combining greater precision through course correcting fuzes (CCF), combined with enhanced lethality of individual munitions provides a significant precision effects capability not present today
- When employing 2-D CCF in conjunction with small target location errors, there is a significant reduction in the number of conventional rounds required to achieve desired effects and the corresponding logistics burden
- CCF combined with ACAAP ammunition improves lethality and further reduces rounds required for desired target effects

# Both CCF and ACAAP ammunition have a jump start through other ongoing actions



## CEP vs. AUPC (61K buy)



## Conclusions



- Phase I recommendations are still valid. Some are already being worked in other venues such as Modularity. TRADOC Commander endorsement will help
- Phase II recommendations offer significant capability enhancements. ACAAP ammunition was one of the Phase I recommendations
- Development of GIF/CCF capability should be supported even if ACAAP ammunition is not procured. Significantly improves precision effects capability of current munitions stockpile
- Both of the Phase II recommendations have ongoing efforts that we can leverage to accelerate fielding
- ✓ All of the recommendations allow for spiral development





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# **BACK UP SLIDES**



### Priority 1 - Fire Support Sensor System



### Accelerate fielding of FS3



*"To optimize the stand off capabilities of fire support, optical, lasing and thermal imagery devices for the BFISTs and COLTs need improvement."* 

"There is an immediate need in the field artillery community for optic and designator systems that are smaller and provide observation that exceeds maneuver optical systems."

- 3ID OIF After Action Report

OEF	OIF	ONS	UR	TF Mod
X	X		X	X

EFFECTIVENESS	COST	RISK	SCHEDULE
<ul> <li>&gt; 2.5x day &amp; night ID range of G/VLLD &amp; AN/TAS-4</li> <li>Meets all Heavy/Light Mounted Requirement Key Performance Parameters</li> <li>Achieved 20m TLE at 10 Km during testing</li> <li>Common with maneuver targeting system (LRAS3)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$3M Non-recurring expense</li> <li>\$3M to field heavy brigade (7 systems)</li> <li>\$1.7M to field light brigade (4 systems)</li> <li>Stryker brigades currently funded</li> </ul>	TRL 8	2QFY05

### Priority 2 - Precision Guided Mortar Munition (PGMM)



Accelerate development and Low Rate Initial Production of the PGMM (XM395 projectile).

"Rules of engagement and clearance of fires in urban areas create unique challenges due to the use of areas that they knew we would not strike with munitions based on our desire to not commit collateral damage (targets located in or beside schools, mosques, hospitals and housing." - 3ID OIF After Action Report



OEF	OIF	ONS	UR	TF Mod
X	X			X

EFFECTIVENESS	COST	RISK	SCHEDULE
<ul> <li>Advantages</li> <li>High angle trajectory enables employment in urban terrain.</li> <li>Early Entry Scenario – Reduced indirect fire ammo consumption 56% (214 to 95 STONS)</li> <li>Accuracy (1m CEP) exceeds ROE restrictions</li> <li>Disadvantages</li> <li>Requires laser designation</li> </ul>	FY05 - \$21M FY06 - \$10M	TRL 5	LRIP (100 rounds) 2QFY07

### Priority 3 - Advanced Cannon Artillery Ammunition



Field selected non-developmental conventional 105mm and 155mm artillery ammunition.



"Simultaneous with advances in deep battle capabilities, there has been a decline in the capabilities and demands for direct support/close support fires. In addition to the efforts currently underway to improve cannon and rocket/missile munitions, we need to provide precision munitions for lighter systems."

> Letter from Cdr, 18<sup>th</sup> Abn Corps Artillery to CG, USAFAC

OEF	OIF	ONS	UR	TF Mod
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EFFECTIVENESS	COST	RISK	SCHEDULE
<ul> <li>Improved effectiveness; 33% increase in range for 155mm 39 caliber tube</li> <li>&gt; 50% reduction in minimum safe distance reduces collateral damage and risk to friendly forces</li> <li>Eliminates UXO hazard</li> <li>HE fill meets insensitive munition requirements</li> </ul>	Qualification ~ \$25.7M Procurement cost same as current 105mm and 155mm munitions	TRL 8	2QFY06 (LRIP)

### Priority 4 - Extended Range Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar



Modify existing LCMR to increase system acquisition range from 6km to 10km for 120mm mortars with better target location. "The LCMR will clearly improve force protection, complement the existing radars supporting OEF, and provide an added capability to accurately locate enemy forces."

- 82d Abn Div Operational Needs Statement



OEF	OIF	ONS	UR	TF Mod
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EFFECTIVENESS	COST	RISK	SCHEDULE
<ul> <li>Fills Q-36 gap with 360 degree coverage</li> <li>50m CEP for 120mm mortars at 8.5 km range <ul> <li>Accurate enough for mortar and artillery engagement</li> </ul> </li> <li>Immune to small arms fire false alarms</li> </ul>	~ \$750K for development ~ \$2.4M to field one brigade (4 systems)	TRL 7	3QFY06

### Priority 5 - Precision Effects Mission Manager



Develop and field AFATDS enhancements that provide the ability to more effectively employ precision munitions.

Target Segmentation (Sheafing) Tool



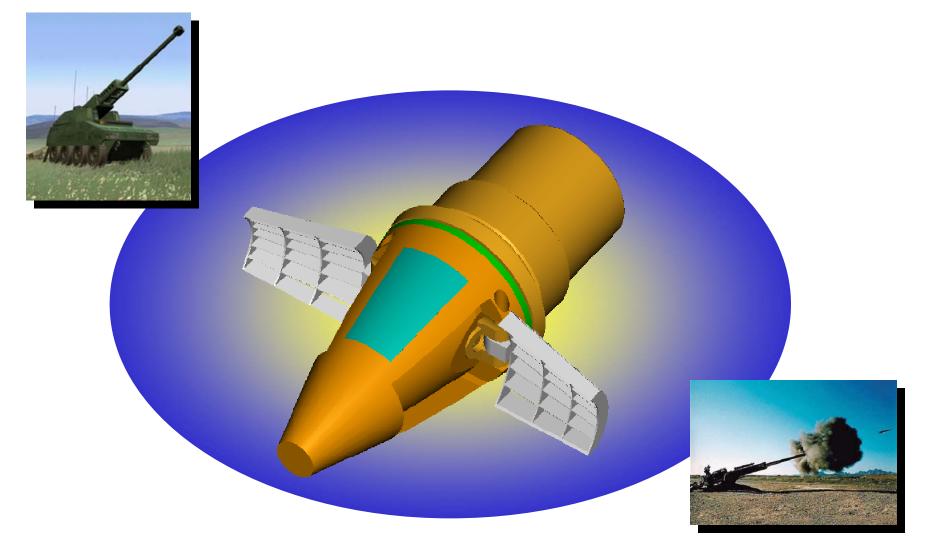
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OEF	OIF	ONS	UR	TF Mod
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EFFECTIVENESS	COST	RISK	SCHEDULE
<ul> <li>Allows accurate assessment and mitigation of collateral damage and fratricide</li> <li>Allows optimization of precision munitions reduced delivery error</li> <li>Architecture allows targeting and engagement options to be distributed throughout the TOC</li> </ul>	~ \$4.76M for recommended improvements Fields entire FA force (Active, NG, USMC)	Low for recommended improvements	1QFY07

### **Course Correcting Fuze (CCF)**







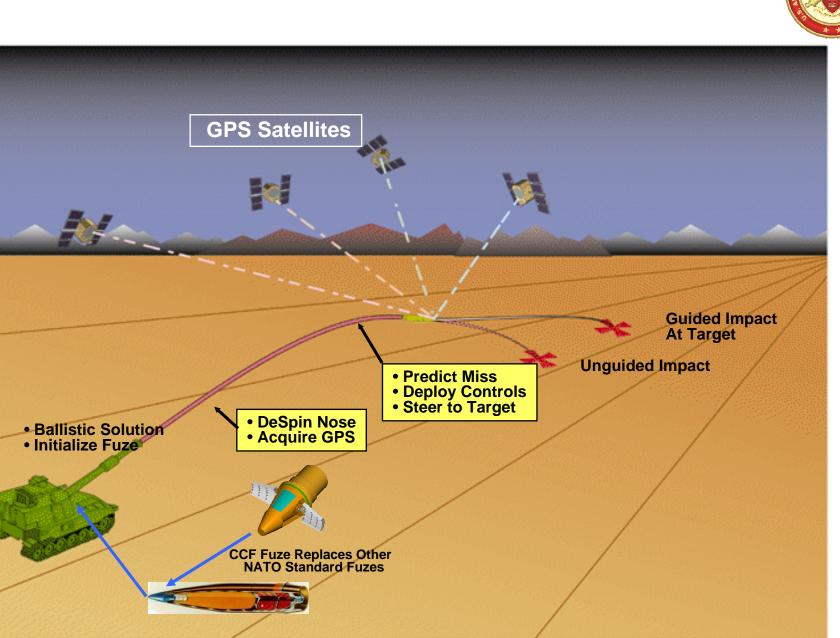
## **Course Correcting Fuze**



- What is CCF ? Fuze-sized module that is intended to replace a "NATO standard" fuze on <u>existing</u> stockpiled Army and Navy Ammunition.
- ✓ What Does it Do ? Corrects the ballistic trajectory of the projectile, resulting in a small terminal miss distance.
- ✓ What Difference Will It Make ?
  - Greatly reduce the number of rounds required to defeat a given enemy threat.
  - Applicable to existing cannon projectiles and mortar and systems.
  - Enhance "Maneuver Warfare" by reducing the time required to neutralize threats while minimizing logistic and re-supply burdens.

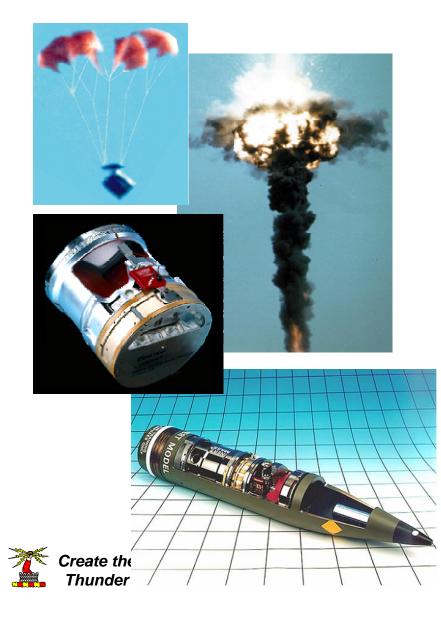


### How Does CCF Work?



### Sense and Destroy Armor (SADARM)





- A Smart Submunition For 155mm Counter-Battery/Anti-Armor Missions
- Adaptable to Rockets & Missiles
- Top Attack, Robust Submunition
- Warhead Defeats Up to Top Armor of MBT
- Limited quantity of M898 Projectiles In the U.S. Army Inventory
- Production stopped 2001
- Contractor startup cost \$30M with rounds delivered in 2-3 years

### **SMArt 155**



Developed by GIWS (Rheinmetall/Diehl JV)

• 155mm Sensor Fuzed Munition (SFM) in production today for the German Army - 9000 Projectiles

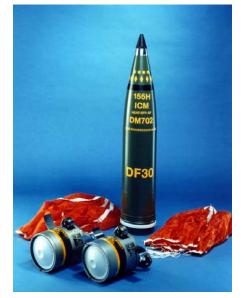
Provides precision kill capability against enemy armor and artillery with demonstrated reliability and effectiveness

• Demonstrated success against an array of countermeasures and various environmental conditions.

Demonstrated 90% reliability – Near zero dud rate in Lot Acceptance Test

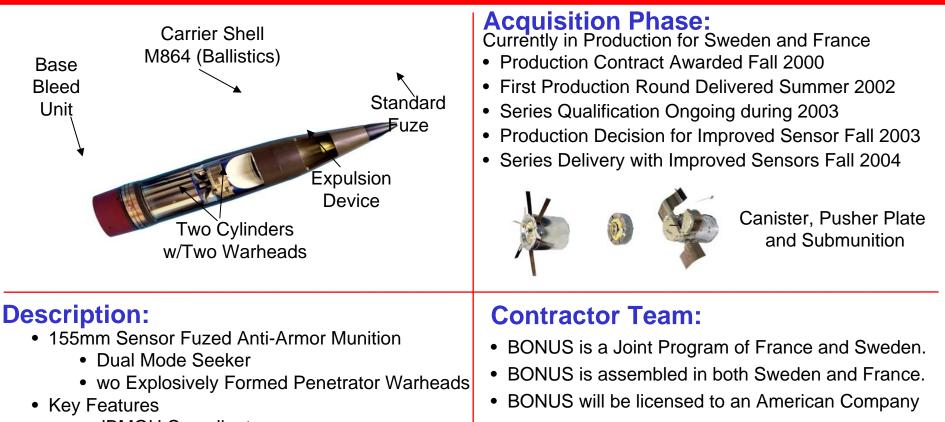






### 155 BONUS





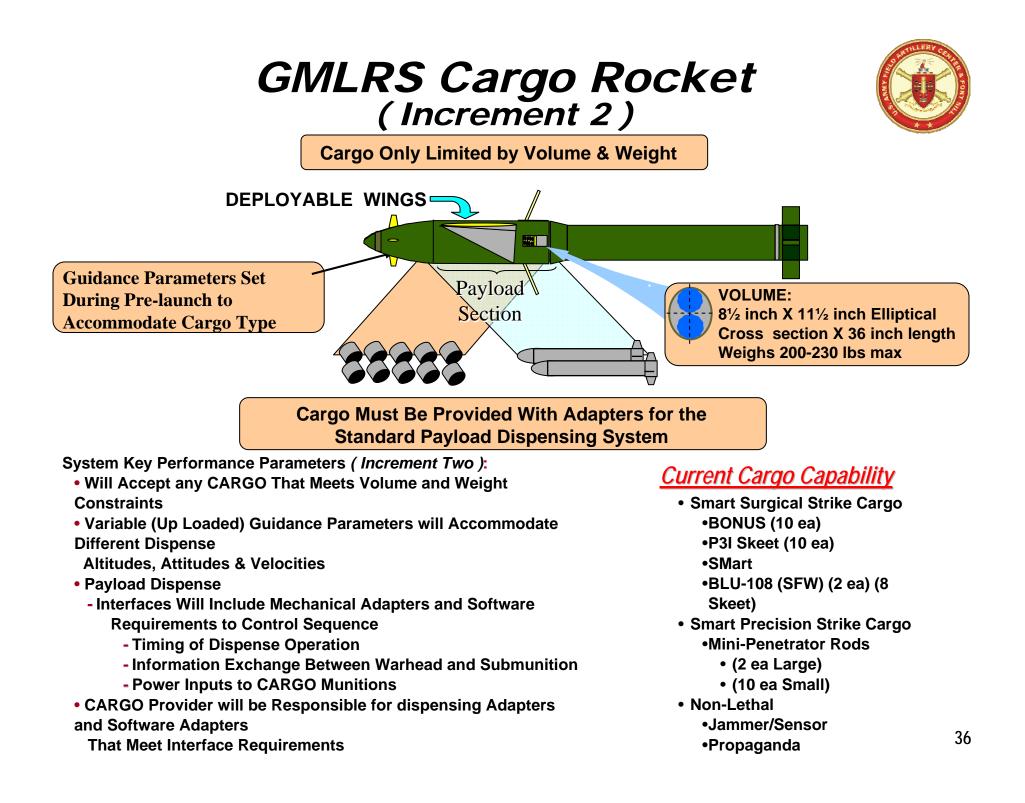
- JBMOU Compliant
- Fire and Forget Projectile
- All Weather All Climate System
- Base Bleed for Extended Range
- Winged Submunitions for Stability
- First Pass Attack for Moving Targets reate the

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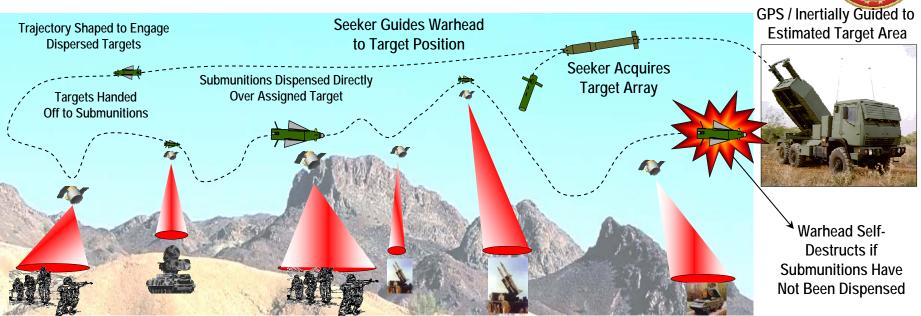


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# **GMLRS Cargo Rocket**



### **Objective System Description:**

- Single Shot, Multiple Kills 1
- High component and subsystem Commonality with MLRS Family of Weapons<sup>1</sup>
- Built on Proven Technology<sup>1</sup>
- End Game Trajectory Shaping for Optimum Submunition Assignment <sup>1</sup> (Partial)
- Stationary-To-Moving, Hard-to-Soft, All Weather Target Engagement



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Note: 1 – Increment Two

- Can Carry Large Variety of Cargo Types<sup>1</sup>
- Services Targets with Large Target
   Location Errors
- Large Search Area Capability
- No Data Link Required (Updates Not Necessary; but can be done)<sup>1</sup>
- Maximized System Effectiveness
   and Efficiency
- No New Training Required 1

### **Need for Sensor Fuzed Munitions**





- Historical and recent analysis (Center for Army Analysis DPICM Alternative Study, Jan 2001) has consistently shown SFMs are an effective killer of combat vehicles and artillery pieces
  - SFMs contribute greatly in both Current and Stryker scenarios
  - SFMs significantly increase lethality and blue artillery survivability
- SADARM ORD approved 1994 (invalid due to age)
- SADARM performance in OIF highlighted in 3<sup>rd</sup> ID After Action Report (AAR)

# JBMOU Sensor Fuzed Munition (SFM) Compliance Testing





#### SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS:

#### SMArt 155

- Range 22 Km
- Ballistic similarity with M483 (DPICM)
- Sensor Systems MMW Active/Passive and IR (DPICM)
- Submunition Search area 35,000 sq M Bonus
- Range 27 Km (Base Bleed)
- Ballistic similarity with M864
- Sensor System Multi band Passive IR
- Submunition Search area 32,000 sq M

#### SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

SMArt 155 and Bonus - Autonomous fire and forget all weather 155mm projectile containing 2 top attack submunitions. Submunitions are ejected over armored targets, perform a decreasing spiral scan, detect the target, initiate warhead and penetrate the target.





# Phase II - Precision Effects Study



### Phase II Guidance



✓On 2 Feb 04, briefed CG, TRADOC on Phase I study results and USAFAC recommendations

 CG, TRADOC directed USAFAC to produce a matrix of all candidate munitions for providing "general purpose" precision capability

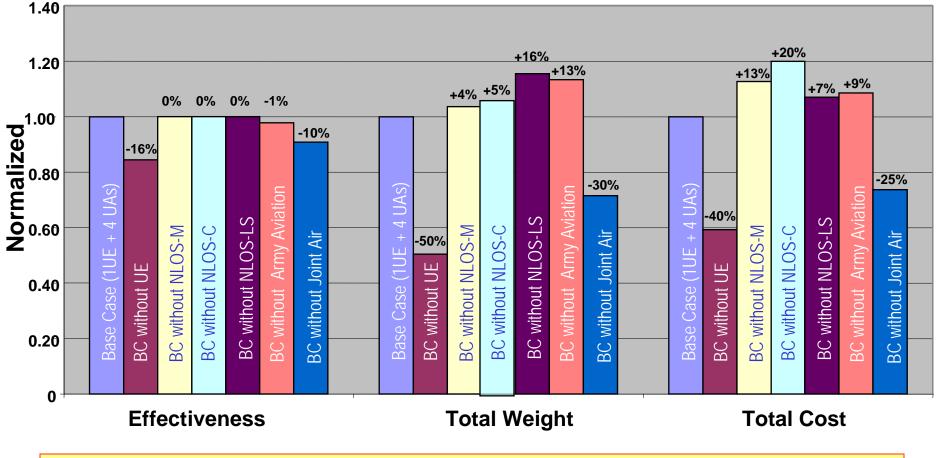




# **Operational Insights -Precision Fires Study**



### Comparative Effectiveness, Weight, and Cost of Indirect Fire Assets within the UA/U



- Force structure for the scenario is 4 UAs and 1 UE<sub>x</sub>.
- The Base Case consists of NLOS-M, NLOS-C, NLOS-LS, HIMARS, Army Aviation and Joint Air assets.



# Insights from UA/UE Mix Analysis



- ✓ Units of Action are 16% less effective without the UE<sub>x</sub> assets and 10% less without Joint air assets
- With respect to NLOS-M, NLOS-C, NLOS-LS and Army Aviation, there is no loss in effectiveness with the removal of any one system; however, in all cases, an increase in weight of munitions fired and cost of the munitions becomes evident

