Industry Perspective on the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command

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Historical Underpinnings

Change Has Been Constant

PEO, Armaments 1990

IOC ARDEC

Army FSC

PEO-Ammunition ARDEC 2000

JMC

2007

JM&L LCMC ARDEC

PEO, Armaments

TACOM-ARDEC

TRIAD

OSC

GCSS
First Impressions

- Right solution – finally!
- Common voice for ammunition issues
- Increased visibility - standing
- Cohesive consolidation of responsibilities

The new JM&L LCMC checks a lot of boxes

Addresses critical issues that have historically plagued the US munitions enterprise
What We Know

• The JM&L LCMC is designed to address the entire life cycle management of munitions

• Integrates primary functional responsibilities
  – Logistics, Acquisition, R&D

• Optimizes managerial span of control

• Provides holistic approach to future defense readiness

• Balances individual authorities and interests
What We Think We Know

• More prominent and effective SMCA role

• Critical mass to execute long-term strategies

• No “Sea Change” in organizational responsibilities

• Improved communications with industry

• More wherewithal to drive jointness

• Consistent priorities
Industry is hopeful of continuing down this path of success . . .

• Operational continuity
  – Timing
  – Transitions / hand-off of responsibilities

• Continued partnering / dialogue with industry

• Defense of ammunition budgets

• Fostering of USG-Industry trade organizations

• Alignment of existing / new priorities

• Industrial base focus & strategies
How can industry work with the JM&L LCMC to confront the future challenges that face our munitions enterprise?

- What role will industry play in framing future JM&L strategies aimed at:
  - Ensuring a “soft landing”
  - Optimizing Industrial Readiness

- Future viability of the commercial supplier base
  - Prevailing market conditions in a draw-down environment?

- Consistent acquisition strategies and practices
  - Balanced protection mechanisms (commodity fluctuations, un-defined reqmts)
  - Industrial base impacts – ingrained into acquisition strategies

- Fielding timelines
  - Affordable and timely fielding of precision munitions
Summary

- Industry overwhelmingly supports and embraces new JM&L LCMC
- Significant expectations
- Positive change is envisioned
- Partnership between Industry and the JM&L LCMC is an imperative

The US Ammunition Enterprise has undergone continual evolution since the 1980s – the new JM&L LCMC is the right answer . . .

What can industry do to assist in the success of the JM&L LCMC?