National Small Arms Center & National Small Arms Technology Consortium Update

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Agenda

►► The “Good”
►► The “Bad”
►► The “Ugly”
►► The Future
The “Good”

- Membership now totals around 90 firms/schools
- Business Calendar established integrating Technical, Programmatic and Fiscal elements
- FY08 White Paper Process develops new Technology Thrust
- Futures Conference lays the groundwork for a mid to long term small arms tech base investment strategy
- JSSAP Tech Base Budget now integrated into NSAC annual solicitation/budget cycle
- Industry actively engaged in concept development and governance. Website management assumed as well.
The “Good”

- FY08 Solicitation expected to obligate upwards of $4 M in new program initiatives:
  - Advanced Fire Control
  - Enhanced Lethality
  - Other
- Does not include potential ancillary PM interests
- Major FY07 Technology Achievements include:
  - Stainless Steel Case development
  - Thermal Modeling – Small Arms Weapons
  - Development of an alternate tracer concept
  - Elimination of Cobalt in Armor Piercing ammunition penetrators
Processes Timelines - Alternative #2

1. Call for WP
2. Receive WP
3. Approve Annual Plan
4. RPC Meet
5. Draft RPP
6. Receive Project Proposals
7. Eval RPP
8. Draft WP
9. Call for WP
10. Receive WP
11. Budget Submitted
12. FY Basis

- Joint JSSAP AWG-RPC Meeting
- Approve Business Development Plan
- Receive JSSAP Thrusts
- Deliver Papers
- Prep Papers Meet Staffers
- MATDEV Proposal Developed (MPD)
- Validate Submissions
- MACOM MATDEV Reviews
- TRADOC Warfighter FOC
- HQDA Tech Coun. Rec
- ASTWG Approve
- Budget Approved
- Services Budgets Due OSD
- ATO
- Business Develop
- NSAC
- JSSAST

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Business Cycle – Key Events

► Call for Proposals – June/July
► Proposal Response Deadline – August
► Call for White Papers – August
► White Paper Deadline – October
► White Paper Analysis – November
► JSSAST/NSATC Exec Committee Endorsement – November/December
► Handoff to NSATC Business Development Committee – January
The “Bad”

- FY08 program stalled temporarily due to Other Transaction Agreement guidance revision
  - Traditional versus Non-Traditional Member Categorization
- Domino effect in terms of program development and funding obligation
The “Ugly”

- Future operations await reformulation of OTA based organizational construct and related acquisition processes
  - Status Quo
  - Annual BAA solicitation with RPP option
  - Single Party NSATC partnership with USG in a revised OTA
- Multiple initiatives underway to clarify and resolve this matter
The Future

► Award FY08 Contract/TOSA efforts – Spring
► Semi-annual Membership Meeting at Fort Benning on June 17 and 18
► Annual Solicitation for FY09 – Summer
► Annual White Paper Call - Fall

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