ICAP – Industrial Committee of Ammunition Producers

MISSION

To serve as a forum for interested NDIA members and other concerned parties to review and discuss issues, policies, and procedures in the ammunition arena and to examine industry and government initiatives relating to the ammunition life cycle.

• Nine Sectors Represented on The ICAP:
  Demilitarization
  GOCOs
  Propellants & Explosives
  Small/Medium Caliber
  Warheads & Rockets
  Fuzes/Timers
  Large Caliber/Bombs
  Pyrotechnics,
  Electronics & Sensors,
ACHIEVE A BROAD BASED RECOGNITION THAT A CAPABLE, COMPETENT AND RESPONSIVE U.S. MUNITIONS BASE IS AN ESSENTIAL WARFIGHTER SUPPORT COMPONENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY. SUPPORT THE CONTINUED SUSTAINMENT OF THE “OBJECTIVE” MUNITIONS INDUSTRIAL BASE, TO INCLUDE BOTH COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT OWNED SECTORS.

- ADVOCATE DEFINING THE STRUCTURE AND SIZE OF THE BASE WHICH IS DERIVED FROM ANTICIPATED FUTURE REQUIREMENTS ON AN ONGOING AND SURGE BASIS.

- SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES TO SUSTAIN THE BASE, PROVIDE FOR REQUIRED MODERNIZATION, ALLOW FOR EQUILIBRIUM AND MITIGATE AGAINST A CRASH OF THE BASE.
ICAP SUB-COMMITTEE

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MIBTF CONSTITUENCY

AMMUNITION INDUSTRIAL BASE “SOFT LANDING” SUB-COMMITTEE (SLSC)
Soft Landing Sub-Committee

OBJECTIVES

- EARLY AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE.

- FACILITATE SHORT AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE A PRECIPITOUS DROP IN AMMUNITION PROCUREMENT BUDGETS AND THE RESULTANT AFFECT ON THE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

- FOSTER A COMMUNICATION LINKAGE FOR THE VARIOUS COMPANIES, COMMANDS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AMMUNITION INDUSTRIAL BASE WITH RESPECT TO THE “SOFT LANDING.”
EARLY AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE

ACTIONS COMPLETED TO DATE:

1. MIBTF WHITE PAPER PREPARED BY R. PALASCHAK ENTITLED “ENSURING A CAPABLE, COMPETENT AND RESPONSIVE U.S. MUNITIONS INDUSTRIAL BASE.”

2. NDIA ACTIONS:
   b. ARTICLE IN JUNE 2007 NATIONAL DEFENSE MAGAZINE “MUNITIONS INDUSTRIAL BASE: TROUBLE ON THE HORIZON” BY B. HOLMES AND R. SERAPHIN.
   c. ARTICLE IN MAY 2008 NATIONAL DEFENSE MAGAZINE “DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE: PLANS NEEDED TO ENSURE SOFT LANDING.”

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3. A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS HAVE OCCURRED BY RICH PALASCHAK OF THE MIBTF.

- GENERAL GRIFFIN (29 JULY 2008)
- BG WYCHE (7 OCTOBER 2008)
- ICAP (9 OCTOBER 2008)
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JOCG (16 DECEMBER 2008)
- LTG PILLSBURY (14 JANUARY 2009)
- JOCG (5 FEBRUARY 2009)

4. CURRENTLY WORKING WITH AUSA’s INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES IN PREPARATION OF A LAND WARFARE ESSAY ON THE AMMUNITION INDUSTRY SOFT LANDING.
FACILITATE SHORT AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES

- THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL BASE SOURCING STUDY (IBSS) SUPPORTED BY THE INDUSTRIAL BASE ASSESSMENT TOOL (IBAT) BE USED TO DEFINE THE OBJECTIVE MUNITIONS INDUSTRIAL BASE.

- THESE STUDIES ARE NOW BEEN COMPLETE.

- THE UTILIZATION AND ADVOCACY OF THIS CONCEPT (Including Congressional Support) TO MAINTAIN A RESPONSIVE AND CAPABLE AMMUNITION INDUSTRIAL BASE IS AN ONGOING EFFORT.
FOSTER COMMUNICATION ON THE ISSUE

THE FOLLOWING QUOTE WAS PROVIDED BY LTG LAWRENCE P. FARRELL (RET), PRESIDENT OF THE NDIA, IN THE MAY 2008 ISSUE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE:

“The Industrial Committee of Ammunition Producers (ICAP) has created a “Soft Landing Sub-Committee,” which joined forces with the Joint Munitions Command and Program Executive Office for Ammunition to study the issue in depth and to devise both short and long-term strategies to deal with the coming budget reductions. The Subcommittee has thus far fostered improved communication between companies in this sector and government.”

“We should applaud this initiative. It is an example of how other sectors in the industrial base should respond. If the U.S. military is to remain in the lead on the battlefield, the nation must retain the industrial capacity to continue to produce the best systems in the world. Technology is our edge. That requires critical industrial skills, world-class design teams, top notch production facilities and processes.”