Building the Civilian Response Corps (CRC)
National Security Presidential Directive-44 (NSPD-44)

“The Secretary of State shall coordinate and lead integrated United States Government efforts...

To promote the security of the United States through improved coordination, planning and implementation of stabilization and reconstruction assistance...

Assist foreign states and regions at risk of, in, or in transition from conflict or civil strife.”
Under unified operating procedures, plan, coordinate and conduct stabilization, reconstruction and conflict transformation operations abroad.
Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction & Stabilization (S/CRS)

**Mission**
To lead, coordinate and institutionalize U.S. Government civilian capacity to prevent or prepare for post-conflict situations, and to help stabilize and reconstruct societies in transition from conflict or civil strife.

Office of Civilian Response (OCR)

**Mission**
Responsible for recruiting, training and deploying mission-ready civilian experts to support stabilization, reconstruction and conflict transformation operations in fragile states.
CRC Configuration

**ACTIVE COMPONENT (CRC-A)**
- Newly-recruited federal direct hires
- Deploy in 5 days for 180 days
- Fully-funded by CSI funding
- Training 3-4 months/year

**STANDBY COMPONENT (CRC-S)**
- Current federal direct hires who sign up for roster
- Deploy in 30 days for 180 days
- Fully-funded by CSI funding
- Training 2-4 weeks/year

**RESERVE COMPONENT (CRC-R)**
- US citizens accepted to the roster
- Deploy in 45-90 days for extended periods
- Not yet funded

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Civilian Deployment Center

Location
• Northern Virginia, near Dulles Airport

Management
• Established & managed by USAID for processing all interagency CRC members
• Day-to-day oversight provided by veteran-owner contractor

Function
• Storage/distribution of equipment
• Mission-specific pre-deployment training
• Final readiness checks
USAID CRC-A Training Schedule

Week 1-2
- USAID CRC and R&S Orientation and R&S Progressive Case Study
- Work Plans Established

Week 3-4
- Foundations Course

Week 5-7
- SNOE Course

Week 8-10
- Planner’s Course (Level One)
- USAID Specific Training
- Optional Planner’s Course (Level Two)

Week 11-13
- Detailed to Regional/Technical Bureau

Week 14
- Bureau Participation

Bi-Monthly Tabletop Exercises

1-3 Day Scenarios:
- Deployment Preparation
- USAID Training Objectives
- IA Training Objectives
- Scenario Training Objectives
CRC: The Way Ahead

Organization Phase
Underway

FY 08
41 CRC-A
On Board

Nov 2009

Operational Phase
June 2009

FY 09
50 CRC-A
On Board

Feb 2010

• Hire Permanent OCR Staff
• Hire 41 CRC-A
• Standup Civilian Deployment Center
• Recruit 186 CRC-S (Current 109)
• Train CRC-A and CRC-S

• Hire additional OCR Staff
• Hire 50 CRC-A
• Expand Civilian Deployment Center as necessary
• Recruit 588 additional CRC-S members
• Continue Training CRC-A and CRC-S
• Facilitate Agency-wide coordination to provide mission support for CRC Deployments