The 2010 QDR and the U.S. Coast Guard

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Scope

The QDR will:

- Address key emerging challenges;
- Bring focus to under-emphasized missions;
- Align force structure with strategic realities; and
- Launch new initiatives of importance to the President and the Secretary of Defense.

The 2010 QDR will use the 2008 National Defense Strategy as a strategic point of departure.
"The defining principle of the Pentagon's new National Defense Strategy is balance."

The United States cannot expect to eliminate national security risks through higher defense budgets, to do everything and buy everything.

The Department of Defense must set priorities and consider inescapable tradeoffs and opportunity costs.”
Guiding Principles

- The United States must prevail in current conflicts while deterring potential adversaries and preparing for future contingencies.

- U.S. Armed Forces must be prepared to address a wide range of challenges, recognizing that not all can have equal priority.

- The QDR will make difficult tradeoffs to allocate risk in and among the near-, mid-, and long-term – to include identifying areas of possible divestment.

- The United States will continue to work in cooperation with Allies and partners to achieve strategic goals.
Specific Areas of Emphasis

- Further institutionalizing irregular warfare and civil support abroad capabilities and capacities, to include building partnership capacity
- Addressing threats posed from the use of advanced technology and WMD’s
- Strengthening DoD support to civilian-led operations and activities at home
- Global Force Posture
“The report shall include the following:

(1) The results of the review, including a comprehensive discussion of the national defense strategy …

…(14) The national defense mission of the Coast Guard.”

– 10 USC, 118(a,d)
Coast Guard Background

- A Unique Instrument of National Security
- A Natural Capacity Building Partner with a Broad Mission Portfolio
- Complementary Military & other Capabilities to DoD
- Committed to Providing the Floor of Capabilities outlined in the DoD/DHS MoA of 20 May ‘08
Coast Guard Goals (1 of 4)

- Increase DoD’s awareness of current Coast Guard capabilities that support DoD activities:
  - Maritime Interception / Interdiction Operations
  - Military Environmental Response Operations
  - Ports Operations, Security, and Defense
  - Theater Security Cooperation
  - Coastal Sea Control Operations
  - Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) Operations
  - Combating Terrorism Operations
  - Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) Support

* As codified in the DoD/DHS MoA of 20 May ‘08
Define requirements to support DoD while highlighting the trident force structure of:

- Multi-mission shore based forces:
  - Sectors & Stations

- Maritime patrol & interdiction forces:
  - Cutters, Patrol Boats, Law Enforcement Detachments, Port Security Units, Strike Teams, & Aviation Assets

- Deployable Specialized Forces
  - MSST (Maritime Safety & Security Teams)
Gain support for greater capability to counter WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction) in the Maritime Domain.

Identify force structure requirements or provide force presentation for the following capabilities:

- In-Theater LEDET Capability
- Patrol Boat Operations
- Cyber Activities
- USCG Cryptological Group
- Polar Icebreaking Capability
- Security Cooperation activities
- Major Cutter Presence
- Military Out-load Operations
Position the Coast Guard to amend the DoD/DHS MoA to include the following new missions sets:

- GCC Theater Campaign Plans
- Cyber Command Activities
- Intelligence Support Activities
- Polar Ice Operations
Questions?