Weapons Comparative Testing

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- Defense Acquisition Challenge (DAC) and Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Overview
- Projects
 - Training, Weapons, Ammo, Enablers
- Items of interest
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- Summary





Fund Testing of World-Class Items that Solve Warfighter's Problems

Find & Test "Here & Now" Solutions

- Projects begin within a year, end within 2 years (ammo 3 yrs.)
- Testing at U.S. or foreign ranges
- Project value: Range of \$200K \$2M; average of \$800K

OSD Selects & Funds Projects

Clear Goal: "Test to Procure"

Services & USSOCOM Execute Our Programs

- Nominate & prioritize their projects
- Service/USSOCOM Program Managers manage the tests



DAC – Testing Innovative Products for the Warfighter

The FY 2003 National Defense Authorization Act directed the Defense Acquisition Challenge Program to provide opportunity for:

- "Increased introduction of innovative and cost-saving technologies into current acquisition programs of the DoD"
- "Any person or activity within or outside the DoD to
 - Propose alternatives, to be known as challenge proposals at the component, subsystem, or system level of an existing DoD acquisition program ...
 - that results in improvements in performance, affordability,
 manufacturability, or operational capability of that acquisition program"
- Focus on mature technologies ... TRL 7-9!

DAC Metrics



Since Program Inception (FY 2003)

- Over 1975 proposals submitted
- 445 proposals endorsed / supported by Service/USSOCOM Programs
- 119 projects awarded, \$196M invested (2003-2009)

Results: 60 projects completed to date

- 35 projects have procurements totaling \$364M
- 22 projects have yielded capabilities currently deployed to our warfighters
- 5-to-1 average ROI based on cost avoidance (RDT&E, Procurement, Operations & Support)
- 60% of Projects awarded to Small or Mid Sized Businesses
- 26% of Projects Awarded to Companies indicating "First Time Participation" with DoD



FCT – Testing Coalition Products for the Warfighter

Established in 1980 by 10 USC, Section 2350a(g), to determine ability of NATO & friendly foreign countries to satisfy U.S. requirements or operational deficiencies

- Authorizes side-by-side testing of -
 - Foreign Non-developmental, or
 - Commercial Off-the-Shelf Equipment
- DoDI 5000.02 (Integrated Test & Evaluation)-
 - Testing of allied & friendly foreign countries' equipment
 - "The USD(AT&L) shall centrally manage FCT ..."
- Focus on mature technologies ... TRL 7-9!



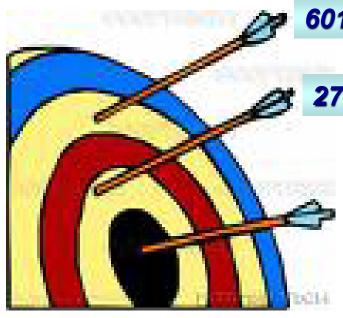
Global Defense Industry

- Only 46 of the top 100 defense contractors, by revenues, are U.S. companies
- 24 of the top 50 defense contractors are foreign
- 3 of the top 10 defense contractors are foreign
 - #3: BAE Systems (United Kingdom)
 - #7: EADS (Netherlands)
 - #9: Finmeccanica (Italy)
- But 86% of the proposals we receive represent foreign contractors smaller than the top 100



FCT Metrics

Over Last 29 Years



601 Projects Started, 514 Completed

279 Projects Met Service Requirements

200 Projects - Procurements Worth \$9.0B

- Tested Products from 28 Countries
- OSD Investment: \$1.17 Billion (constant FY09 \$)
- Estimated RDT&E Cost Avoidance: \$7.58 Billion
- Accelerated Fielding Averages 5-7 years
- Procurement Rate ~ 80% in the Past 6 Years
- Foreign Vendor Teaming with U.S. Industry in 33 States



Small Arms Projects

Training	8	
Weapons	11	
Ammunition	12	
Enablers	13	
TOTAL	44	

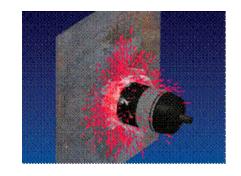
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Training Projects



M4/M16 Training Bolt



40mm Tactical Marking, Day/Night Training Cartridges







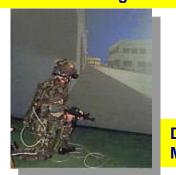
Individual Serviceman Non-Lethal System



MK47 Crew-Served Weapon Trainer



7.62 mm Short Range Training Ammo



Sub-caliber Trainer for M72 Light Anti-Tank Weapon

Dismounted Infantry Virtual Simulation for Military Operations in Urban Terrain



Weapon Projects



20mm Anti-Material Rifle



AT-4 CS



Advanced Demolition Weapons



AT-4CS (Confined Space) Enhanced Blast Tandem Warhead



High Rate-of-Fire .50 Caliber Machine Gun



Small Arms Projects







SOF (Special Operations Forces) Combat Assault Rifle (SCAR)

Close Quarter Battle Pistol





40mm Enhanced Grenade
Launcher Module for M4 Carbine





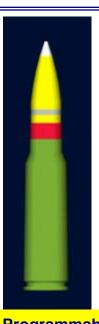
7.62mm Lightweight Machine Guns and Semi-Rigid Ammo Container



Ammunition Projects



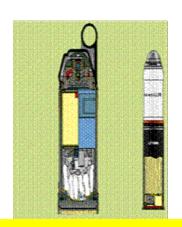
Joint Ranger Anti-armor, Anti-personnel Weapon System Ammunition Upgrades





Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher Ammunition

30mm Programmable Air Burst Munitions





9mm Reduced Environmental Hazard Ammunition (REHA)

30mm APFSDS-Tracer

Multi-Role Anti-Armor Anti-Personnel Weapon System - MAAWS



Enabler & Ammunition Projects



40mm Low Velocity, High Explosive Dual Purpose



20mm Replacement Round



40mm High Explosive Dual Purpose



Lightweight Hand Grenade



Muzzle Break Sound Suppressor for MK48 and M240



40 mm Practice Grenade

40mm Dud-Reducing M430A1E1 Cartridge



FY10 Draft Proposals

Significant interest this year in optics and aiming devices: 7 of the 14 enabler proposals

Training	1	
Weapons	0	
Ammunition	6	
Enablers	14	
TOTAL	21	

Note: Not all proposals depicted



Current Proposal Trends

- 1. Training: more realistic
- 2. Weapons: lighter, more compact with less recoil
- 3. Sniper Weapon System: longer range capability
- 4. Ammunition: extended range and "green" (lead free)
- 5. Aiming Devices:
 - a. Enhancing operators capabilities at longer ranges
 - b. Greater interest for crew-served weapons
 - c. Continued interest in night vision capabilities, especially digital imaging
 - d. Emerging interest in sensor fusion (merging night vision & thermal capabilities)



TRAINING







Autonomous Roving Robot Systems

- Free-ranging robotic targeting system used for live-fire training
- Facilitates challenging, realistic training
- Executes complex pre-planned scenarios



WEAPONS



5.56mm Combat Assault Rifle

- Integral Optic
- Built-in Laser Aiming Device
- Factory zero'd

5.56mm Light-weight Machine Gun

- 10.78 lbs. (4.9kg)
- Short-stroke gas piston operating system
- 100 round drum or 30 round magazine fed





9mm Compact Personal Weapon

• Lightweight 3.3 lbs (1.5kg) and compact





20mm X 110 Anti-material Sniper Rifle

20mm Hand-held, Semi-automatic Infantry Weapon





40mm Less-lethal, Riot Control, Infantry Support and Special Operations Weapons Systems.



SOF 12 Gauge Shotgun



AMMUNITION

40mm Soldier Parachute Aerial Reconnaissance Camera System







40mm Enhanced Blast Ammunition

• Blast, Heat and Fragmentation

5.56 mm Extended Range Ammunition

5.56 mm Green Ammunition

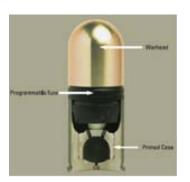




40mm Infrared Illumination

40mm Air Burst Munitions

Programmable time based fuze technology





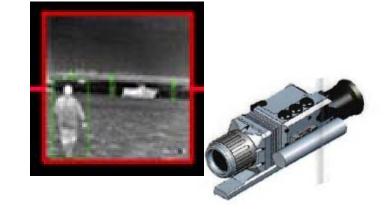
ENABLERS



Micro Adjustable Eyepiece

- Compatible with most optical devices
- Adjusted between 40 ~ 90

Enhanced Thermal Sighting System





Red Dot Sight Laser Range Finder





NIGHT VISION ENABLERS



Night Vision –Laser Rifle Scope







Night Vision –Laser Monocular Range Finder





- Actively engaged in testing for the small arms community
- Expect to continue supporting small arms well into the future
- Got any good products? See Bob...



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