Contracting and Contractor Challenges on the Battlefield

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Command Relationships

• Direct Reporting Relationship is All Important!
• JCC I/A currently situated within MNFI as a Major Subordinate Command
  – USFOR Afghanistan in transition
  – Flow of Contracting Authority—proximity is all important!
    • Responsiveness AND Accountability
• Contracting Critical to the Joint Campaign Plan –
  – MAAWS – Money As A Weapons System!
  – Continuum from Combat to Stability Operations
Theater Business Clearance

• An ‘Enterprise’ concept!
• Agency w/ requirement follows DFARS PGI and DPAPSS memo
  – Special Instructions for Overseas
  – Directs to COCOM Web
• CENTCOM Website contains
  – Tracking sheet
  – DCMA External Contract Admin Questionnaire
  – Special Requirements
  – BC Guide
• Agency submits to theater PARC for review and transmittal to TBC lead
• TBC lead reviews request for Special Requirements, Contract Admin Delegation
  – Approve/reject
• However...’we don’t know what we don’t know! BIG ISSUE!

1st Qtr FY09 - 119 TBC requests processed/approved … $6.38B
Mission Forecast

Iraq
- Security Agreement likely to bring change to mission and contractors
- JCC-I/A HQ will be moving in 2009
- Impact of new Congress and Presidential administration
- Possible leveling off spend

Afghanistan
- Continued build-up expected
- Recently added two additional sites
- More of a contingency environment