

Special Operations Forces



Industry Conference

Program Executive Office
-Rotary Wing

Business Opportunities
and Technology

A composite background image featuring a military helicopter, soldiers in combat gear, and a globe with a grid overlay. The scene is set in a desert-like environment with a hazy, yellowish light.

ROTARY WING



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Rotary Wing Lift Transformation



MH-60M (72)



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Increase Situational Awareness

Signature Management

Lighter And Faster

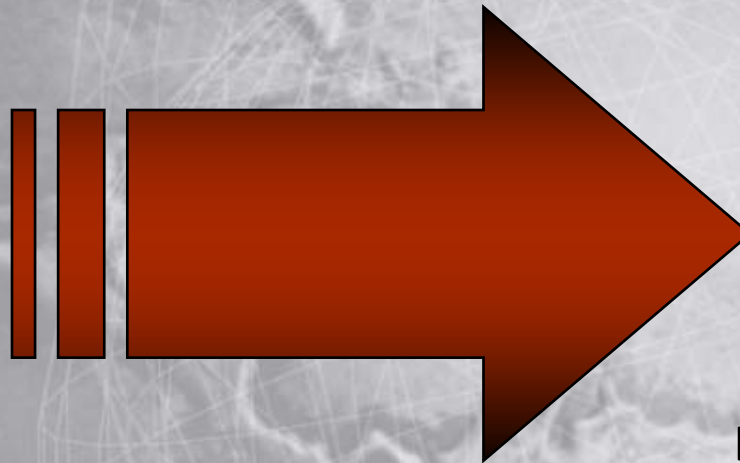
Increase Payloads

Increase Lethality

Increase Survivability

Reduce Crewmember Workload

Seamless And Quick Aircraft Integration





Funded Competitive Developmental Efforts

- Degraded Visual Environment (DVE)



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ENROUTE

- Flight Path
- Obstacle Database
- High Res DEM (i.e. Buildings/Terrain)
- Ridgelines with MMR
- Tower Detection with MMR
- Integrated SVS/FLIR
- Threats
- BFT
- **Sensed Wires**
- **Other Aircraft**

TAKEOFF

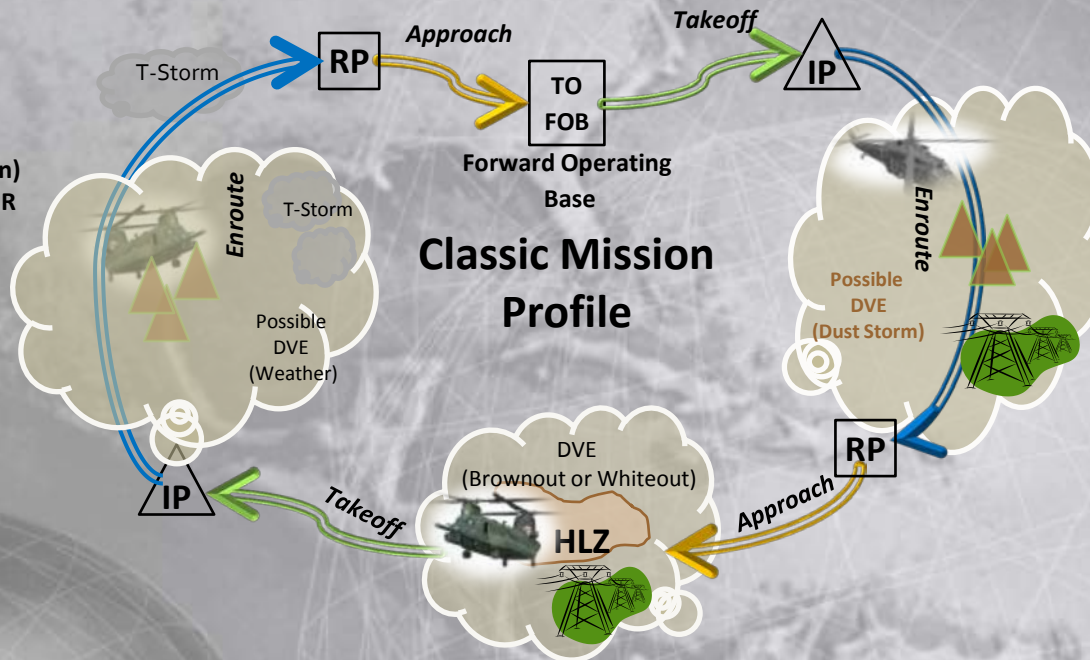
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APPROACH

- Flight Path
- Obstacles Database
- Ridgelines with MMR
- Tower Detection with MMR
- High Res DEM (i.e. Buildings/Terrain)
- Integrated SVS/FLIR
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- BFT
- **Sensed Wires (thru dust)**
- **Sensed Obstacles (thru dust)**
- **Sensed Ditches**
- **Other Aircraft**

LANDING

- Flight Path
- Landing Point
- High Res DEM (i.e. Buildings/Terrain)
- Integrated SVS/FLIR
- Threats
- BFT
- **Sensed Wires (thru dust)**
- **Sensed Obstacles (thru dust)**
- **Sensed Ditches**
- **Other Aircraft**



Note: Red indicates the capability gap that cannot be filled without the DVE Sensor



Degraded Visual Environment (DVE)

- **Current State Of The Technology**
 - Numerous Potential Systems But No Single System Has Demonstrated The Ability To Provide All-weather Brown-out, White-out, And Cable/Obstacle Warning While Fitting Into Existing Onboard Sensors
- **Ongoing Efforts**
 - OSD Helicopter Survivability Task Force Funded DVE Effort With DARPA To Develop A Hardware And Software Synthetic Backbone
 - 3D-LZ JCTD Feasibility Study To Determine If A LIDAR Sensor Can Fit Into An Existing Q-2 FLIR Ball
 - Broad Agency Announcement Rapid Innovation Funding Project To Integrate A LIDAR Sensor Into A Q-2 FLIR Ball



Degraded Visual Environment (DVE) (Continue)

- **Where We Want To Be**
 - Brown Out / White Out Counter-measures
 - Cable Warning /Obstacles Avoidance
 - Synthetic Vision
- **Potential Game Changers**
 - Lightweight, Integrated, And Multi-spectral Sensor Fusion With Minimal A-kit Impacts



Degraded Visual Environment (DVE)

- Integrate And Qualify A Solution Capable Of Flying In All Degraded Visual Environments
- Leverage Other Service Science And Technology Efforts Relating To DVE

Acquisition Strategy

- Develop DVE Capability Using Multi-spectral Sensor Approach
- Integrate DVE Into Existing Aircraft Sensors

Period of Performance

FY13-FY18

Milestones

FY13 Begin RDT&E Effort for DVE
FY16 Milestone C Decision

Point of Contact

USSOCOM PEO-Rotary Wing

Funding

- ~\$33.5M RDT&E FY13-FY15
- ~\$84.8M PROC FY16-18

Current Contract/OEM

Helicopter Survivability Task Force
Funded Effort For DARPA To Develop
Synthetic Vision Backbone



Future Technology Interest

- **Light Weight IR Countermeasures For MELB (LWIRCM)**
- **Light Weight Transparent Armor**
- **Noise/RF/IR Signature Management**
- **Aircraft With Rapid Ingress/Egress Capability With True Helicopter Capabilities On The Objective**
- **Long Endurance VTOL UAS**
- **Cargo UAS Resupply**

Questions?

