



Service/USSOCOM Synchronization An OSD Perspective

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Defense Budget Priorities and Choices: SOF References

- **Europe & Global Partnerships – ...the gradual drawdown of the post 9/11 wars will release more Special Operations Forces (SOF) capacity to partner in other regions**
- **Counter-terrorism – Because we will continue to be engaged in counter terrorism operations around the globe, we protected key components of the force that are adept in executing this mission:**
 - **Special Operations Forces - critical to U.S. and partner counter terrorism operations and a variety of other contemporary contingencies**



SOF Acquisition Summit

- **Among Combatant Commands, USSOCOM is unique in that it also has Service-like responsibilities to organize, train, and equip special operations forces**
- **Results in acquisition and budget activities that interact with those of the Services**
- **SOF Acquisition Summit is a relatively new forum that provides for dialogue at senior leadership level to better synchronize acquisition-related efforts among USSOCOM and Services**
 - **OSD attendees include AT&L, Comptroller, CAPE, Policy; J-8 also participates**
- **Although initially focused on acquisition, the Summit addresses many issues, disconnects**
 - **Requirements, acquisition, and resources are intertwined**
 - **Cannot discuss one without addressing others**



Service/USSOCOM Budget Synchronization

- **Recognition of the need for better synchronization between Service and USSOCOM budget submissions**
- **Budget & POM synchronization has been improved, but requires continued attention**
- **Up front communication between USSOCOM and Services avoids the need to address issues at OSD level later in the budget process**



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- **SOCOM uses the IPL process to identify critical requirements that Services use to develop the POM**
- **Joint Staff Capability Gap Assessment (CGA) influences development of Defense Planning & Programming Guidance (DPPG) based on SOCOM IPL submissions**
- **Services, SOCOM discuss Service equities in IPLs**
- **SOCOM submits Service POM requirements**
- **Service deliberations assimilate SOCOM POM submissions into Service POM**
- **SOCOM participates in Program Budget Review by submitting Issue Papers against Service POMs**
- **SOCOM may submit Joint Urgent Operational Needs (JUON) for urgent or emerging requirements**
 - **JUON can result in immediate acquisition of available systems, rapid development of a new system, or a program of record if extensive R&D is required**