

# **Enhancing T&E Productivity**

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## **ATEC Productivity Initiatives**

- □ Strategic Plan
- □ Re-org efforts
- Continuous Process Improvement / Lean Six Sigma
- □ Army Network Integration Evaluation
- **Range Modernization / Automation**
- □ Leveraging Interdependencies





Strategic Plan 2012-2017

Strategic Goal 1- Add value to the Warfighter

As of 5 Dec 11

Support the War Effort

Strengthen alliances/relationships with strategic partners to *create purposeful interdependencies* 

Mature a Command-wide Strategic Communications Strategy/Program to facilitate constructive and effective collaboration among the strategic partners and the subordinate organizations

#### Strategic Goal 2- Improve Test Efficiencies & Effectiveness

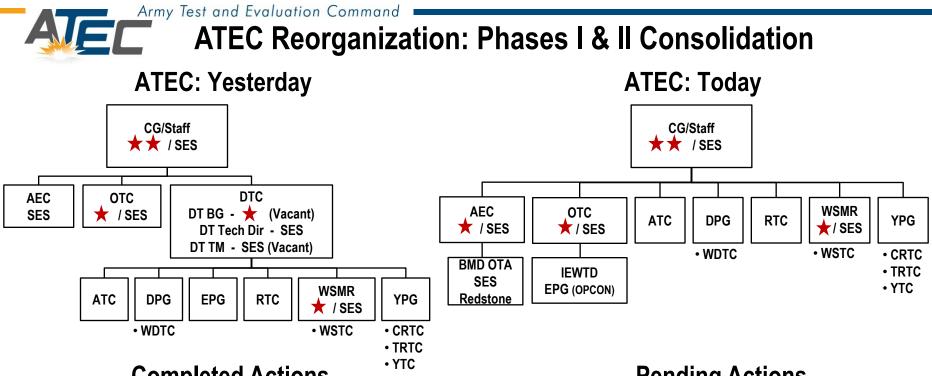
Maximize use of CPI techniques & LSS to improve corporate and technical processes
 Address traditional and rapid acquisition T&E requirements through a capabilities-focused lens; manage capabilities portfolios
 Leverage the Network Integration Evaluations (NIE) as foundation templates for T&E business transformation; act as an enabler to the Army's Triad (BMC, D-SOSI, ATEC)
 Establish the T&E infrastructure strategy to optimize range use and promote utility of common instrumentation/equipment
 Formulate the T&E Enterprise Initiative
 Review all TEMPS , with all PMs and TRADOC, to find efficiencies

#### Strategic Goal 3- Mature ATEC T&E Human Capital/Intellectual Property

**Refine ATEC formation**; develop and sustain a viable human capital strategy Raise the workforce credentials & certification; increase workforce development by 10% Attract, develop and retain an innovative, collaborative and diverse workforce

#### Strategic Goal 4- Optimize Organizational Performance & Fiscal Management

Develop a formalized organizational inspection program Solidify fiscal strategies; work responsibility within a balanced, manageable budget; remain mindful of the fiscal climate Institute realistic workforce performance objectives; establish performance metrics Battle Ready



#### **Completed Actions**

- O-7 assumed responsibility of WSMR
- O-7 assumed responsibility of OTC at Ft. Hood
- O-7 assumed responsibility of AEC at APG
- Merger of EPG and IEWTD anticipate 20% overhead savings
- Dis-establish DTC
- Support to NIE 11.2, 12.1
  - AEC: Army Evaluation Center ATC: Aberdeen Test Center ATEC: Army Test & Evaluation Command BMC: Brigade Modernization Command BMD OTA: Ballistic Missile Defense Operational Test Agency CRTC: Cold Regions Test Centers DPG: Dugway Proving Ground

DTC: Developmental Test Command EPG: Electronic Proving Ground IEWTD: Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate NIE: Network Integration Evaluation OTA: Operational Test Agency OTC: Operational Test Command RTC: Redstone Test Center

**Pending Actions** 

- SES authorization move to Redstone Arsenal
- Create BMD OTA by attaching RTC and BMDS
  Directorate to SES at RSA
- Support to BMC/NIE 12.2, 13.1 & Following

TRTC: Tropical Regions Test Center WDTC: West Desert Test Center WSMR: White Sands Missile Range WSTC: White Sands Test Center YPG: Yuma Proving Ground YTC: Yuma Test Center Army Proven Battle Ready



### Continuous Process Improvement / Lean Six Sigma Program

- Robust command-wide program with senior leader involvement
- All ATEC GO's, SES's, CSM's, SCA/Test Center Commanders, and Tech Directors required to be Black Belt trained and certified
- Every Test Center and SCA Commander tasked to conduct a gated (DMAIC) project to improve CPI/LSS metrics for their respective programs
- Emphasis on quick wins and gaining irreversible momentum
- Accountability through military and civilian support forms, frequent project status reviews chaired by CG ATEC



# **Network Integration Evaluation (NIE)**

#### What is the NIE?

... a series of semi-annual evaluations designed to integrate and mature the Army's tactical network by placing a large number of emerging systems with Soldiers in operational scenarios.

#### What will NIE allow us to do? – Demonstrate Interoperability Early

... develop a single battlefield network able to push information to our Soldiers and link them to command posts, vehicles on-the-move and higher headquarters.



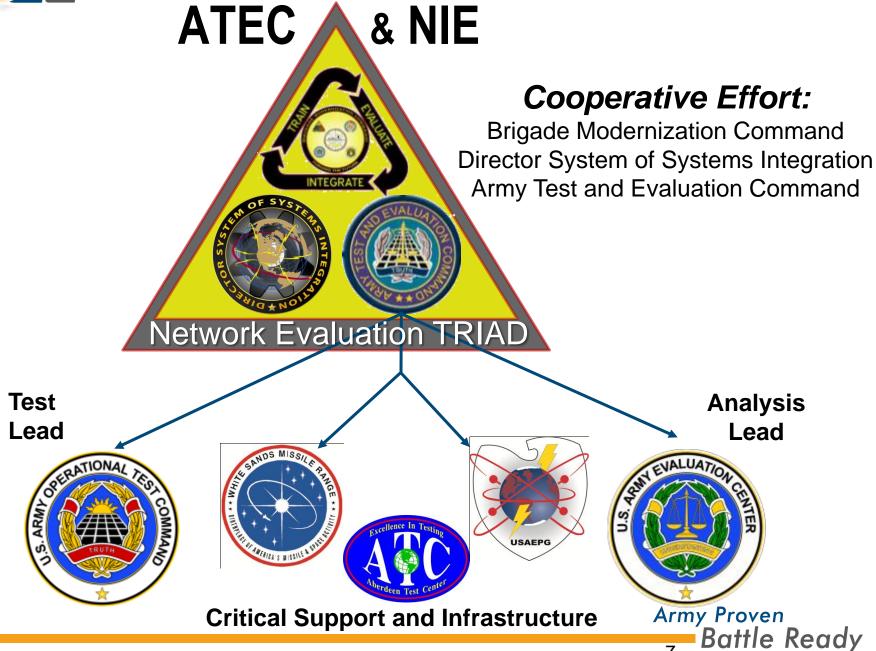


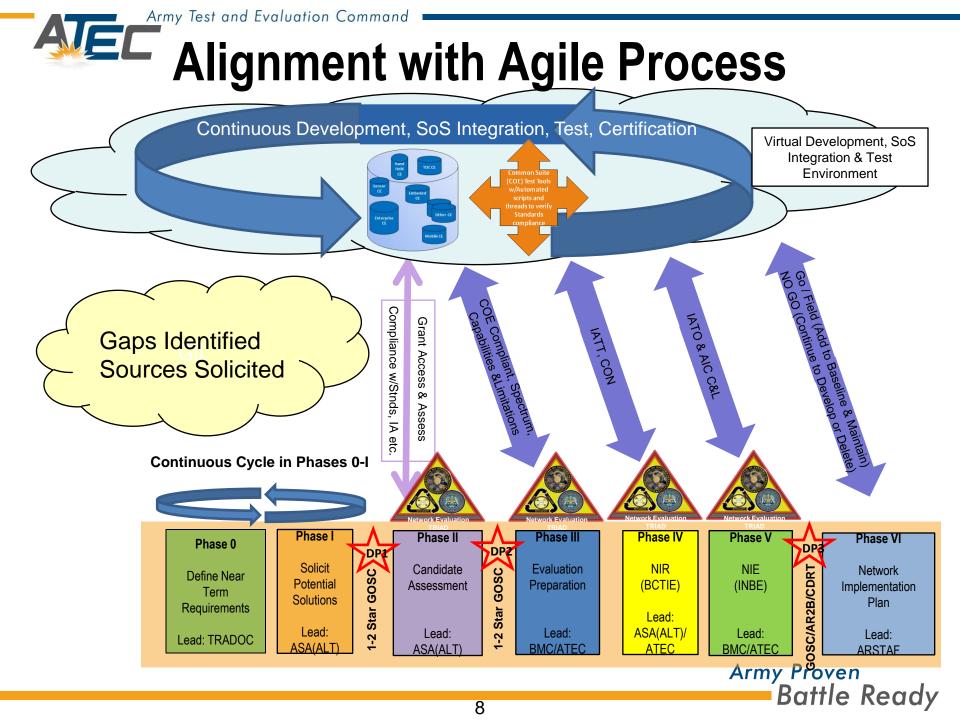
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### Army Test and Evaluation Command Efficiencies

### **Agile Process - NIE**

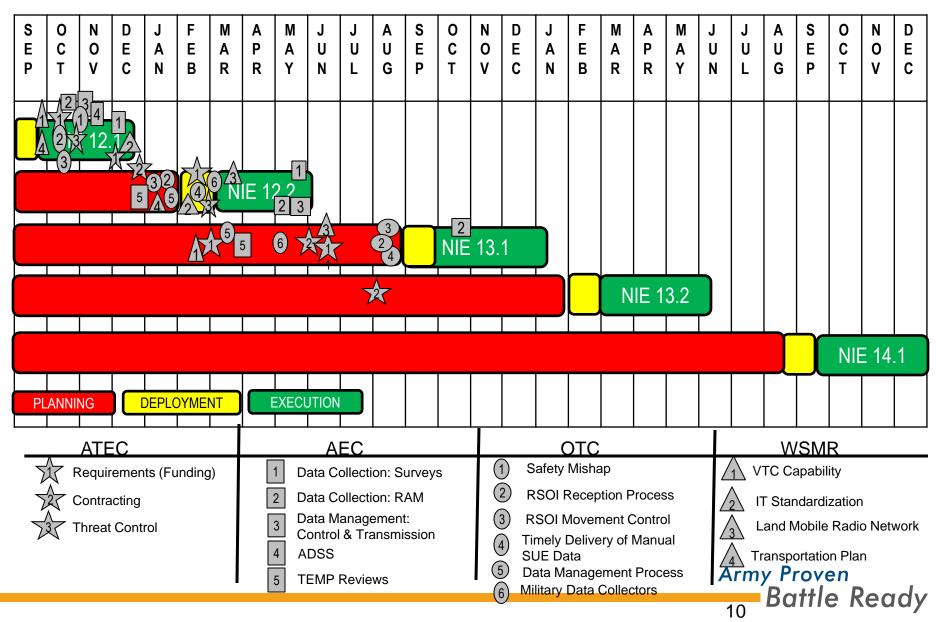
- Combined Venue for T&E, Acquisition and Doctrine
  - Streamlines Evaluation
  - Direct User Feedback
- Enabled Concurrent Conduct of Formal Tests of Programs of Record
  - NIE 11.2 PM Savings of \$5.7M
  - NIE 12.1 PM Savings of \$2.0M
- JTRS Rifleman Radio OT in desert, urban and foliage *in a single event*
- Reduced the Impact on FORSCOM Units Tasked to support OT

**Continue to Find Efficiencies** 

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# **NIE LSS Project Timeline**





## **12.1 NIE LSS Strategic Projects**

Project Name	Problem	Goal	Lead	Support	Timeline
Reduce AT EC Personnel	There were 711 personnel on the ground to support 12.1 NIE	Optimize personnel requirements to support NIEs	ATEC G2/3/7	WSMR, OTC, AEC	13.1
Reduce Costs of Common Instrumentation	Instrumentation is a large cost driver, but only accounts for a small % of data	Create a process to define instrumentation requirements, identify how mch instrumentation comes to WSMR and identify a common solution	AT EC T D	WSMR, OTC, AEC	13.1 & 13.2
Improve Effectiveness of TEMP Reviews	Six month planning cycle for NIEs makes it difficult to properly plan	Optimize current planning process to drill down plan prior to NIE	AEC	OTC	13.1
Improve the SUE Test Support Team Process	During 12.1 NIE many SUEs went across the BN. Test Support Teams were not synchronized and added confusion.	Create a process to sync test support teams across BMC (ID requirements, roles and responsibilities)	AT EC	ATEC	TBD
Reduce the Costs of NIE Data Management Process	There were 156 data management personnel on the ground to support 12.1 NIE	Reduce personnel on the ground by 50%	OTC	WSMR, AEC	13.1
Military Data Collectors		JDI - leverage soldiers to collect data	ОТС		12.2 & 13.1
Consolidate ATEC Contracting Requirements		Will tie elements identified during 12.1 into current contracting project	ATEC TD		13.1 & 13.2

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### **Range Modernization / Automation**

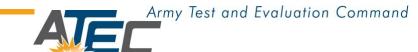
- Common Instrumentation (ATEC)
  - Across DT ranges
  - DT & OT
- Reduce O&S Cost via Modernization
  - Radar Range Replacement Program (Army Major)
  - Advanced Range Tracking & Imaging System (CTEIP)
- Automation (WSMR)
  - Digital Network Migration
  - Increase use of remote control for range sensors
  - Range-wide wireless mesh network



### **Create & Leverage Interdependencies**

- Within ATEC
- External to ATEC
  - NIE TRIAD
  - Range Commanders Council
  - Regional Alliances
  - Academia





# Questions

"Gentlemen, we have run out of money. Now we have to think" (Winston Churchill)

