

Air Force Test Center



AFMC T&E Consolidation & Usage of Government T&E facilities

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Span of Operations



Integrity ★ Service ★ Excellence



AFTC Benefits

- Aligns AFMC Test Enterprise resources and responsibilities/authority, beginning to end, to single Center CC
- Provides opportunity to standardize Enterprise processes & become more efficient & effective
- Single interface
- Enterprise vs. site focus









Enterprise Efficiency Efforts

- Scientific Test Methodology (Statistical Relevance)
- Resource Sharing
- Distributed Operations
- Digital Thread (Modeling & Simulation)
- Reciprocity
- Cross-Enterprise Test Execution



Enterprise Efficiency Efforts (Continued)

- Instrumentation Repository
- Deficiency Report Tracking
- Enterprise Contracting
- Mission Area Reviews



Industry use of Government Facilities

- Example: AEDC
 - Norway, India, GBR, Australia, GE, P&W, etc.
 - Tunnel 16T booked solid for two years
 - MRTFB charging rules
 - Flexible enough?
- Example: Edwards AFB
 - X-51, commercial company
 - AF priority system vs management discretion
- Hypersonics national look of capability & capacity to develop & test (whole of government, academia, industry)



Bottomline

- Consolidation into 1 AFTC driving efficiencies and helping cope with funding reductions
- Reduced funding in programs driving need to work more closely together (shift everything left)
- Can get industry on government facilities for CT or early DT or sole commercial ventures