

# Joint Insensitive Munitions Technology Program



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- <u>Mission</u> Develop, mature and transition Joint Insensitive Munition science and technologies to improve the response of the DoD munitions portfolio to threats from combat, terrorists, and accidents.
- <u>Purpose</u> to provide a Science and Technology base to support the Secretary of Defense in ensuring that munitions under development or procurement are safe throughout their lifecycle when subjected to unplanned stimuli to the maximum extent practicable.
  - This is accomplished by working toward the technology gaps identified in PEO Insensitive Munition Strategic Plans, and continuous communication between the JIMTP, the Joint Service Insensitive Munitions Technical Panel (JSIMTP), Service IM boards, and the acquisition community.



#### Laws and Standards



#### NATO STANAG 4439 DEFINITION

Insensitive Munitions are: *Munitions which reliably fulfill their performance, readiness and operational requirements on demand and which minimize the probability of inadvertent initiation and severity of subsequent collateral damage to weapon platforms, logistical systems and personnel when subjected to unplanned stimuli.* 

#### USC, Title 10, Chapter 141, Section 2389 December 2001

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### U.S. DoD IM Requirements

#### U.S. Law

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#### **Department of Defense Policy**

**DoDD 5000.01, May 12, 2003: E1.1.23. Safety.** "... All systems containing energetics shall comply with insensitive munitions criteria."

#### **Joint Chiefs Policy**

Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System: 23 Jan 15 Appendix J Enclosure D "Standardized IM test protocols used in assessing a weapon's response to unplanned threats are established in references cccccc and dddddd."

cccccc – JROCM 235-06, 6 November 2006, "Insensitive Munitions Standards and Passing Criteria" dddddd - MIL-STD-2105D, 19 April 2011, "Hazard Assessment Tests for Non-Nuclear Munitions"



JIMTP Approach

#### Objective : Enable improved munitions response for the benefit of the warfighter

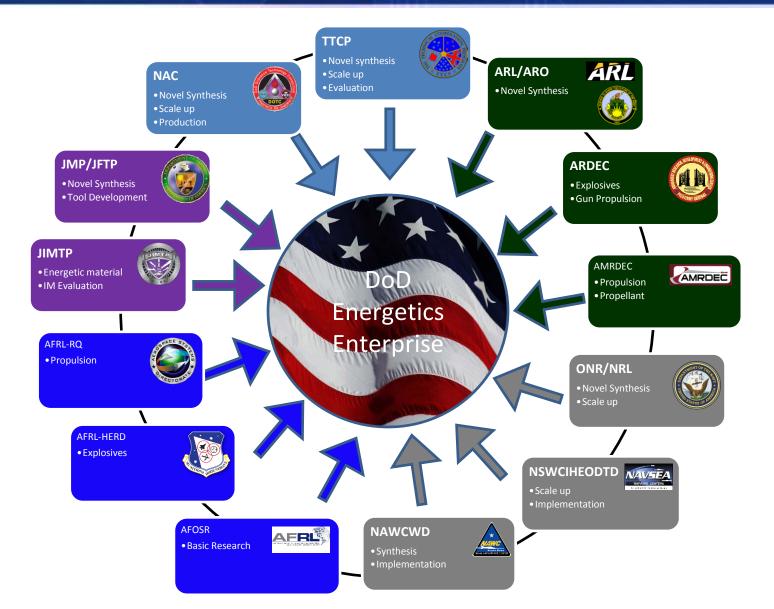
- Invest mostly in tangible IM technology and integrated technology demos
- IM not an independent requirement rather part of an overall desired capability
- Advocate/support key enablers
  - Modeling and simulation
  - Alternative munition concepts
  - Key studies to guide investment decisions
- Continually clarify and improve metrics
- Expect and require high-quality archived technical work
- Leverage other available technology and funding (and capability)



- An avenue for demonstration/maturation of non-JIMTP generated technology
- Exploit other dual-use technology investments (e.g., armor materials)
- But, not a substitute for other IM investment

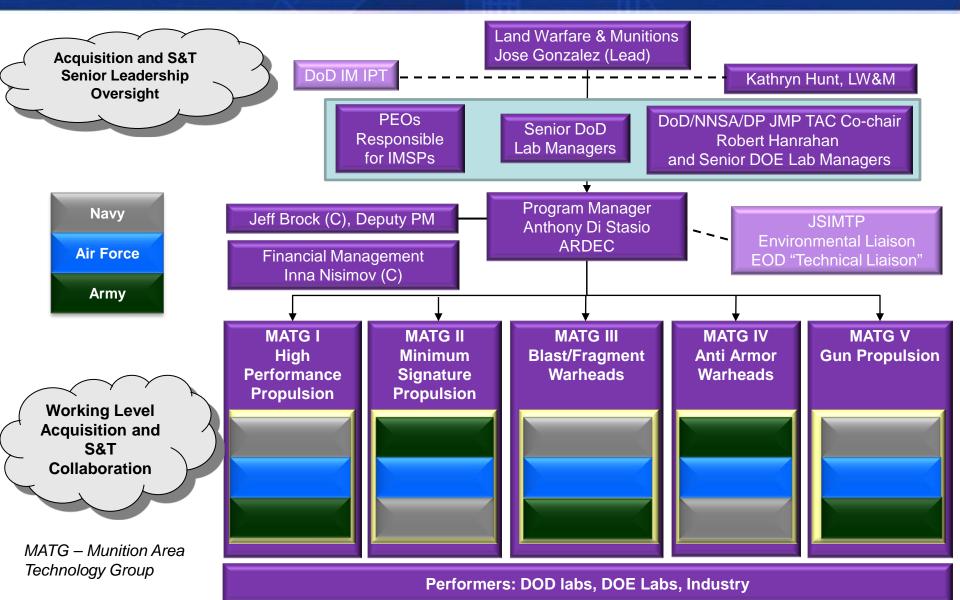


#### **Energetics Enterprise**



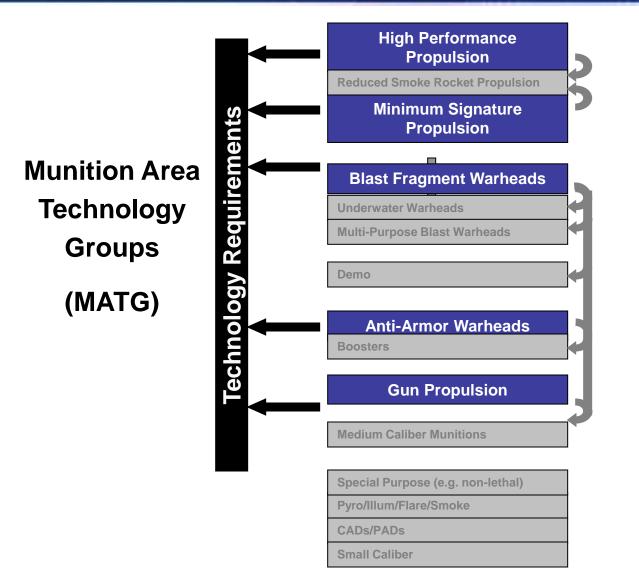


## **JIMTP Organization**





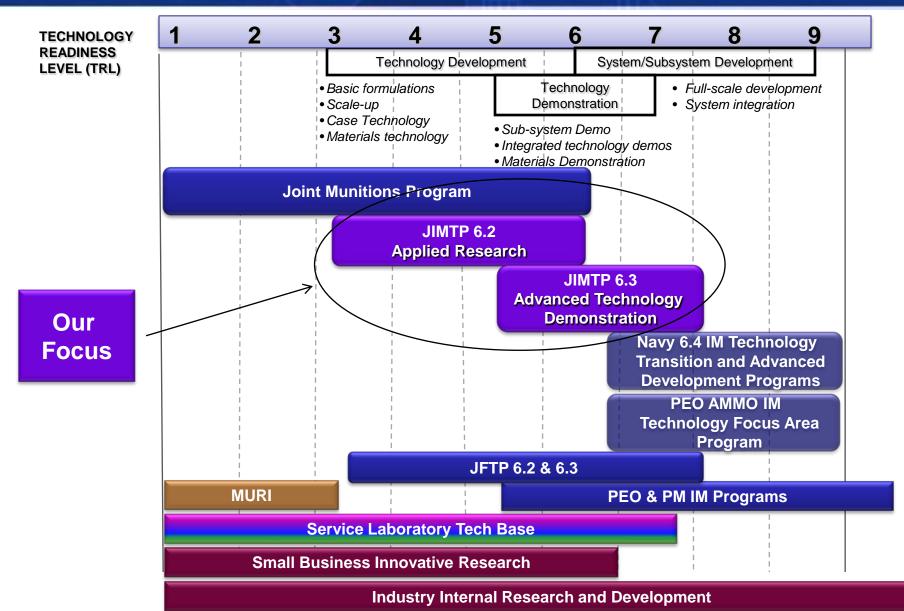
### JIMTP S&T Focuses on DoD Munitions Portfolio



>DoD Portfolio contains five primary areas where Noncompliant munitions are identified for procurement



### **Insensitive Munitions Research**





## 6.2/6.3 Technology Roadmaps

#### > Each MATG has a technology roadmap package identifying:

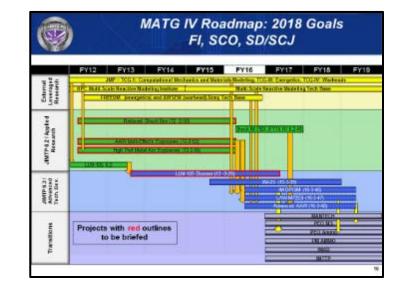
- Feeder technologies
- Current Projects
- Potential transition opportunities
- Technology needs/gaps



Technology Gaps to meet 2023/2028 Goals

- Initiation/Booster Technology ideas that would move towards EIDS precision initiation couplers (PICs) to meet the 2023 FI goal
- 2. Scale up and demonstration of new ingredients that enable increased high output energy formulations (equal to LX-14) that exhibit low shock sensitivity
- 3. High output energy formulations with tailorable output energy (switch-on, switch-off) to meet the 2023/2028 goals
- Advanced PIMS and venting concepts allowing enough pressure release for munition and packaging to mitigate deflagration and explosive reactions in cook-off events

Note -further projects in this area are desired to achieve the 2023 goals

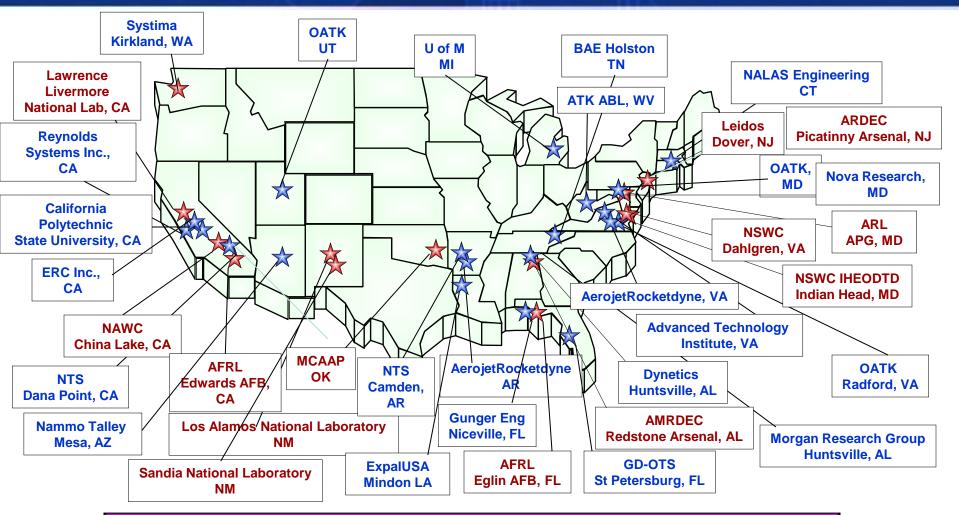


Roadmaps updated and Technology Gaps identified in preparation for the Annual Call for Ideas

•Roadmaps presented to TAC for approval



## FY16 Joint Munitions Technology - Performers -



JIMTP is strengthening government-industry partnerships



### JIMTP Goals

	MATG I							MATG III						
	2018		2023		2028				2018		2023		2028	
Slow Cook-off	III (2)		IV w/active mitigation (2)		V w/active mitigation (3)		Shape Charge Jet				PASS 40mm (1)		PASS 40mm (2), 81mm (1)	
Fragment Impact *	V (1)	IV (2)	VI (1)	V (2)	VI (1	,2,3)	Sympathetic Reaction		PASS (1a,1b)		PASS (1c, 2a)		PASS (2b)	
Bullet Impact *	IV (1,2)		V (1,2)		VI (1,2,3)		Fragment/Bullet Impact		IV (1)		V (1, 2a)		V (2b, 2c)	
Fast Cook-off	IV (2)		V w/active venting (2,4)		V w/active venting (3)			ow Cook-off		III (1c)	V (1a, 1b) IV (1c)		V (1c, 2)	
	MATG II						MATG IV							
	Cast Cure (2,4)		Extruded (1)		Extruded Extruded (1)/ Cast (1)/ Cast Cure (3,4) Cure (5)				2018		2023		2028	
	2018		20			28	Fragment Impact	IV (1)	) II	II (2)	IV (1,3)	V (2,3)	IV (1,4)	V (2,4)
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Slow Cook-off	١	/	, I	v	v	VI		MATG V						
					PASS	PASS			2018		2023*		2028*	
Shape Charge Jet				(40 mm)	(81 mm)	Fragment Impact		IV	V		V		V	
								(1,3)	(2)		2,3)		2,3)	
							Slow/Fast Coo	ok-off	IV (1,3)	V (2)		V 2,3)		V 2,3)

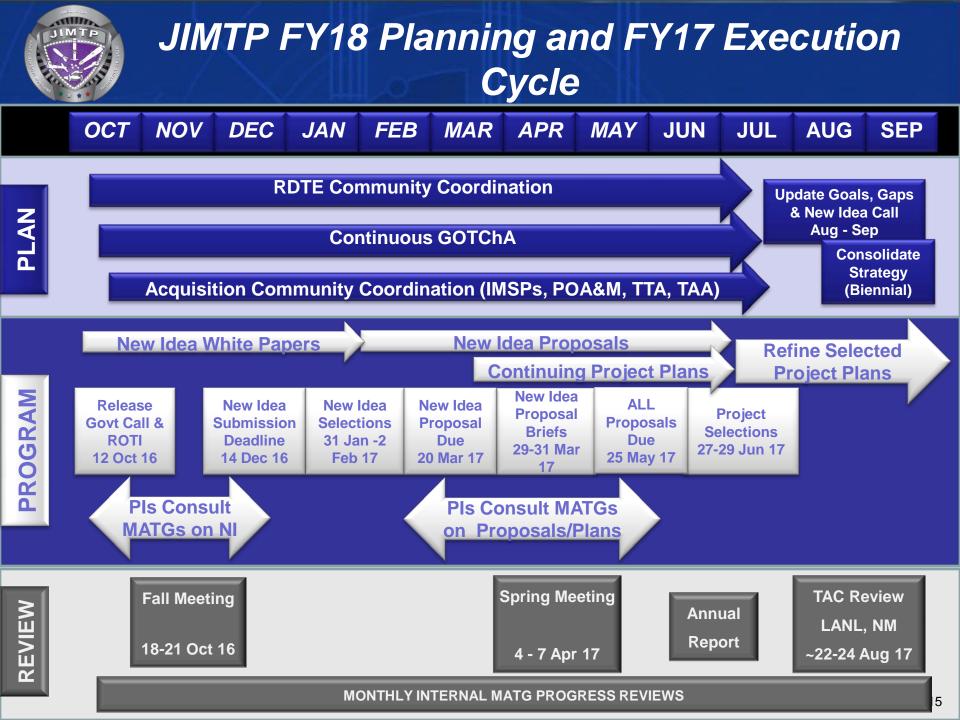


- Lack of data and characterization for large Dcrit (non-ideal) explosives
  - Directed Study to address
- Understanding of relationship between short duration shock vs long duration shock (HJ criteria vs wedge test)
  - Directed Study to address
- Understanding defects in "pristine" materials and the effect on sensitivity
- Understanding "damage" (cracks, voids, porosity, thermal) generation and propagation during insult
- Understanding the science behind SCO/FCO challenges
  - MSIAC workshop (JIMTP participation)



### FY17 Portfolio

- > Applied Research (6.2) Areas
  - General Purpose Bomb Boosters
  - Propellants for tank ammunition
  - Mixing and coating technologies
  - Novel ingredient formulations
  - Sensors for Slow Cookoff mitigation
  - Rocket motor propellants for SCO/FCO and BI/FI
- Advanced Technology Development (6.3) Areas
  - General Purpose Bomb fill formulations and venting
  - Rocket motor propellant demonstrations
  - Medium caliber ammunition FI and SCO
  - Shoulder launched weapon warhead and propellants





#### **Bottom Line**

- Transitions to Acquisition Community are happening
- ➢ Revised 2018, 2023 and 2028 goals
- New capabilities drive new technologies to be investigated for IM improvement
  - Smaller/smart warheads with same or increased lethality
  - Extended range for access limited munitions
  - Extended range for cannons and mortars
  - MOUT/FFE
- Fundamental understanding gaps remain broad and complex but narrowing
- Joint program with <u>exceptional technologists</u> working tough problems – always looking for new PIs to propose great ideas!



Summary

IM Improvement Probability of Success	Negligible	Marginal	Significant	Extreme	Tools 23%			
Very Low					23%			
Low								
Medium						Products 77%		
High								
Very High								

- Transitions have been plentiful and trickle down technology is working!
- JIMTP focus has begun to incorporate "tools" and "processing" where required
- Large increase in funded efforts involving
  - Explosive processing
  - Small scale test development
  - Modeling and simulation



# Questions

