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ARMY FUTURES COMMAND



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AFC Mission Statement

AFC provides the Army solutions (integrated concepts, organizational designs, and technologies) IOT allow the Joint Force, employing Army capabilities, to achieve overmatch in the future operational environment.

Army Modernization Priorities

LONG RANGE FIRES

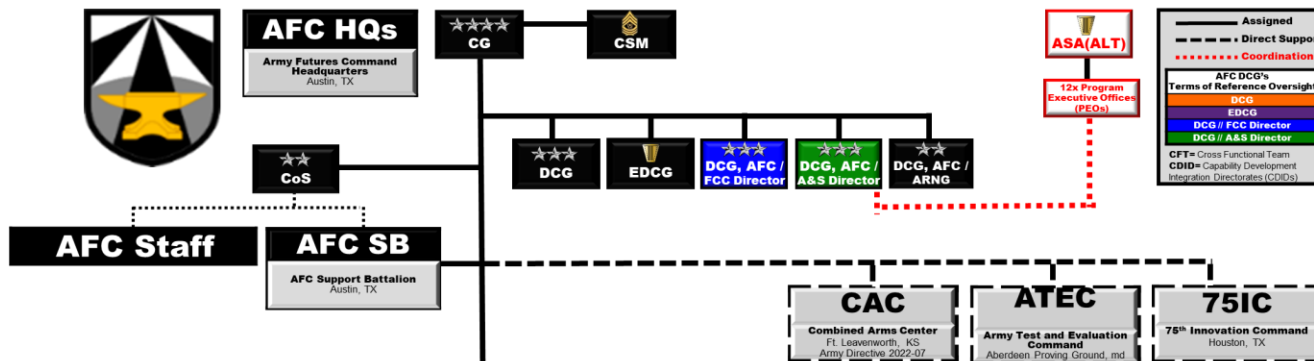
NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE

FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (AVIATION)

AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE

NETWORK

SOLDIER LETHALITY



LRPF CFT

Long Range Precision Fires CFT
Ft. Sill, OK

NGCV CFT

Next Generation Combat Vehicle CFT
Detroit, MI

FVL CFT

Future Vertical Lift CFT
Redstone Arsenal, AL

NET CFT

Network CFT
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

APNT/S CFT

Assured Positioning, Navigation, Timing & Space
Redstone Arsenal, AL

AMD CFT

Air and Missile Defense CFT
Ft. Sill, OK

SL CFT

Soldier Lethality CFT
Ft. Benning, GA

STE CFT

Synthetic Training Environment CFT
Orlando, FL

TRAC

The Research & Analysis Center
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

SWFAC

U.S. Army Institute for Software Development
Austin, TX

AI2C

Artificial Intelligence Integration Center
Pittsburg, PA

AAL

Army Applications Laboratory
Austin, TX

CSID

Combat Systems Integration Directorate
Austin, TX

S&T

Science & Technology
Austin, TX

UTDD

University Technology Development Division
Austin, TX

FCC

Futures & Concept Center
JBLE and Austin, TX

JMC

Joint Modernization Command
Ft. Bliss, TX

DOC

Director of Concepts
JBLE & Austin, TX

FID

Futures Integration Directorate
JBLE & Austin, TX

USASOC

U.S. Army Special Operations Command CIDID
Ft. Bragg, NC

USASMDC

U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command CIDID
Redstone Arsenal, AL

M-CDID

Maneuver CIDID
Ft. Benning, GA

F-CDID

Fires CIDID
Ft. Sill, OK

AV-CDID

Aviation CIDID
Ft. Rucker, AL

I-CDID

Intelligence CIDID
Ft. Huachuca, AZ

S-CDID

Sustainment CIDID
Ft. Lee, VA

MED-CDID

Medical CIDID
Ft. Sam Houston, TX

MC-CDID

Mission Command CIDID
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

CY-CDID

Cyber CIDID
Ft. Gordon, GA

CH-CDID

Chaplain CIDID
Ft. Jackson, SC

MS-CDID

Maneuver Support CIDID
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

DEVCOM

Combat Capabilities Development Command
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

ARL

Army Research Laboratory
Adelphi, MD

AC

Armaments Center
Piscataway, NJ

GVSC

Ground Vehicle Systems
Warren, MI

SC

Soldier Center
Natick, MA

CBC

Chemical and Biological Center
Edgewood, MD

DAC

DEVCOM Analysis Center
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

AvMC

Aviation and Missile Center
Redstone Arsenal, AL

C5ISR

C2, Computers, Comms, Cyber, and ISR Center
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

MRDC

Medical Research & Development Command
Ft. Detrick, MD

USAARL

U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory
Ft. Rucker, AL

USAISR

U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research
Ft. Sam Houston, TX

USAMRICD

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

USAMRIID

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
Ft. Detrick, MD

USARIEM

U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine
Natick, MA

USAWRAIR

U.S. Army Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
Silver Spring, MD

USATATRC

U.S. Army Tele-Medicine & Advanced Tech. Research
Ft. Detrick, MD

USAMRAA

U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
Ft. Detrick, MD

USAMMDA

U.S. Army Medical Material Development Activity
Ft. Detrick, MD

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DEVCOM MISSION AND VISION



MISSION

Accelerate technology and deliver next-generation Soldier capabilities across the lifecycle to ensure overmatch for a lethal Army.

VISION

We fight for the future – one teammate, one idea, one technology, one capability at a time.

COMMANDER'S INTENT

As one team, we will innovate, engineer, and protect solutions that solve priority Army Problems within DEVCOM's Priority Mission & Key Enabling Domains.

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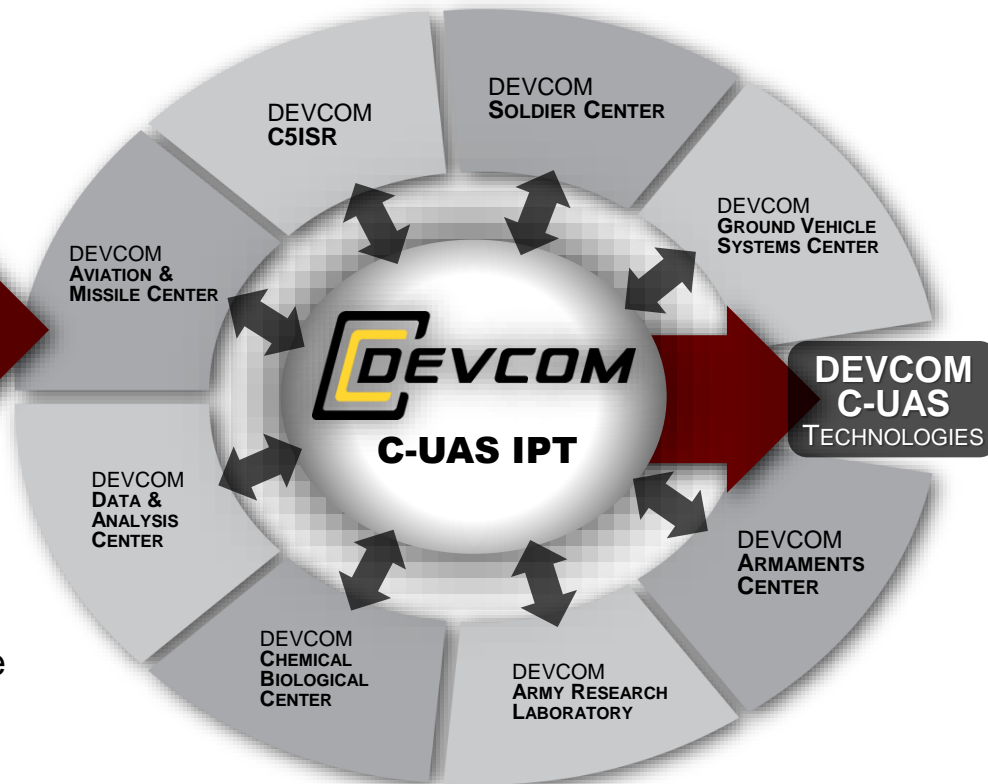
DEVCOM secures persistent innovation for a modern Army.

DEVCOM C-UAS IPT OVERVIEW



MISSION:

Enable the planning and development of required C-sUAS capabilities by coordinating, synchronizing and leveraging S&T efforts across the command in accordance with the Army C-sUAS Framework and Strategy



OBJECTIVES:

- Coordinate with strategic partners to identify gaps and threat priorities for use by the IPT to refine the C-UAS strategy
- Increase collaboration among C-UAS efforts with common objectives
- Identify complimentary C-UAS capabilities across DEVCOM that can be integrated for optimal performance and efficiency

ARMY C-SUAS S&T STRATEGY



SCOPE: C-sUAS S&T growth in advanced technology to support acquisition programs in the mid-term (through 2034), and explore additional advanced capabilities to outpace adversaries in the far-term (2035 and beyond)

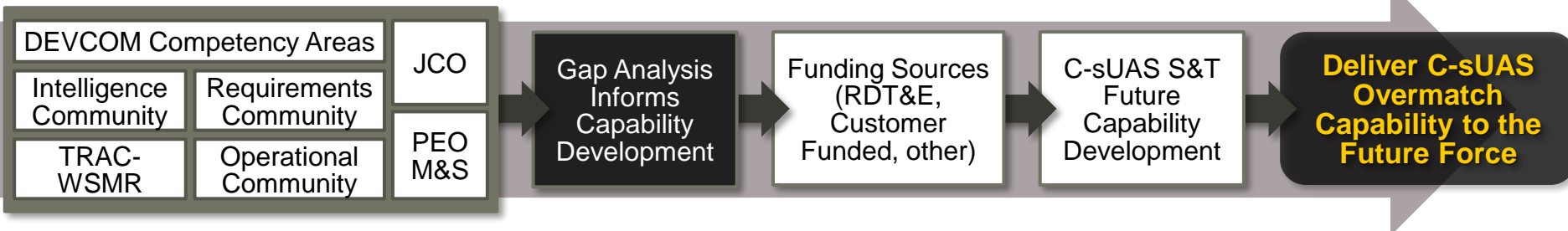
KEY COMPETENCY AREAS:

- **Armament Systems**
 - ✓ Advanced gun systems and enhance existing gun systems to quickly respond to sUAS threats
- **Basic, Applied and Advanced Research**
 - ✓ Revolutionary concepts for advanced materials, communications, sensing, munitions, and weapon systems
- **Kinetic Interceptor Technology**
 - ✓ Low-cost kinetic interceptor technologies including advanced seeker, novel warheads, and extended-range propulsion to address Group 3 sUAS threats
- **Air Defense Sensor Technology**
 - ✓ Advanced sensor technologies including precision fire control radars, passive and distributed sensing
- **Fire Control Advancements**
 - ✓ AI/ML applications for fire control to ensure precision targeting of highly maneuvering threats and rapid weapons target pairing
 - ✓ Distributed lethality solutions to address multiple, simultaneous threats and leakers
- **Cyber and Electronic Warfare Solutions**
 - ✓ Advance non-kinetic methods to efficiently neutralize enemy UAS
 - ✓ Cyber and protocol manipulation to counter threat sUAS control, navigation and C2 networks
- **Directed Energy Solutions**
 - ✓ Advanced DE/HPM technologies increasing magazine depth at lower cost per kill, increase range and rate of fire

ARMY C-SUAS S&T STRATEGY FRAMEWORK



- **Leverage intelligence, requirements, operational communities and internal subject matter experts to execute gap analysis framework**
 - Assess current S&T efforts to inform S&T gaps
 - Include short, near and long-term analysis
 - Extend framework across all labs and centers (Competency Areas) within DEVCOM
 - Use distributed guiding documents to ensure alignment with Army needs
- **Provide solutions to Army capability gaps spread across all warfighting functions and cross-functional teams**
 - Address the entire UAS kill chain: target detection, tracking, identification, fire control, and defeat
 - Provide technology solutions to meet the requirements for fixed/semi-fixed, mounted and dismounted C-UAS capabilities
 - Provide Air Defense and MOS agnostic C-UAS solutions



DEVCOM'S LONG-TERM COUNTER-UAS GOALS



- ❖ Advanced Sensors, Effectors, Command & Control, Communications
- ❖ Focus on Reach, Range, Speed, & Cadence
- ❖ Systems that are Smarter, Affordable, Upgradable, & Interoperable
- ❖ Full Joint & Coalition Integration from fielded systems down to R&D

DEVCOM AVIATION & MISSILE CENTER TECHNOLOGY AREAS



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CYBER



SENSOR



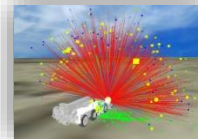
MISSILE ELECTRONICS



GUIDANCE



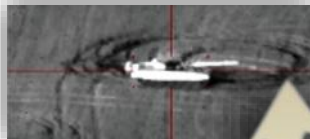
LETHALITY



RADAR



DATALINK & COMMUNICATION



PROPULSION



LAUNCHER



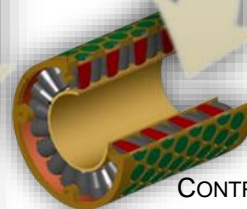
RELIABILITY/MAINTAINABILITY



AFFORDABILITY /
MANUFACTURING
TECHNOLOGY



CONTROL SYSTEMS



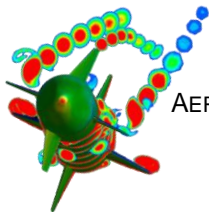
MATERIALS & STRUCTURES



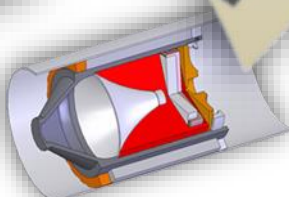
POWER



AERODYNAMICS



WARHEAD/FUZE



NAVIGATION SYSTEMS



MODEL & SIMULATION



AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) MODERNIZATION PRIORITY*



**LONG RANGE
PRECISION FIRES**



**NEXT GENERATION
COMBAT VEHICLE**



**FUTURE
VERTICAL LIFT**



**ARMY
NETWORK**



**AIR & MISSILE
DEFENSE**



**SOLDIER
LETHALITY**

Supporting Army and Joint Readiness now and in the Future Multi-Domain Operation (MDO) Environment

Air and Missile Defense will provide Combatant Commanders with a flexible, agile, and integrated AMD force capable of executing Multi-Domain Operations and defending the Homeland, regional joint and coalition forces, and critical assets in support of unified land operations.¹

* Army Air and Missile Defense (AMD) 2028 (March 2019)

NEXT GENERATION AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES



S&T Efforts Support AMD Modernization for Fire Control, Interceptor, and Radar



FUTURE CAPABILITIES:

- Enabling technologies for small, lightweight, low-cost missile interceptors for increased magazine depth (stowed kills) to enable maneuver force defeat of numerous sUAS at short range
- Integrated Fires launcher technologies for Fires and AMD
- Next generation Air Defense radar technologies
- Support distributed and collaborative engagement decision making through maturation of AI decision aids that enable operators to continuously manage IAMD deployments and select best engagement options and pairing.
- C-sUAS interceptors with increased range, reduced reaction time, increased lethality and reduced reload time for the maneuver forces fixed site and mobile configurations



Future S&T Capabilities Aligned with AMD Priorities

EXTENDED RANGE C-SUAS



Purpose/ Requirement:

- Provide maneuver forces a mobile, high speed, long-range kinetic interceptor capability
- Target Group 2-3 sUAS that operate at higher altitudes with greater standoff ranges for Multi-Domain Operations (MDO)
- Establish technical viability of an extended range interceptor compliant with the Stinger Vehicle Universal Launcher (SVUL) and Forward Area Air Defense Command and Control (FAAD C2).
- Maintain or increase lethality against traditional MSHORAD targets for the maneuver forces, fixed site and mobile C-sUAS configurations.
- The missile would also increase range, reduce engagement time, improve reliability, increase magazine depth and reduce reload time compared to current C-sUAS kinetic interceptor capabilities.

Schedule:

Task	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
Requirement Refinement					
Concept Development					
Functional Analysis					
Engineering Development Unit					
Developmental Test Series					
User Assessment Prototypes					

Milestone Indicators:

Knowledge Point:



TRL Demo:



Key Technical Challenges:

- Novel propulsion concepts through component evaluation and analysis at range
- Small form factor seeker technology to meet long range missile intercept requirements
- Small form factor critical missile components for extended range UAS targets
- SVUL Integration

RFI INFORMATION:

- AMTC GM-25-01-06 Out Now (Title: LRMC)
- EWP Due 12/18



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