

DDR&E for Advanced Capabilities Overview and Engineering Update

NDIA 22nd Annual Systems and Mission Engineering Conference Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Jim Faist

Director, Defense Research and Engineering for Advanced Capabilities

and

Director, Test Resource Management Center





DDR&E Advanced Capabilities: Aligned to the National Defense Strategy

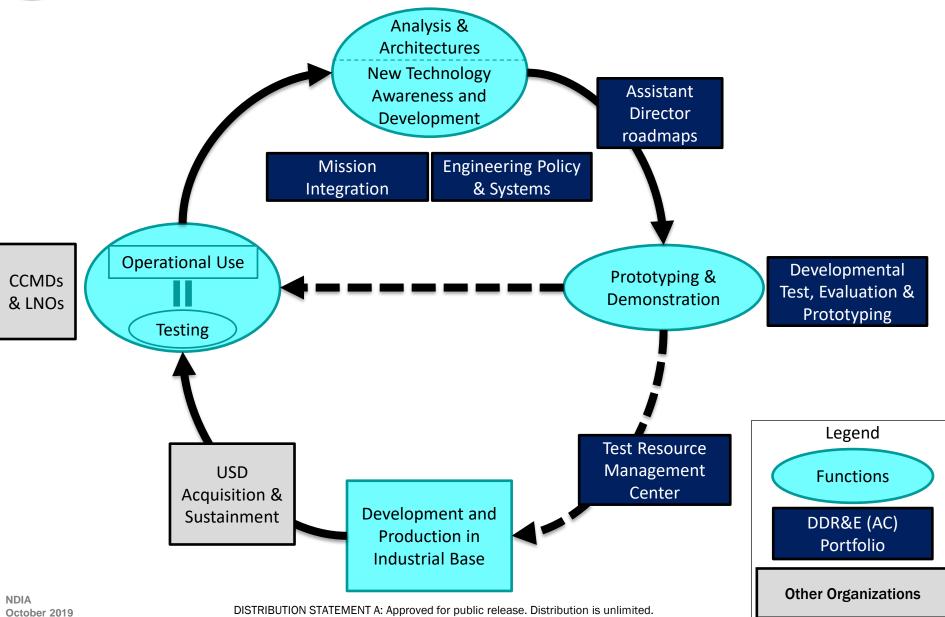


- National Defense Strategy (NDS) Focus: Era of Great Power Competition,
 Modernization Priorities in Response
 - Lethality, Partnerships, Reform
- USD(R&E) Mission: Creating the Technologies of the Future Fight
 - Ensure Technological Superiority for the U.S. Military
 - Focus on Modernization
- DDR&E Advanced Capabilities Role:
 - Accelerate Modernization
 - Mature Technology to Capability, from Prototyping to Acquisition
- DDR&E Advanced Capabilities Goals:
 - Establish mission integration analytics
 - Support Assistant Director (AD) technology roadmap development and execution
 - Drive NDS responsive projects that close gaps in joint service capabilities
 - Define technical risk and opportunities in major programs
 - Enhance policy to accelerate modernization (remove barriers)



How We Operate: High-level Development Cycle







Engineering – FY2020 Plans



Balancing Priorities

- Independent Technical Risk Assessments (ITRA)
- Mission Engineering Support
- Engineering Policy and Implementation
 - DoDI 5000.02 Engineering Policy rewrite
 - Collaborate with A&S and Services to share technical innovations and best practices across programs
 - Software Engineering
- Increase working-level exchanges between industry and government
 - Establish Engineering Technical Fellows program



Mission Engineering (ME) - FY2020 Plans



- Time-sensitive Target Defeat / Time-sensitive Target Mission Payloads (FY19)
 - -Evaluating concepts against a mission profile for phase 3 prototype efforts.
- Advanced Electronic Warfare (EW) Capability (FY19)
 - Effort to provide foundational elements to provide game-changing EW capabilities to counter peer threats.
 - -Phase 2 contracts awarded 30 September.
- Next Mission Areas (FY20 and Beyond):
 - -Fully Networked Command, Control and Communications (FNC3)
 - Integrated Fires
- Establishing a Knowledge Management / Cloud Computing Enterprise for ME



Engineering Policy – FY2020 Activities



- Update policies to be compliant with statute and DoD guidance memos
 - DoDI 5000 Engineering Instruction to incorporate several enhancements to improve systems/mission engineering
 - DoDI 5000 T&E Instruction to include additional focus on integrated testing
 - Clearly defining the role of the Lead System Engineer
 - Update Existing Engineering and T&E guidance documents
- Develop new engineering guidance (i.e. Digital Engineering, Mission Engineering)
- Develop Intellectual Property (IP) Policy
 - Policy will preserve the Government's rights in IP, while protecting industry's investments in R&D and S&T



Technical Fellows Program - FY2020



Vision:

 Improve collaboration between USD (R&E) and its Industrial ecosystem; collaboration across the core technology domains of strategic interest; and improve the technical excellence of the R&E enterprise.

Mission:

 Develop a Technical Fellows Program that meets the needs of DDR&E(AC).

Goal:

 Selected Technical Fellows (from the Defense Industrial Base) will complete a one-year assignment working on a *Technical Problem* composed by selected science and technology leaders within DDR&E(AC). The sponsoring leaders will serve as mentors to maintain constant contact with the Technical Fellow during the one year tenure.



Developmental Test, Evaluation and Prototyping – FY2020 Plans



Prototyping and Experimentation

- Execute projects to deliver leap-ahead and disruptive technologies; address the most critical capability gaps identified by the Joint Staff and Combatant Commands.
- Direct investment and sponsor co-funding toward countering peer competition in contested environments across multiple domains in accordance with the Secretary's Senior Leadership Conference
- Ensure proper coordination/synchronization of Prototyping and Experimentation investments through semi-annual Joint Mission Forums and quarterly Prototyping Senior Steering Group reviews
- Execute Allied Prototyping Initiative projects with Joint and international partners

Developmental Test and Evaluation (DT&E)

- Support Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs), priority Defense Business Systems (DBS), and Middle Tier Acquisition (MTA) programs to ensure comprehensive, affordable, and efficient DT&E strategies are implemented
- Implement DT&E data access policies to reflect R&E responsibilities
- Emphasize Integrated Testing and shift Developmental Test/Operational Test left in the development cycle
- Expand DT&E methodologies to improve efficiency of R&E modernization areas and keep pace with emerging technology; deliver capabilities faster to the warfighter



Allied Prototyping Initiative (API)



- Started in 2019
- Develop cooperative prototyping projects to provide leap-ahead capabilities in the 5-7 year time horizon focused on the top 9 OUSD(R&E) modernization priorities.
- Secure OUSD(R&E), service(s), and partner nation funding for selected projects, negotiate Project Arrangements (PAs), and staff PA's for approval to completion
- Manage Project Execution
- API Focus Areas for 2020
 - Space
 - Fully Networked Command Control and Communications
 - Microelectronics
 - Cybersecurity Offense and Defense
 - Hypersonics Offense and Defense
 - Directed Energy
 - Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence
 - Autonomous Systems
 - Quantum Science



Test Resource Management Center – FY2020 Plans



- Align Strategic Plan, Investments, & Budget Certification processes
- Develop critical test capabilities to advance the NDS
 - Hypersonics: Improve ground test facilities for true flight temperatures & conditions
 - Hypersonics: Develop SkyRange, expand capability/availability of long range corridors
 - Directed Energy: Establish a Special Use Space Range (SUSR) over White Sands
 - Directed Energy: Develop HEL & HPM mobile diagnostics suites
 - Cyber: Transition and expand National Cyber Range Complex (NCRC) to new facilities
 - Electronic Warfare: Deliver multi-source, high-density ground test stimulators
 - Autonomy: Develop safety & risk analysis tools for cognitive software assessments
 - Nuclear: Complete prototype of new uranium core alloy for Fast Burst Reactor
 - Space: Develop detailed investment roadmap for Space Test Range infrastructure
- Strengthen partnerships with other Federal agencies (NASA, DoT, DHS) and allied partners to improve test infrastructure



Questions?



