

Blackwater Facts

- ▶ Founded in '97 by SEAL Team Officer
- ▶ 7000+ acre training facility, including:
 - 35 ranges
 - MOUT facility
 - Shoot houses
 - Three drop zones
 - Demo range
 - Ship simulators
 - Two Airstrips
 - 3 mi. tactical track
- ▶ 35 min south of Norfolk, VA Airport
- ▶ Training in excess of 600 pers/day



Areas of Operation

- ▶ Iraq
- ▶ Afghanistan
- ▶ Persian Gulf Region
- ▶ Philippines
- ▶ Azerbaijan
- ▶ Kingdom of Jordan
- ▶ Katrina Relief Operations
- ▶ Africa



Challenges

- ▶ US Policymaker/Decisionmaker Education
- ▶ Proposed International Regulation
- ▶ Industry Misperceptions
- ▶ Legal Environment
- ▶ Media Unfamiliarity

The Future

- ▶ Building partner-nation capacity
- ▶ Fulfilling surge capacity for USG
- ▶ Stability/Reconstruction/PRT operations
- ▶ Providing humanitarian relief in failed or failing states & emerging democracies
- ▶ Offering specialized training & services