

### Logistics 101 – Today's Battlefield Reality 21 March 2007

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## AAI UAS Warfighter Support





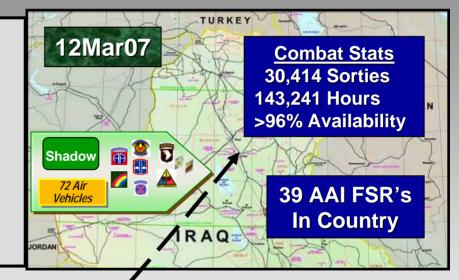
### Shadow® Tactical UAS

#### 2006 Major Accomplishments

- Maintained combat system availability > 93%
- Reduced mishap rate by 59%
- Reduced system support costs by 25%
- Trained and fielded 19 new Shadow platoons
- Flew 70,000 combat flight hours in 2006
- Flew 15,000 combat missions in 2006
- Deployed first Shadow system to OEF







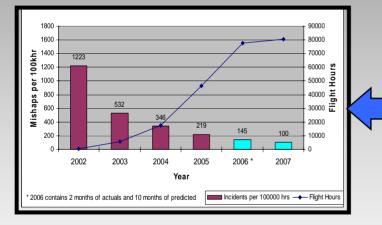
#### Top Operational Challenges

- 1. Increased OPTEMPO with additional surge
- 2. Limited bandwidth for UAS operations
- 3. Desire for increased situational awareness; convoy and force protection
- 4. Mixed airspace flight operations
- 5. Single fuel on the battlefield initiative
- 6. Integrated US Army UAS field support

# Response to increased OPTEMPO

✓ Expanded production facilities
 ✓ Increased FSR training
 ✓ Additional BIT team staffing





Development of predictive models
 Flight hours predictions
 Impact to Spares/Repair of Repairables
 Reliability growth curve

✓ Establishment of FRA in Balad, Iraq
 ✓ PBL Contracting mechanism
 ✓ Add'l in-country contractor support



## ncreased Situational Awareness

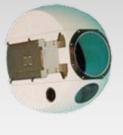
- Laser Pointer/Designator/Range Finder
  - Fielded Laser Pointer option to assist in identification of targets
  - Developing Integrated EO/IR payload
    with Laser Designator/Rangefinder



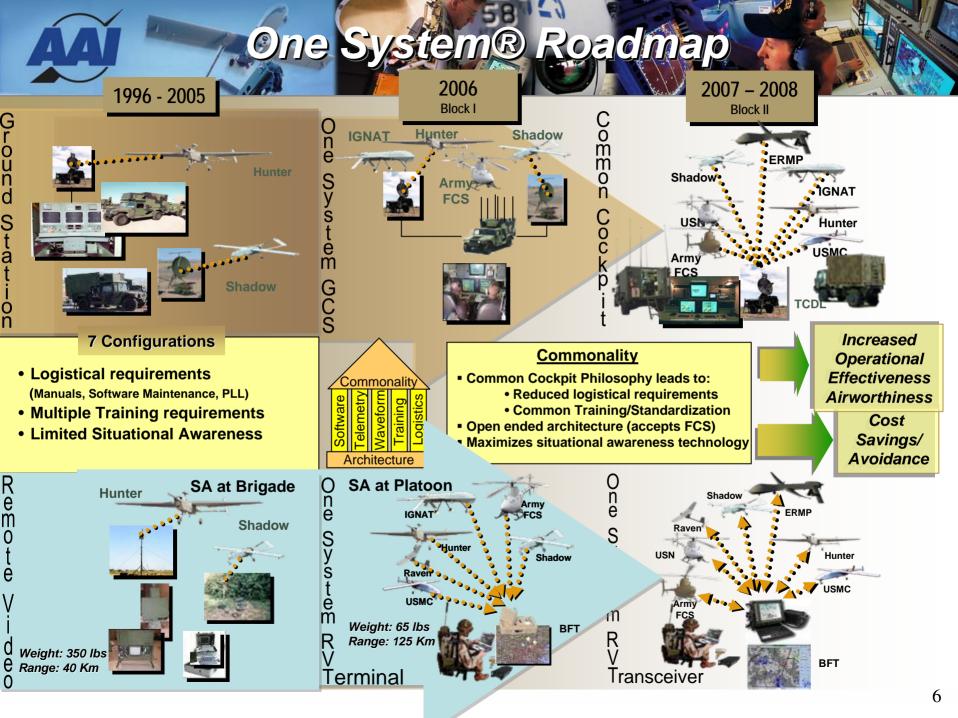
- Improved Laser Guided weapons response times, reacting quickly to dynamic insurgent activities.
- Payload combines Designator with Laser Range Finder (LRF) to improve Target Location Error (TLE)
- Optical / IR performance maintained at high quality video in same payload as Laser Designator







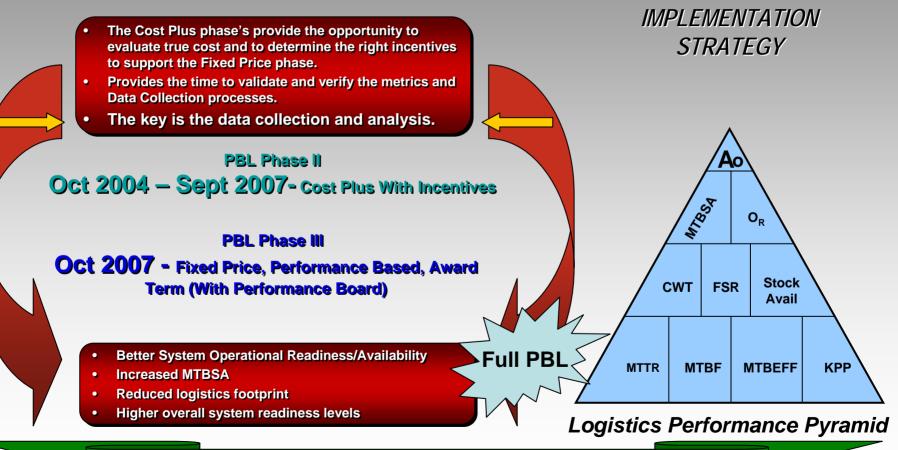




# A Performance Based Logistics Support

#### "The Warfighter requires READINESS - not transactions"

PBL Phase I May 2003 – Jan 2004 - Cost Plus Fixed Fee Jan 2004 – Oct 2004 - Cost Plus Fix Fee with Incentives



The key is the validation of metrics with a verified data collection system

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SHADOW TUAS HAS USED

A PHASED PBL

## **Reset/Repair of Repairables**

- Reset/Repair of Repairables Initiatives
  - Completed lean manufacturing improvements in Hunt Valley factory.
  - Established partnership arrangements with US Army Depots
    - Tobyhanna Army Depot Scranton, PA
    - Letterkenny Army Depot Chambersburg, PA
    - Corpus Christi Army Depot Corpus Christi, TX
  - "Super" FSR at FRA (Balad) for expanded repair capabilities.
  - Instituted CONUS EO/IR Payload repair facility in Rome, New York (Opened in June 2006)

# Integrated US Army UAS field support

# **OIF/OEF UAS Sustainment Plan**

