

National Small Arms Center & National Small Arms Technology Consortium Update

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Agenda

- ▶ The "Good"
- ▶ The "Bad"
- ▶ The "Ugly"
- ▶ The Future



The "Good"



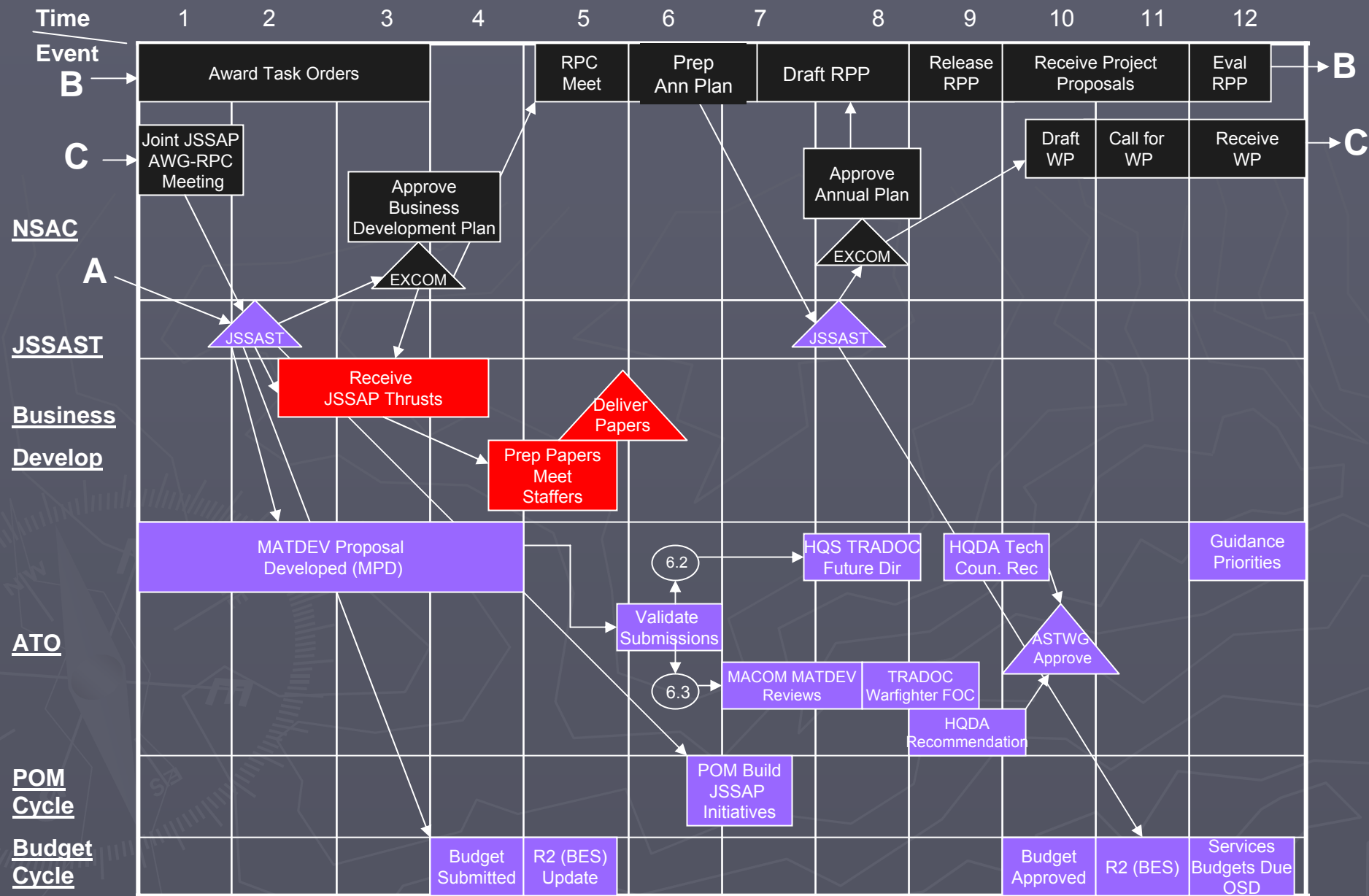
- ▶ Membership now totals around 90 firms/schools
- ▶ Business Calendar established integrating Technical, Programmatic and Fiscal elements
- ▶ FY08 White Paper Process develops new Technology Thrust
- ▶ Futures Conference lays the groundwork for a mid to long term small arms tech base investment strategy
- ▶ JSSAP Tech Base Budget now integrated into NSAC annual solicitation/budget cycle
- ▶ Industry actively engaged in concept development and governance. Website management assumed as well.

The "Good"



- ▶ FY08 Solicitation expected to obligate upwards of \$4 M in new program initiatives:
 - Advanced Fire Control
 - Enhanced Lethality
 - Other
- ▶ Does not include potential ancillary PM interests
- ▶ Major FY07 Technology Achievements include:
 - Stainless Steel Case development
 - Thermal Modeling – Small Arms Weapons
 - Development of an alternate tracer concept
 - Elimination of Cobalt in Armor Piercing ammunition penetrators

Processes Timelines – Alternative #2



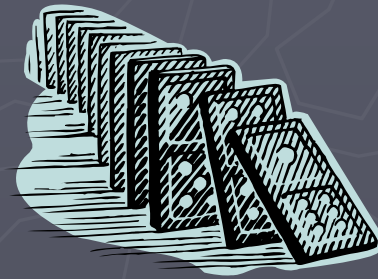
Business Cycle – Key Events

- ▶ Call for Proposals – June/July
- ▶ Proposal Response Deadline – August
- ▶ Call for White Papers – August
- ▶ White Paper Deadline - October
- ▶ White Paper Analysis – November
- ▶ JSSAST/NSATC Exec Committee Endorsement – November/December
- ▶ Handoff to NSATC Business Development Committee - January

The "Bad"



- ▶ FY08 program stalled temporarily due to Other Transaction Agreement guidance revision
 - Traditional versus Non-Traditional Member Categorization
- ▶ Domino effect in terms of program development and funding obligation



The "Ugly"



- ▶ Future operations await reformulation of OTA based organizational construct and related acquisition processes
 - Status Quo
 - Annual BAA solicitation with RPP option
 - Single Party NSATC partnership with USG in a revised OTA
- ▶ Multiple initiatives underway to clarify and resolve this matter

The Future

- ▶ Award FY08 Contract/TOSA efforts – Spring
- ▶ Semi-annual Membership Meeting at Fort Benning on June 17 and 18
- ▶ Annual Solicitation for FY09 – Summer
- ▶ Annual White Paper Call - Fall

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