# **GENERAL DYNAMICS** Ordnance and Tactical Systems



#### U.S. SMALL CALIBER AMMUNITION Second Source Small Cal Program

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## **GD-OTS SECOND SOURCE TEAM - STATUS**

- The General Dynamics Ordnance & Tactical Systems Small Caliber Ammunition (SCA) Team is augmenting the U.S. Government organic base to meet the small caliber ammunition needs for the GWOT.
- The SCA Team is currently executing a multiple year ID/IQ program to deliver in excess of 1B rounds of ammunition.
- Multiple Manufacturing facilities around the world have been qualified to produce small caliber ammunition to U.S. Government specifications.
- A world-wide logistics and shipping organization has been implemented to support CONUS and OCONUS supplies.
- About 400M rounds delivered through to date.

#### **SCA SECOND SOURCE TEAM PRODUCTS**

#### **Combat and Training Ammunition**

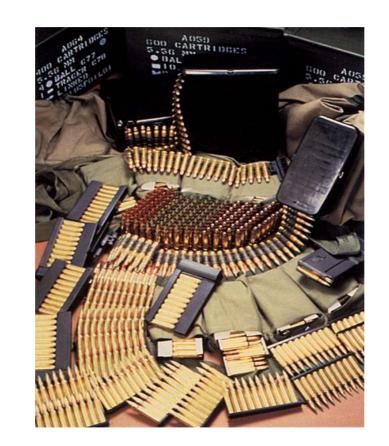
-Ball Clip

-Armor Piercing Incendiary

-Armor Piercing Incendiary with Trace

-Ball/Trace Linked

-Blank



5.56mm 7.62mm .50 Caliber

## **SECOND SOURCE LESSONS LEARNED**

 A Second Source is a viable strategy for the ammunition base, now and for the future

Provides critical surge capability Eliminates single point failure associated with LCAAP Provides needed contingencies to avoid catastrophic supply interruptions

• Existing capabilities and capacities need to be expanded

Complex logistics challenges associated with moving energetic materials. Select foreign sources carefully to meet demand. International politics, business and regulations complicate business.

• Tracer capability in all small calibers needs to be expanded.

Current Second Source supply is International based.

• Government contracts now must reflect the realities of the marketplace – proper commodity price indexes essential in long term, fixed price contracts

Suppliers in this dynamic market can no longer afford to assume commodity risks – 400% growth in last 3 years.

### **RESPONSE TO INCREASED NEEDS**

- The Second Source supply base has invested into capacity and capability expansion to meet USG demand.
  - 300-500 million round capacity available to support surge requirements.
- Global marketplace includes the USG demand, Foreign Government Demands and the commercial market.
  - Access to capacity is not only driven by obligations to meet GWOT demands, but also Commercial market requirements.
  - Commodities (copper, zinc, lead, fuel, others) are in extreme high demand, driving higher material costs due to supply and demand requirements.
  - SCA Suppliers management of business portfolios allocate capacities based on ability to pass through commodity prices – sometimes limits abilities to meet certain volume/product mix demands.

#### **CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Challenges
  - Proper EPA clauses for commodities that offset record setting growths in USG contracts
  - Adding qualified domestic and international suppliers to increase capacities to meet annual USG volume requirements which compete with commercial demands
  - Managing Global shipping requirements with use of US Flag Vessels
- Opportunities
  - Forecasted on-going Second Source requirements allows for the possibility to expand capabilities and capacities
  - Overcoming the challenges of compliance with USG Specifications enables our international suppliers to modernize operations and improve production capabilities to meet our volume demands