# **Air Force Materiel Command**



Development and Insertion of Innovative Technologies Across the Lifecycle of a Weapon System

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**Overview** 

- Ongoing AF/AFMC initiatives to improve technology insertion:
  - Pre-MS B: AFSO21 Develop and Sustain Warfighting Systems (D&SWS) Technology Development (TD) Initiatives
  - Sustainment: Sustainment Technology Process (STP) to develop focused sustainment technology investments



#### **Integrated Life Cycle Management**



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**Sustainment Technology Process** 



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#### Part of the Answer



#### **D&SWS Sub-Processes** \*Sub-Process Owners,\* Co-Leads, Design Team Leads



#### As-Is Technology Development Process







### D&SWS Technology Development Initiatives



AF-wide process to identify and prioritize tech needs linked to capability gaps and program requirements

Benefits: Best technologies needed to achieve AF's highest priorities receive highest investment priority.

"Tech Push" better influences capability planning.

Establish comprehensive "yardstick" to assess maturity of technologies (more than technology readiness levels: include testability, manufacturability, integratability, supportability, etc)



Establish disciplined and collaborative "stage-gating" process to ensure highest confidence in successful technology transition

Benefits: Reverse the trend of starting SDD with immature technologies which cause RDT&E and production cost growth and schedule slips



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## **Strategy Development**

#### Top Down Capability Driven Process to Support Strategic Sustainment Technology Investments

Strategic Drivers	Strategic Thrusts	Focus	
E-Log21 • Reduced O&S Costs and increase system availability	<ul> <li>Improve the sustainability of weapon systems, and influence</li> </ul>	• Crack & Corrosion	<u>Technology</u> Working Groups
AFMC Balance Scorecard • Sustain Weapon	the sustainability of new systems in development		Airframe Sustainment - TWG
<ul> <li>Improve equipment availability at reduced cost</li> <li>Enhance Sys</li> </ul>	• Improved Inspection, Fault Detection, Prognostics and	CBM + Integrity     Maintenance     Shop	Propulsion Sustainment - TWG MRO&P
Reliability Customer Needs • MAJCOMs	Diagnostics Capability (Sense and Respond)	Aircraft     Subsystem     Diagnostics	Sustainment - TWG Combat
AFMC     AFRL FLTC     Affordable Mission	• Apply Advanced Practices for Maintenance, Repair &	<ul> <li>AGE, Test Equip</li> <li>&amp; Avionics</li> <li>Obsolescence</li> </ul>	Sustainment - TWG
Agile Combat Support • Agile, Responsive & Effective Sustainment	Overhaul, Production Processes, and Supply Chain management	Management <ul> <li>Supply Chain</li> <li>Enhancements</li> </ul>	



### **Governance Structure**





- Expanded S3C membership to include MAJCOMs
- S3C approved sustainment technology needs:
  - Submitted for OSD transition/sustainment funding sources, i.e., Quick Reaction Funds, Reduction in Total Ownership Cost (RTOC)
  - Guided FY09 APOM and FY10 POM (Aging Aircraft and S&T supporting Affordable Mission Generation & Sustainment)
    - Funded projects include: Condition Based Maintenance Plus, Non-destructive Inspections, LO Maintainability, and Improved Depot Processes



- Leverage Industry Research & Development (IR&D) and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Commercialization Pilot Program (CPP)
- Technology Roadmap Development
  - Provides a WBS structured approach to acquire, test, and implement critical sustainment technology to meet a specified capability
  - Utilizing A2/5 modified Capability Based Roadmap Tool
- STP Performance measures being developed and implemented ECD: Jun 08
- Finalizing governance document: AFMCI 61-103; S&T and Technology Transition Planning



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Objective is to develop and insert innovative technologies across the lifecycle of a weapon system

- Pre-MS B: D&SWS initiatives focus on identifying highest priority needs, improved technology maturity assessments and establishing high confidence gated technology transition
- Sustainment: Strategy-to-task driven process to support cross-cutting sustainment technology investments

AFMC and the AF are pressing forward with revolutionary initiatives to Develop & Insert Innovative Technologies into AF Weapons Systems



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