

National Small Arms Center Update - A Look Back and A Look Forward

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Agenda

- A Look Back 5 Years of Lessons-Learned
- A Look Forward
 - Growth/Change
 - Solicitations
 - Governance
 - Future Activities
- Conclusions



- Over \$20 million dollars and 40 plus awards in fiscal years FY05 through FY09
- Four major "so-whats"
 - Lightweight Case Alternatives to Cartridge Brass
 - Polymer not yet ready
 - Stainless Steel as promising candidate
 - Tracker Projectile
 - University conceived/funded
 - War-fighter interest







- Thermal Modeling
 - Spawned from USMC IAR program

- Multiple generations
- Advanced Technology Objectives
 - Advanced Fire Control
 - Enhanced Lethality
 - We now have a more informed sense of the stateof-the-art



- Information Exchange
 - Member Meetings
 - Muddy Boots
 - Muddy Brains
 - Expert Subject Matter Speakers
 - National Labs
 - Congressional forums

"I belong to a few of these type associations but I get more "take-aways" from one of these meetings than I get from all of the other forums combined. You do a great job in executing these meetings!"





- Request for Business Development Proposals
- PM Face-to-Face White Paper Briefs
- Synchronization of Budget/Proposal Activity Scheduling.
- White Paper Impacts on JSACA/CBA Structure

Partnering

- USAIC Sponsorship
- NSATC-ARDEC CRADAs
- Significant non-traditional member activity



A Look Forward - Growth

- Annual membership increases.
- Acquisition Function moved to the National Business Center, Department of Interior @ Fort Huachuca AZ
- Meeting venues and agendas expanded to encourage attendance and participation
 - Muddy Boots
 - National Labs
 - Muddy Brains





A Look Forward - Solicitations

- FY 10 White Paper Call
 - 29 Submissions
 - Top-Ten Presentation to PM community including multi-service audience
- FY10 Request for Project Proposals
 - 5 Submissions
 - Entire FY10 program obligated
- FY10 Request for Business Development Proposals
 - 19 Submissions
 - Connectivity to White Paper Process



A Look Forward - Solicitations

- FY10 Request for Project Proposals
 - 5 Submissions all received awards
 - Award Status
 - Dindl Consulting: Non-lethal Breaching Munition (\$148K)
 - AAI Corp: Advanced Fire Control Power and Information Management System (\$309K)
 - AAI Corp: Combined Lethal and Non-lethal Munitions (\$276K)
 - Dynamic Flow Form: Flowform of super alloys into Machine Gun Barrels (\$682K)
 - AAI Corp: Enhanced Fragmentation for Small Arms Warheads (\$360K)
 - Options for all of the above would total additional \$10 M

Results suggest we have benchmarked Advanced Fire Control and Enhanced Lethality Technology Thrusts via three year SURVEY



A Look Forward - Governance

- New Executive Committee Member Elections
- Disposition of Single Point Entity Decision





A Look Forward - Future Activities

- Semi Annual Meetings
 - Columbus Ohio: 22/23 June 2010
 - Columbus Georgia: December 2010 (tentative)
- FY11 Request for Project Proposal (Summer)
 - "DARPA-Style" Excellence Challenge Next Generation Small Arms Systems
- FY 11 Call for White Papers (Summer)

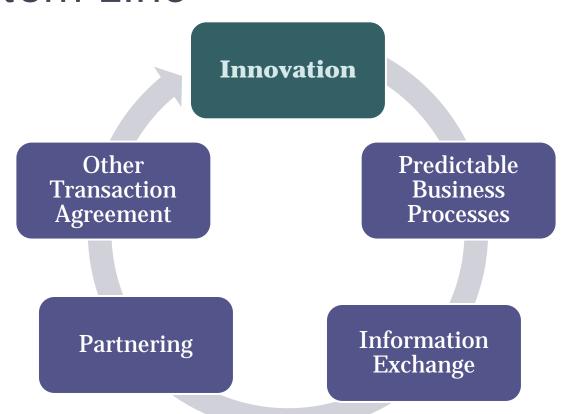


Conclusions

- Second OTA underway
- Interim Acquisition Strategy places us back on track
- Member activity on the upswing
- Meeting content continues to mature
- First Five Year program provided USG with a realistic technology benchmark on Advanced Fire Control and Enhanced Lethality capability alternatives



The Bottom Line



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