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### Where do we see Funding... Medium Caliber

#### **Present: Medium Cannon Caliber** (20mm, 25mm, 30mm)

Significant drop cartridge production annually by 2018 if A-10 fleet is retired

#### Future: Medium Cannon Caliber (20mm, 25mm, 30mm)

- New requirement for Air Burst Munition from 30mm Cannon on Apache
- Potential new 30mm family and weapon for retrofit to Bradley or a new vehicle

#### Future: Medium Caliber (40mm Grenades)

- Training to Grow to 5 7M Ctgs/yr of Day-Night-Thermal (DNT)
- Tactical Production Currently <75K Ctgs/yr</li>
- New requirements for Advanced Munitions: Longer Range Shotgun

Door Breaching

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# Where do we see Funding... Large Cal

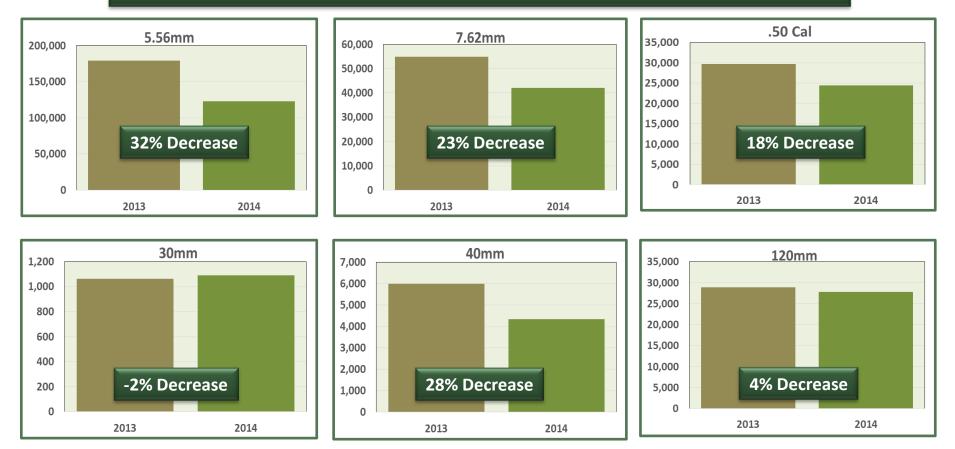
#### Present: Large Caliber Tank Ammo (120mm)

 Steady low rate of tank training new and FMS production along with retrofits until 2020-22, at which time new production will increase



# **Direct Fire**

How Training Expectations have changed from last year to this year



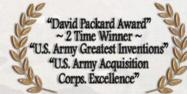
Small Caliber / 40mm shrinking in training 30mm/120mm holding steady

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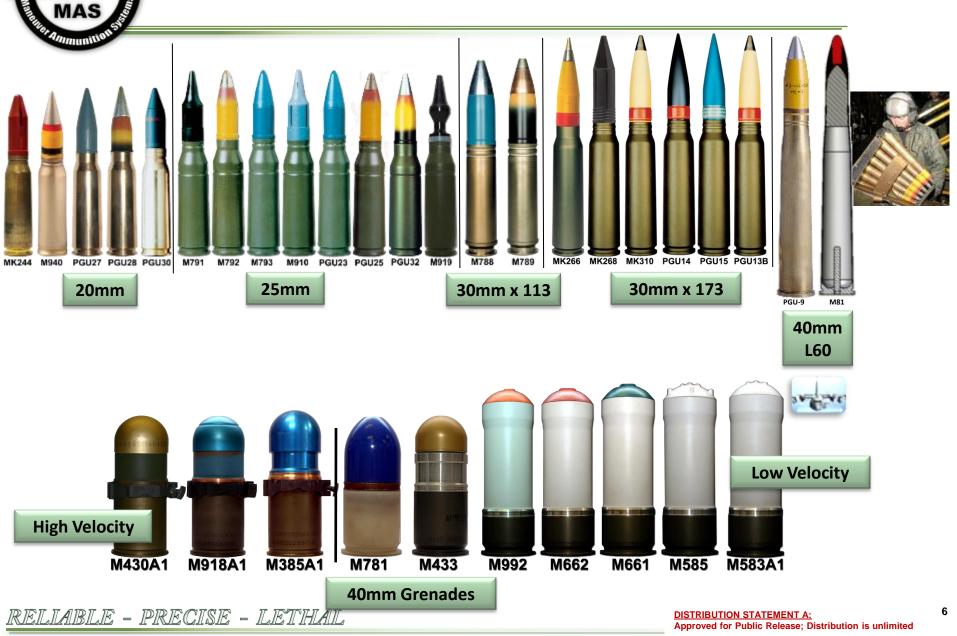
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### **Medium Caliber Ammunition**



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Smoke cartridge can be used to mark target areas, drop zones and evacuation sites. Additionally, they are used to communicate a prearranged action such as lift or shift fires and provide concealment.

Smoke

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40mm Round There's an App

For That

Legacy item

New CDD

Illumination cartridges are used during operations in limited visibility and to communicate instructions or as a signal to initiate a prearranged action.

The Short-Range Anti-Personnel cartridge is used to engage enemy personnel in close/restricted terrain that are an immediate threat to the uni





HEDP cartridges are used for engaging point and area targets such as personnel and light armored vehicles.

HEDP

The Door Breaching cartridge is used to conduct a ballistic breach of the door allowing the unit to enter a building or other urban struct

Door

Breach

The Increased Range Anti-Personnel cartridge offers an improved capability that allows grenadiers to engage targets in defilade and at great ranges.

Marking and Tagging cartridges allow units to maintain observation on targets of military interest and follow their mover Mark Tag Information Collection cartridges sends images of dead space and areas concealed by obstacles back to the unit.

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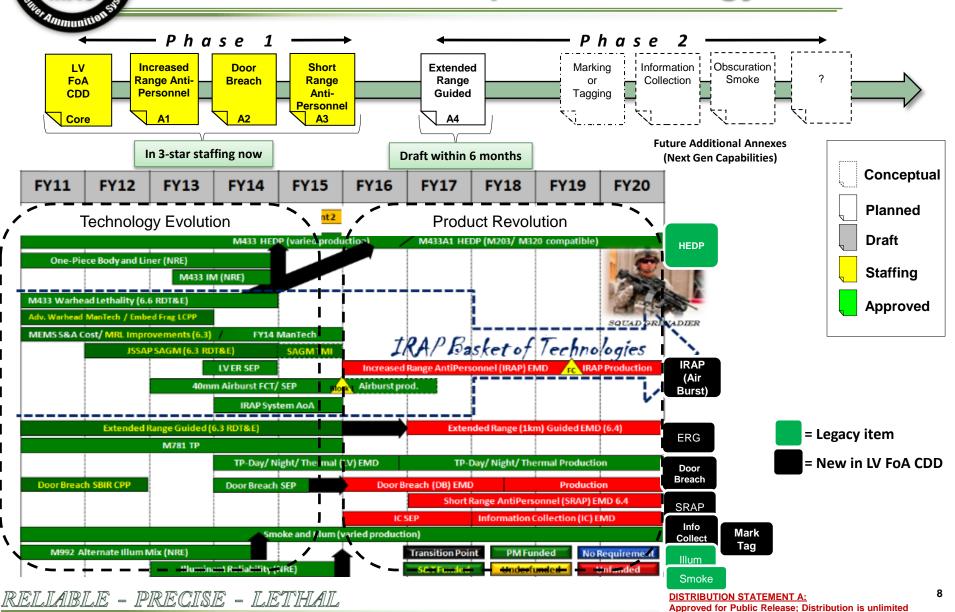
#### 40-mm Family of Ammunition (FoA) OV-1

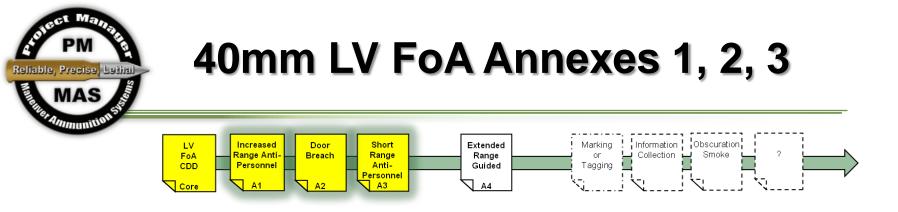
The grenadier using 40-mm FoA provide the small unit with a capability to engage point and area targets in open or vegetated terrain, defilade positions, inside buildings, bunkers, and trenches as well as targets located in dead space unreachable with direct fires. Grenadiers employ lethal, non-lethal, and special purpose munitions supporting operations from peacetime military engagements to major combat operations. The grenadier performs several functions including suppress and destroy enemy personnel and vehicles, deploy smoke to screen or conceal movement and mark enemy positions and employ illumination cartridges to communicate instructions or initiate a prearranged signal and enhance night visibility. Special purpose munitions provide the small unit with the ability to breach doors, engage enemy personnel at close range, provide real time situational awareness and mark or tag targets of military interest.

### 40mm LV FoA CDD and Product Development Strategy

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#### Annex 1. Increased Range Anti-Personnel (IRAP)

*"...Warfighters lack the ability to achieve desired accuracy and incapacitating effects against personnel targets in defilade at ranges out to 500m"* 

#### **Annex 2. Door Breaching**

"...Squads lack ability to conduct rapid (single-shot) breach up to 50m without pause between actual breach and entry of initial force."

#### Annex 3. Short-Range Anti-Personnel (SRAP)

"...Warfighters lack the ability to achieve desired accuracy and incapacitating effects against personnel targets from 0-50m"

Annexes 1, 2, & 3 provide materiel solutions for the highest priority Capability Gaps

# Annex 1: IRAP (Air Burst)

Extended

Range

Guided

A4

**Program Description:** 

LV

FoA

CDD

 Increased Range Anti-Personnel (IRAP) cartridge seeks to provide small unit grenadier with higher probability of achieving a first shot kill coupled with ability to defeat personnel targets in defilade positions at increased ranges with greater accuracy and lethality

Door

Breach

Short

Range

Anti-

Personnel

Increased

Range Anti-

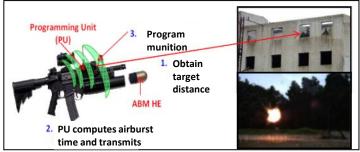
Personnel

- Primary Efforts: FCT Program, SAGM, Warhead Improvement
- <u>Objective</u>: Determine system effectiveness; verify performance against IRAP requirements

#### FCT Milestones:

- JUL 13 BPA Contract Award
- MAY AUG14 Baseline Performance Tests
- TBD Full Qualification Tests

#### Programmable Air Burst Munition Effort



**Overview:** 

Marking Information Obscuration

Collection

Tagging

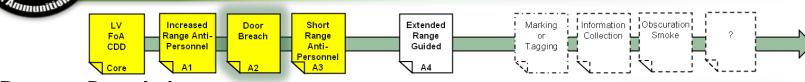
Smoke

- Increased lethality- Defeat Level 1 Body Armor (T), Level 3 Body Armor (O)
- > Increased engagement ranges- 300m (T), 600m (O)
- Improved accuracy- Reduction of Deflection and Range error by 50%
- Counter defilade (Current M433 provides no airbursting capabilities)

SA-CBA Gap: "... Warfighters lack the ability to achieve desired accuracy and incapacitating effects against personnel targets in defilade at ranges out to 500m"

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# Annex 2: Door Breach



**Program Description:** 

- Breach all types of doors (steel, wood) with single shot
- SEP Program
- Total Cost Estimate: \$895k
- Plan is to replace GREM
- <u>Objective</u>: Determine system effectiveness; verify performance against door types as specified w/in DB requirements

#### Milestones:

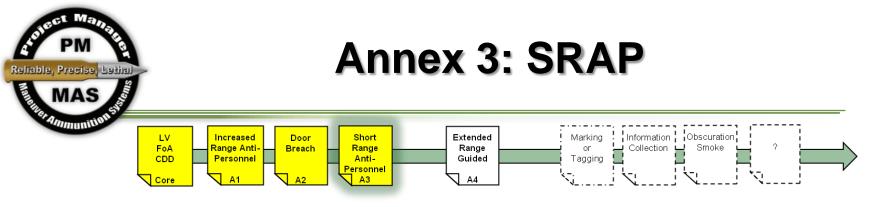
- SEP 13 Contract SOW complete
- DEC 13 Contract Award (DOTC)
- JUN 14 Testing

**Overview:** 

- Gain access to an existing entry point at range: 25 meters
   (T), 50 meters (O)
- Limit collateral damage, no life threatening injury to friendly forces positioned to enter within 10m
- Accurate deployment: impact 5 inch diameter at 25 meters (T), 50 meters (O)

SA-CBA Gap: "...Squads lack ability to conduct rapid (single-shot) breach up to 50m without pause between actual breach and entry of initial force."

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**Program Description:** 

- Short Range Anti-Personnel (SRAP) allows grenadier to engage enemy personnel that are immediate threat to small unit in close/complex terrain such as urban combat
- FY17 estimated EMD start
- <u>Objective</u>: Determine system effectiveness; verify performance against SRAP requirements

#### Old M576 "Buckshot"



#### **Overview:**

- Operations in Urban/Restrictive Terrain
- Close Quarter Combat
- ➢ Enhanced Lethal effects P<sub>(i/s)</sub> ≤ 1 second at 0-30m (T), 50m (O)
- Limited collateral damage

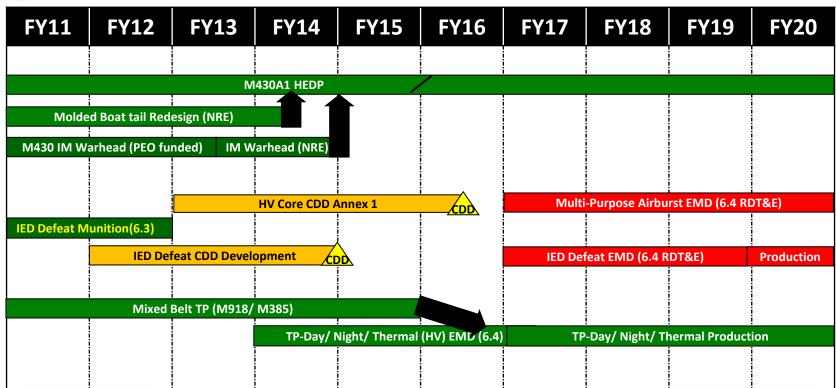
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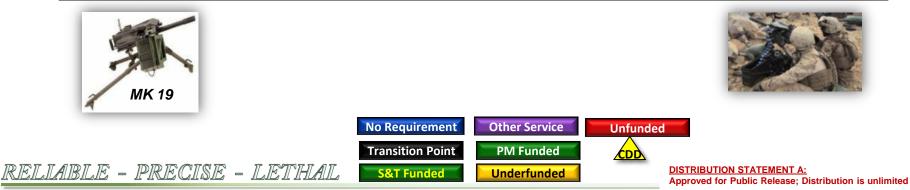
# Future Grenadier Battle Space



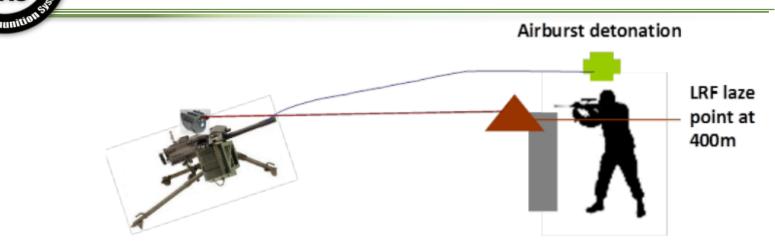


# 40mm HV FoA CDD Product Development Strategy





# 40mm High Velocity Airburst FCT



**Program Description:** 

- Airburst capability will defeat enemy personnel in defilade; addresses Small Arms CBA; High Velocity Family of Ammo CDD (draft) requirements; Endorsed by MCoE and PEO Ammo
- Provides U.S. Army with leap ahead anti-defilade capability on Mk19 weapon system without addition of another weapon or requiring weapon modification
- FY16 estimated test start
- Objective: Determine system effectiveness; verify performance against draft CDD requirements

#### **Overview:**

- High Velocity Grenade Airburst technologies
- Programmable ammo using RF or IR data links for airburst detonation against enemy in defilade
- Fired from Mk19 Grenade Machine Gun range out to 1500m

# 40mm Training **Today and Tomorrow**

#### 40mm training TOMORROW... Low Velocity Low Velocity "Current M781 only allows me to "New M781E1 enables me to train train during the day on my day AND night using all my night M320/M203 GL. I have to use vision and thermal sights on my tactical rounds for night M320/M203 GL" training." "Cheese Puff" M781 M781E1 **High Velocity High Velocity** "Current M918 has a fuze and "New M918E1 does NOT have a fuze energetics (UXO risk) which or energetics (eliminates UXO risk) prevents maneuver training which enables vehicle maneuver with my Mk 19 grenade training using my Mk 19 grenade machine gun." machine gun, and I can still use my NVGs and thermal sights." **Mixed Belt** M918E1 M918 M385A1

40mm training TODAY...

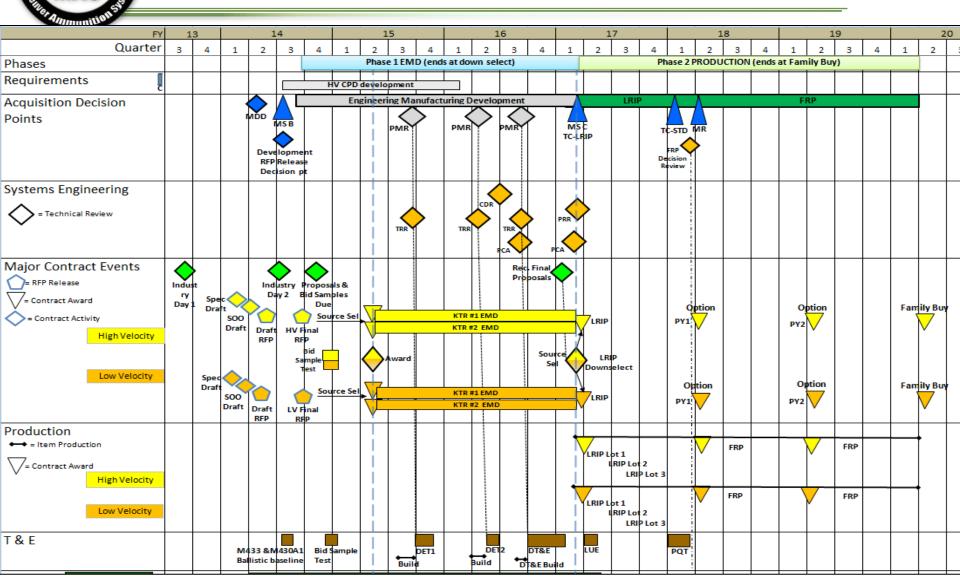
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# 40mm TP-DNT Acquisition Strategy

- Strategy: Full & Open Competition Best Value Source Selection
   806 restricts LAP, cartridge case, propellant, NC
- Contract Type: FY14-19 Firm Fixed Price (FFP)
  - Bid Sample shoot-off mandatory to compete for contract
  - Base Awards for competitive EMD, plus three options (LRIP & 2 Production Years)
  - Up to 2 awards for HV
  - Up to 2 awards for LV
  - After EMD, downselect to 1 contractor for each program (LV and HV)
  - Offerors may bid, and be awarded, on both HV & LV one or the other
  - FFP NTE prices will be requested and will include EMD through LRIP/Production options
    - -Contractors will have opportunity, prior to downselect, to update their pricing for LRIP/Production (cannot exceed initial proposed NTE prices)
- Government Purpose Data rights pursued
- Contracting Office: Picatinny ACC-NJ
- Contract award date: APR 2015

# **HV&LV TP-DNT Programs Schedule**



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# **Apache 30mm Munitions**

AH-64 Apache





#### • M789 HEDP Features:

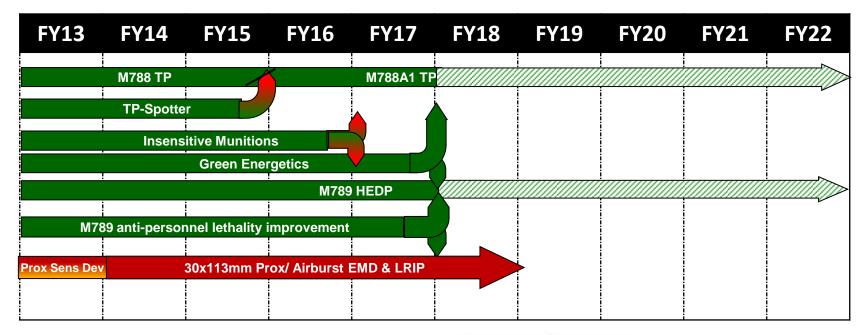
- Apache's only 30mm Combat round
- Shaped Charge provides light armor penetrating capability
- Fragmenting body provides antipersonnel affects
- 30mm x 113mm (aka Lightweight 30mm) is Small and Light compared to typical configuration ammunition





M788 Target Practice

# LW30mm Product Development Strategy





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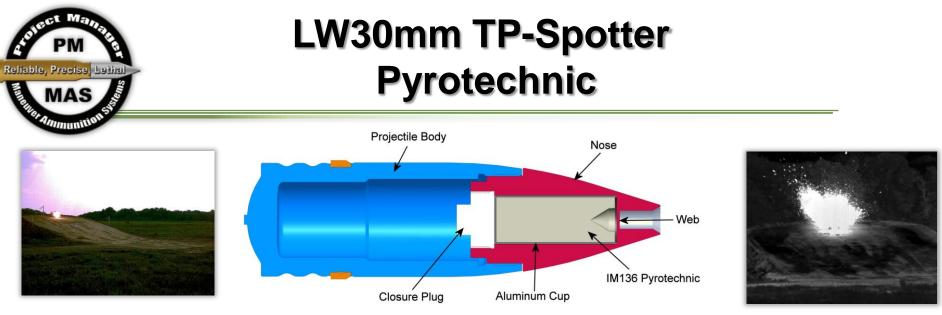


# LW30mm TP-Spotter

- Background:
  - Current LW30mm training ammunition is untraced with no spotter. Fulfilled user requirement for training ammunition when tactics were to engage targets from stationary hovering helicopter
    - -Tactics have changed and Apache now engages targets on the move
      - In running and diving engagements the crew finds it difficult or impossible to see impacts of current ammunition. Also during night firings impacts against non-metallic targets are impossible to see

#### Status:

 Two Candidates have been developed and evaluated by engineering community against representative targets fired from ground mounted guns with ground based observation



#### **PROS**

- Visual and Thermal Signatures very similar in intensity and duration to M789
- Proven design used on UASF 40mm fired from AC130
- Dud projectiles are safe to handle
- Design owned by DoD
- Well know energetic used in several fielded items

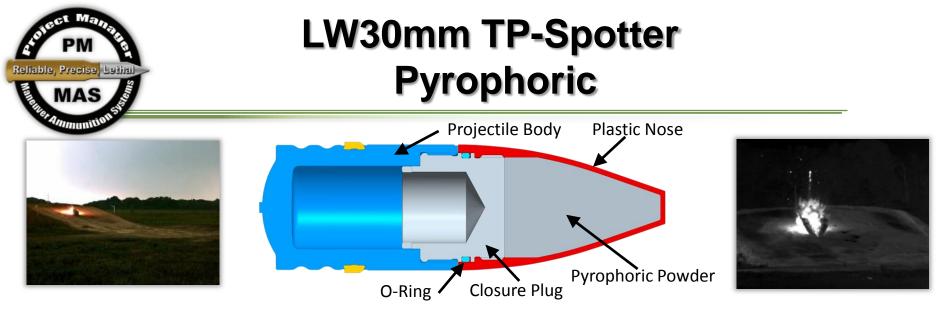
 Moderate to poor reliability at typical Apache engagement ranges because impact energy is far less than proven 40mm/AC130 application and/or low impact angles

<u>CONS</u>

- One spotter on target with remainder off target is problem for gun/sight harmonization
- Estimated 50% higher cost than M788
- Potential Range Clean up costs (of duds)

#### <u>Path Forward:</u> Impact sensitivity may be increased to acceptable levels by decreasing web thickness

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#### Pros

- High functional reliability at all impact angles and all ranges
- Signature similar to M789
- No gaseous output or fragment producing when functions as intended
- Duds are safe to handle

#### Cons

- Powder degrades when subjected to hot humid conditioning resulting in build up of internal pressure which creates a safety hazard and significantly reduces functional reliability
- Currently only one source for powder
   Powder design is Proprietary to source
- Estimated 50% higher cost than M788

**Path Forward:** Unknown – at this time the mechanism degrading the powder in hot humid environment is unknown

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### LW30mm TP-Spotter Pyrophoric







# LW30mm Anti-Personnel/Lethality Improvements

- Background:
  - During combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan Apache Gunship pilots developed tactics and techniques to engage personnel targets utilizing M230 30mm Cannon and M789 High Explosive Dual Purpose (HEDP) Round
    - -While the round is dual purpose it tended to penetrate into sand prior to detonation greatly reducing its fragmentation and personnel effects
      - > multiple bursts were required to take out target resulting in increased usage per engagement greatly reducing Apache's combat effectiveness

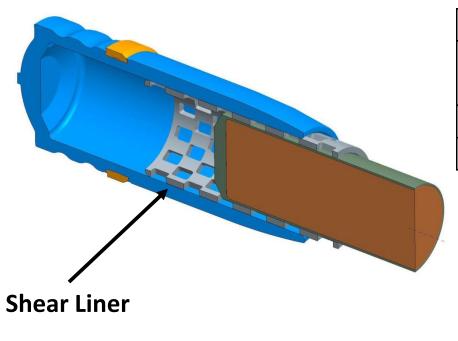
#### Status:

 Several projects have been identified to increase lethality of existing M789 HEDP and preliminary development/proof of concept has been accomplished on both a shear liner and proximity sensor



# LW30mm Shear Liner Lethality Improvement

Shear Liner enhances lethality by forming uniform fragments
 Feasibility Demonstrated in LW30



Fragmentation Comparison		
		LW30 Frag
	M789	Liner Projectile
Average Size (grains)	2.5	5.95
Average Velocity (fps)	3000	3500





Greater lethality against personnel
Potential capability against light boats
Potential capability against UAS

- Basic Sensor designed, built and tested by ARDEC
  - Feasibility demonstrated through ballistic testing of both on board recorder and live HE rounds
    - Very good initial performance

PM MAS and PM Apache are attempting to make this a formal program



# Medium Caliber Ammunition Summary

#### **Bottom Line:**

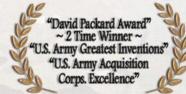
#### A lot of great work and opportunity in Medium Caliber ammunition development

*Our Mission: Equip Warfighters with complete overmatch capabilities in all situations through <u>ammunition improvements</u>* 

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### **Large Caliber Ammunition**



# Large Caliber Ammunition

### 120mm, 105mm Training & Tactical Ammunition

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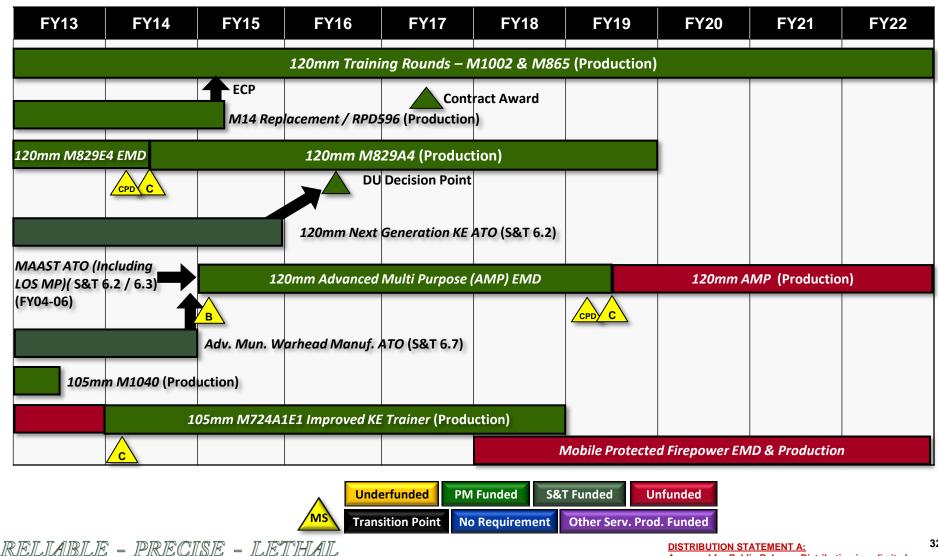




- Complete M829E4 MS C; initiate LRIP
- Award AMP EMD in FY15
- Award M724A1E1, 105mm Range Limited KE Trainer
- Set conditions for Foreign Military Sales; preserve IB
- Continue Tank Training Cartridge Production; set conditions for next contract in FY17
- Implement Safety Enhancements



# Large Caliber (120mm & 105mm) **Technology Transition Roadmap**



Approved for Public Release; Distribution is unlimited



# 120mm Advanced Multi Purpose (AMP)

- 120mm Line of Sight Multi Purpose Munition for Abrams Tank with Three Modes of Operation: Point Detonate, Delay, & Airburst
- Consolidates Capabilities of Four Current 120mm Munitions
  - Increase Logistical Efficiency
  - Address Aging Stockpile Issues
  - Battlecarry Single Munition for Multiple Engagement Scenarios
- Provides New Capabilities
  - Defeat ATGM Teams / Dismounts out to 2000m
  - Breach Reinforced Concrete Walls
- Requires Abrams Ammunition Data Link (ADL) Modification for Mode and Range (Ongoing Abrams ECP 1 & M829E4 Effort)
- JROC Approved CDD (JUN 08)



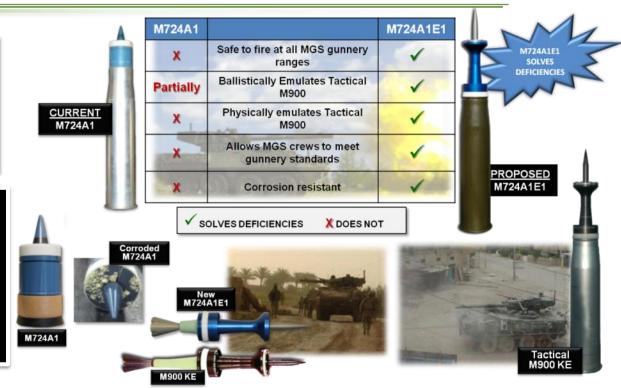




# Short Range 105mm KE Trainer (M724A1E1)

Training round for MGS crews designed to replicate form, fit, function, and dispersion of M900 (105mm KE Tactical Round) out to 2,000m

- M724A1E1's max range will be limited to 7,000m by employing design similar to 120mm KE Trainer (M865)
- Identify replacement cartridge case NLT FY17



- Acquisition Approach
  - Five Year Firm Fixed Price IDIQ Contract
    - Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP)
    - Four Full Rate Production (FRP) Option Years
  - Full and Open Competition
  - Government TDP (For Info only)
  - Solicitation Release 1QFY14
  - Target Award Date 4QFY14

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# Summary

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  - Training projections for the future go down or hold steady
  - Medium Cal base is in trouble
  - FMS is a key piece to the 120mm tank training IB
  - A lot of potential new R&D programs in the next few years
- Points to Ponder
  - Strategic positioning of the medium caliber base for the long term – How do we keep the two source base?
  - How will these R&D programs affect the IB?