



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

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PEO Fixed Wing

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**BREAKOUT  
SESSION**



**FIXED WING**

# PEO-FW PORTFOLIO

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## ISR - FIND



MQ-1B Predator

MQ-1C Gray Eagle



MQ-9 Reaper

RQ-20A Puma



MEUAS 1.5  
Scan Eagle

MEUAS 2.0  
Aerosonde



JAVAMAN - MC-12

U-28/PC-12



## MOBILITY- INFILTRATE



CV-22  
Osprey

EC-130J  
Commando Solo



Dornier 328  
C-146

M-28 C-145A



MC-130P  
Shadow

MC-130J  
Commando II



MC-130H  
Talon II



## STRIKE-FINISH



MQ-9 Reaper

MQ-1C Gray Eagle



AC-130U Spooky

AC-130H  
Specter



AC-130W  
Stinger II



AC-130J  
Ghost rider



SOPGM



**EMERGING TECHNOLOGY  
TRAINING & MISSION PLANNING**

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# HOW PEO-FW WILL PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE



## BBP 3.0: Incentivize Innovation in Industry and Government

- Increase the use of *prototyping and experimentation*
- Emphasize *technology insertion and refresh*
- Use *modular open systems architectures* to stimulate innovation

## SOF Priorities

### Prepare for the Future

**SOF ready to win in an  
*increasingly complex world***



## **Better Buying Power 3.0**

Achieving Dominant Capabilities through Technical Excellence and Innovation

### Achieve Affordable Programs

- Continue to set and enforce affordability caps

### Achieve Dominant Capabilities While Controlling Lifecycle Costs

- Strengthen and expand "should cost" based cost management
- Anticipate and plan for responsive and emerging threats by building stronger partnerships of acquisition, requirements and intelligence communities
- Institutionalize stronger DoD level Long Range R&D Program Plans
- Strengthen cybersecurity throughout the product lifecycle

### Incentivize Productivity in Industry and Government

- Align profitability more tightly with Department goals
- Employ appropriate contract types, but increase the use of incentive type contracts
- Expand the superior supplier incentive program
- Ensure effective use of Performance-Based Logistics
- Remove barriers to commercial technology utilization
- Improve the return on investment in DoD laboratories
- Increase the productivity of corporate IRAD

### Incentivize Innovation in Industry and Government

- Increase the use of prototyping and experimentation
- Emphasize technology insertion and refresh in program planning
- Use Modular Open Systems Architecture to stimulate innovation
- Increase the return on and access to small business research and development
- Provide draft technical requirements to industry early and involve industry in funded concept definition
- Provide clear and objective "best value" definitions to industry

### Eliminate Unproductive Processes and Bureaucracy

- Emphasize acquisition chain of command responsibility, authority and accountability
- Reduce cycle times while ensuring sound investments
- Streamline documentation requirements and staff reviews
- Remove unproductive requirements imposed on industry

### Promote Effective Competition

- Create and maintain competitive environments
- Improve DoD outreach for technology and products from global markets
- Increase small business participation, including more effective use of market research

### Improve Tradecraft in Acquisition of Services

- Strengthen contract management outside the normal acquisition chain – installations, etc.
- Improve requirements definition for services
- Improve the effectiveness and productivity of contracted engineering and technical services

### Improve the Professionalism of the Total Acquisition Workforce

- Establish higher standards for key leadership positions
- Establish stronger professional qualification requirements for all acquisition specialties
- Strengthen organic engineering capabilities
- Ensure development program leadership is technically qualified to manage R&D activities
- Improve our leaders' ability to understand and mitigate technical risk
- Increase DoD support for STEM education

**Continue Strengthening Our Culture of:  
Cost Consciousness, Professionalism, and Technical Excellence**

# FUTURE CAPABILITY FOCUS AREAS

MODULAR PAYLOADS

MISSION AUTOMATION

ENHANCED SURVIVABILITY

KINETIC EFFECTS

DIRECTED ENERGY

GROUP 1-3 UAS SYSTEMS TECH

OPEN SYSTEMS APPROACHES

Do-328 RAPID DEMONSTRATION PLATFORM

# MODULAR PAYLOADS

## Why:

- Tailored, Adaptable, and Reconfigurable Capabilities for Modular Payload Development and Integration for Groups IV and V UAS, Manned ISR, and Strike Platforms

## Objective:

- Demonstrate Modular, Multi-Function, Multi-Modal Payloads with Versatile Architecture
- Reduce Size, Weight, and Power (SWaP)

## Applicable Technologies:

- Higher Res (4K+), 3D, and Multi-Color EO/IR
- Multiple Moving Target Tracking
- Medium/Wide Area Motion Imagery (MAMI/WAMI)
- Foliage Penetration (FOPEN)/LIDAR
- Real-Time FOPEN/LIDAR

## Benefit:

- Improve Concealed, Weather-Degraded, Complex Environments Operations
- Track Hostiles and Friendlies at Night in Urban, Triple Canopy During Thunderstorm



FOPEN/LIDAR  
EC-130J  
JAUDIT Demo  
(2014)

EC-130J  
MTS-B Demo  
(CRADA)  
(2014)



WAMI U-28 MX-15  
Dragon Eyes  
Demo (CRADA)  
(2015)

# MISSION AUTOMATION

## Why:

- Smart Integration and Automation is Crucial to Maximizing the Effectiveness of a Capacity Limited Platform or Small Ground Team

## Objective:

- Detect/Understand Humanly Indiscernible Objects, Events, and Contextual Relationships at Machine Speeds

## Applicable Technologies:

- Workload Reduction
- Machine Intelligent Processing
- Tactical Flight Management
- Smart Integration of Federated Systems

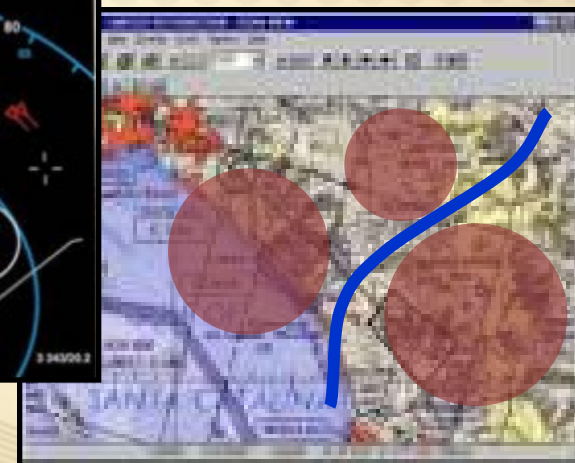
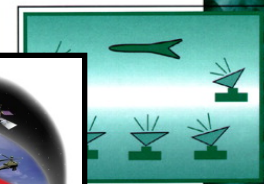
## Benefit:

- Reduced Workload and Streamlined Augmentation to Manage/Share Complex Data
- Improved Situational Awareness/Decision Making for the Crew



## MULTI-SENSOR FUSION

*Fundamentals and  
Applications with Software*



# ENHANCED SURVIVABILITY

## Why:

- Evolve Threat Detection and Counter Measure Capability Against Increasingly Lethal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Threat and Non-Permissive Environments

## Objective:

- Signature Management (Acoustic, IR, RF, Visible)
- Situational Awareness with Full Spectrum Threat Warning & Counter Measures

## Applicable Technologies:

- Acoustic/IR/RF Signature Reduction
- GPS-Degraded Operations
- Low Signature Communications/Antennae
- Multi-Sensor Pod
- Mission Networking and Enhanced Awareness
- VTOL Threat Suppression

## Benefit:

- Versatile Innovations for Multiple Functions With Wide Range of Effects in Denied and GPS-Degraded Environments



# KINETICS EFFECTS

## Why:

- Provide Wide Range of Desired Lethal and Non-Lethal Effects

## Objective:

- Demonstrate Improved Accuracy and Lethality
- All Weather Capability
- Reduce Size, Weight, and Power
- Reduce Life Cycle Costs

## Applicable Technologies:

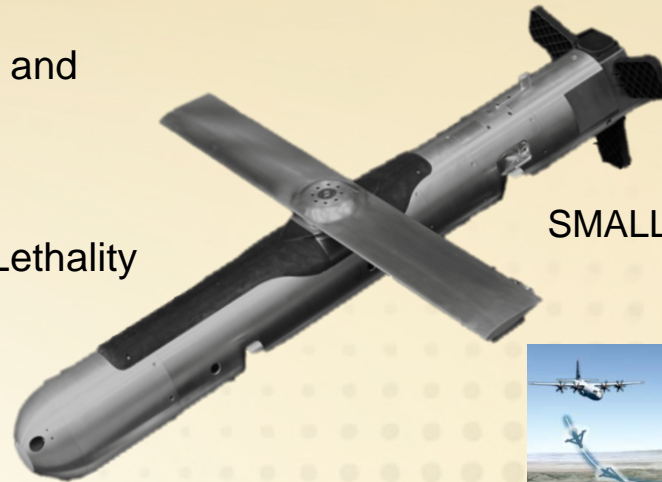
- 105mm Precision Guided and Fuzes
- Improved Lethality 30mm/105mm
- Wind Sensing
- Loitering Munitions
- On-the-fly Programmable/Selectable Munitions Fuzes and Effects

## Benefit:

- Improved First Pass Accuracy and Lethality
- Minimize Collateral Damage

## Examples:

- CRADA With Small Glide Munition, Tactical Off Board Sensor (TOBS), AN/ASQ-236



SMALL GLIDE MUNITION



TOBS



AN/ASQ-236



# DIRECTED ENERGY

## Why:

- Provide a Range of Offensive and Defensive Desired Effects with Directed Energy (DE)

## Objective:

- Demonstrate Operationally Suitable DE Prototype
- Establish Engineering and Airworthiness Criteria for Testing and Fielding
- Aid in Develop Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Concept of Employment (CONEMP) for DE

## Applicable Technologies:

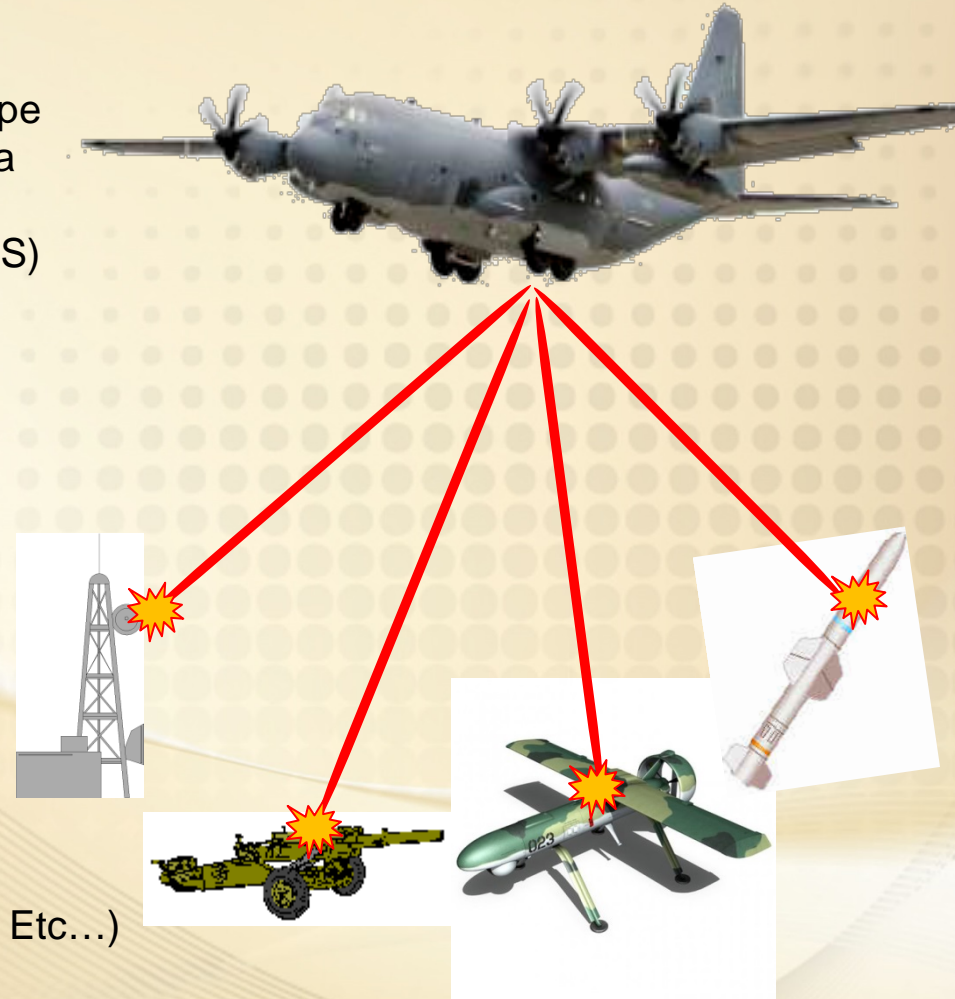
- High Energy Laser (HEL)
- Power Management
- Aiming and Focus Turret

## Benefit:

- Minimize Collateral Damage and Signatures

## Next Steps:

- Assess Currently Available Technologies
- Determine Tech Readiness Levels
- Provide Advocacy for Service Efforts (AF, Navy, Etc...)
- Focus on High Risk Areas
- Begin Transition Planning/Aircraft Integration



# GROUP 1-3 UAS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES

## Why:

- Grow Capability for Group 1 – 3 UAS

## Objective:

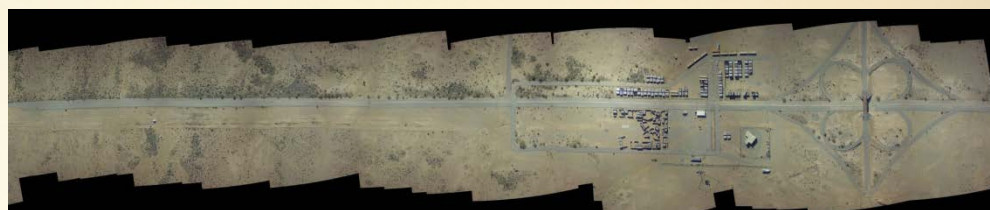
- Identify Viable Options
- Measure SWaP Constraints/Tradeoffs
- Demonstrate Operationally Suitable

## Applicable Technologies:

- EO/IR, EW, LIDAR, Hyper-Spectral
- Random Compression Sampling
- Open Source Autopilots
- Wide Band Data Links/Mini-Directional Antennas with Waveform
- Improved Power Plants

## Benefit:

- Assets Under Direct Control of Tactical Units - Quickly and Dynamically Tasked
- Location Relative to the Fight Allows for Improved Response Time
- Leaning Forward to Meet Increasing Power and Data Requirements on SWaP Improvements of Advanced Payloads



Mosaic 2000 ft AGL



# OPEN SYSTEMS APPROACHES

## Why:

- Open Standards, Interfaces, and Protocols to Support Interoperability

## Objective:

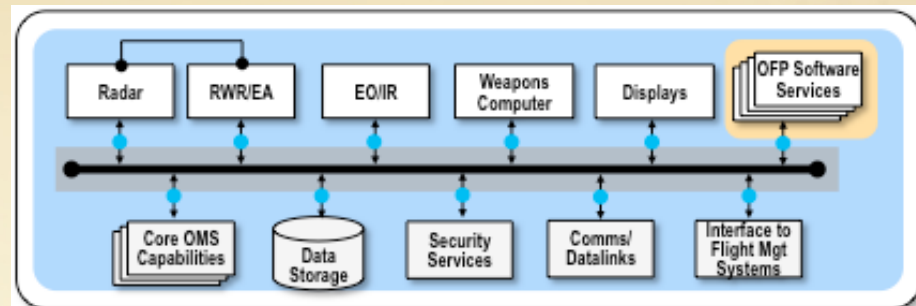
- Demonstrate Modular, Flexible, and Versatile Architecture for Rapid Integration and Reconfiguration Of Aircraft / Mission Systems
- Secure Government/Open Technical Control and Ownership of All Needed Interfaces Including Software, Payloads, Mission Equipment, Weapons, System-to-System, and Data Processing, Storage, Automation

## Applicable Technologies:

- Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office - Open Mission Systems
- Navy PMA 209 - Future Airborne Capability Environment (FACE™)
- Navy Battle Management System
- Common Launch Tube

## Benefit:

- Innovative Technology Insertion
- Faster Periodic Technology Refresh Cycles



## Open Mission Systems (OMS)

Key-interface definition + common composition rules =  
“acquisition efficiency”



## Future Airborne Capability Environment

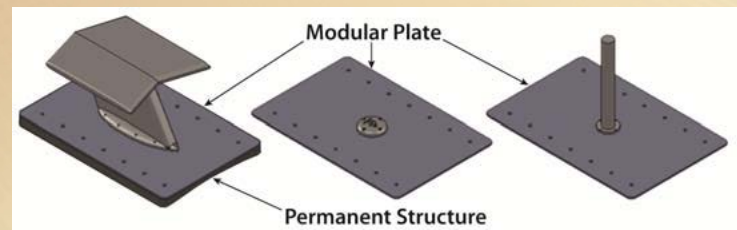
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Common Launch Tube (CLT)

# Do-328 DEMO PLATFORM

## ISR-Survivability-Comms-Weapons



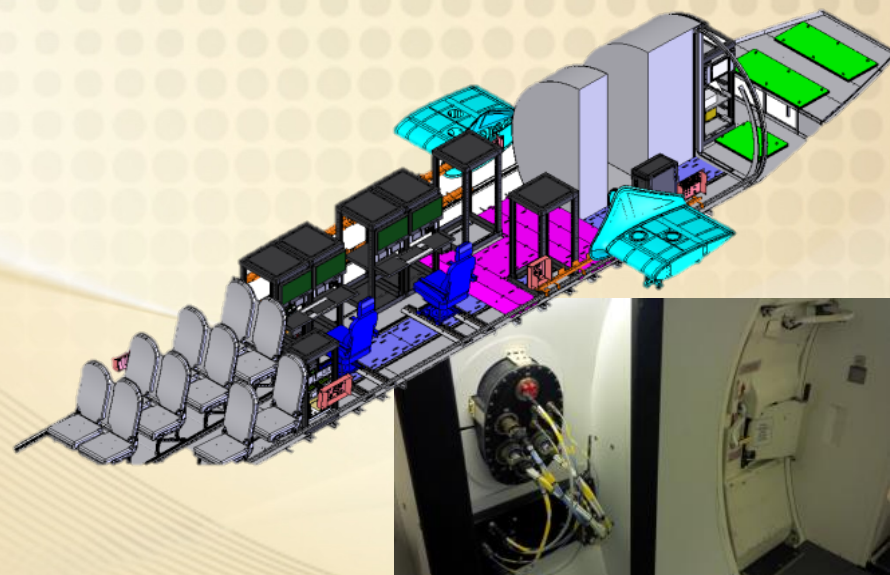
- Do-328: 335 Knots, 31k Ceiling, 1150 Mile Range
- Two External Sponsons (750 Lbs Max)
  - BRU-15 Allows 14" Lug Space Mounting
  - Aero-1 Adapter Allows For 30" Lug Mounting
- Modular Fuselage Antenna Bays (1 Top / 2 Bottom)
  - Flexible Mounting Brackets to Accommodate Various Size and Weight Antennas, 4 Feeds/Bay
- 1x UHF/VHF/SATCOM "Mission" Antenna
  - Connected to PRC-117G Radios in the Cabin For PT/CT LOS and BLOS Communications
- KU-Band BLOS Satellite Data Link System
- Nose Available for Antenna/Sensor Mount
- 2 RF Transparent (<3.0 Ghz) Pods
  - 300 lbs Payload/Payload Space = 90.7" X 18"
  - Aircraft Seat Track for Easy Mounting of Eqpt



# Do-328 DEMO PLATFORM

## ISR – Survivability – Comms - Weapons

- Two Reconfigurable Operator Workstations
- Radio and Equipment Racks
- Seven Quick Disconnect Panels (Qdps) with Power, Ethernet, GPS And 1553 Data Bus Ports Throughout the Mission Cabin
  - LN-251, SAASM Capable INS/GPS with Native 1553
  - ARINC-429, RS-422/232, 1553 Databus, Ethernet
  - 48-port Ethernet Switch with VLAN Capability
  - 16-port GPS Splitter Via a Mission Only Antenna
  - AB3000 Ruggedized Protocol Converter
- Multi-intercom System for Pilots & Crew
- Instrumentation Disconnect Panel
- Native A/C Data Via Air Data Computer Wiring
- Cable Pass-thru for External Stores
- Mission Cabin Orange-wire Trays for Routing Cables to Equipment Throughout Cabin with Secure Separation Capability



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## Pathways for Industry

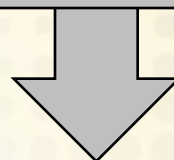
**Customer  
Advocates**  
*USSOCOM  
Components*

**S&T Advocates**  
*AFRL - AFLCMC*

**SOF AT&L  
CRADA Tasks**  
*PEO-FW - S&T*

### Monthly Gov't Stakeholders Meeting

*Determine Priorities, Scheduling, & Funding*



**6-10 Demos per Year**

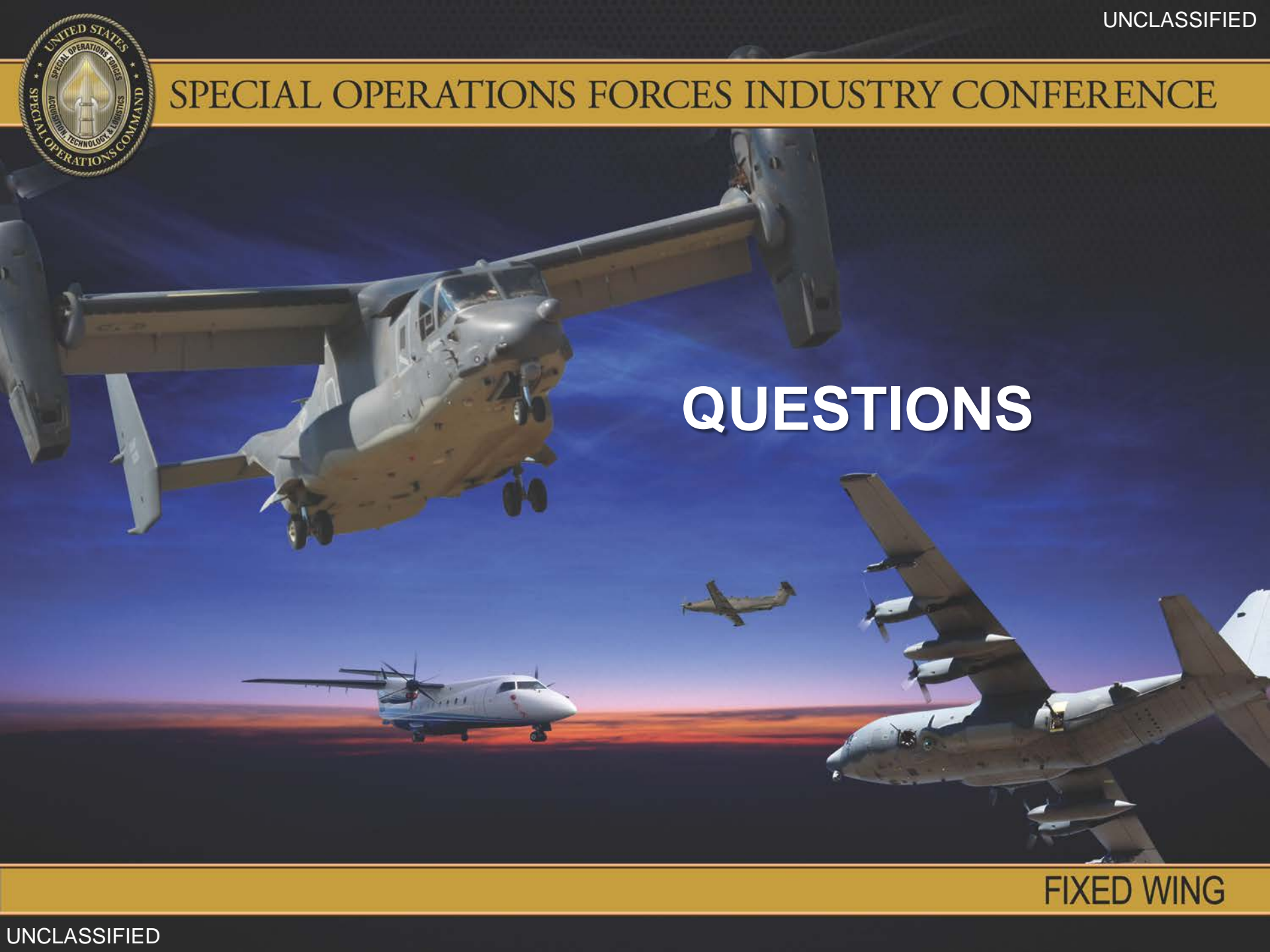
*Proof of Concepts, Rapid Acquisitions, TTP Development,  
Requirements Development, etc.*





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## QUESTIONS



FIXED WING