



Project Manager Soldier Weapons

# The Soldier

*Our Strength and Purpose*

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# PM Individual Weapons Portfolio



## Current



**M4/M4A1**  
Carbine



**M26**  
Modular Accessory  
Shotgun System  
(MASS)  
Stand-alone



**M4 w/ M26**  
Modular Accessory  
Shotgun System  
(MASS)



**M320**  
40mm Grenade  
Launcher  
Stand-alone



**M4 w/ M320A1**  
Grenade Launcher



**M4 w/ M203**  
Grenade launcher



**M68**  
Close Combat  
Optic (CCO)



**M150**  
Rifle Combat  
Optic (RCO)

## Near Term



**XM25**  
Counter Defilade  
Target Engagement  
(CDTE) Weapon System



**Modular Handgun  
System (MHS)**



**M4A1+**

## Future



**Next Generation  
Squad Weapon (Carbine)**



**Subcompact**



**Suppressors**

**Fire Control**



**Squad**



**Grenadier  
Sighting System**

*“Provide premier Soldier weapons systems enabling battlefield dominance”*



# XM25 Counter Defilade Target Engagement System



## ▪ **Description:**

- Three highly integrated components, Gun, Fire Control and Ammunition, optimized to produce a programmable, precision fire airburst weapon system
- Semi-auto, magazine fed, 25mm weapon:
  - Programmable, low velocity, high explosive air burst (HEAB) ammo and training practice (TP) rounds
  - Fully integrated day & thermal night sight with full solution target acquisition/fire control
- Latest design incorporates upgrades in reliability, performance, manufacturability of the weapon, target acquisition fire control, and ammunition

## ▪ **Capabilities:**

- Incapacitates targets in defilade and exposed targets
- Point target range: 500 meters



- ✓ System in Engineering and Manufacturing Development
- ✓ Undergoing testing at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
- ✓ Low Rate Production starts, 4QFY16
- ✓ Currently producing systems:
  - Prime & Ammo: Orbital ATK
  - Weapon System: H&K Gmbh
  - TA/FC: L-3 Integrated Optical Systems

**Precision airburst capability increases squad effectiveness**



# Modular Handgun System (MHS)



- **Description**
  - Handgun system with improved lethality, target acquisition, ergonomics, reliability, durability, and maintainability
- **Requirement**
  - US Army adoption of the USAF CPD, Oct 2013
- **Desired Capabilities**
  - Increased lethality, accuracy and reliability
  - Modularity aspect:
    - Interchangeable frame and/or grip dimensions
    - Ability to configure for diverse mission sets & users
    - Accessory ready: aiming lasers, illuminators, suppressors, and others
- **Acquisition Strategy**
  - Full and Open Competition based on a Performance Specification
    - Phase I: Bid sample testing and written proposal evaluation
    - Phase II: Down-select evaluation phase
  - Award Full Rate Production Option to the winning vendor (max quantity 550,000)



- ✓ Industry Day, Dec 2013
- ✓ 2nd Industry Day, Jul 2014
- ✓ Draft Solicitation, Sep 2014
- ✓ 3rd Industry Day, Oct 2014
  - Draft Solicitation, Jun 2015
  - 4th Industry Day, Jul 2015
  - Final RFP, Aug 2015



# M4A1 Carbine



- **Description:**

- A compact version of the M16A2 rifle, with a collapsible stock, a upper receiver accessory rail w/ detachable handle/rear aperture site assembly

- **Background:**

- More than 90 performance-based design improvements since its inception in early 1990s
- **Army authorized upgrade of all M4s to the M4A1 configuration in Sep 2010**
  - Will result in the conversion of approximately 483,000 weapons
  - To date over 50,000 systems have been converted
- **Army decision to “pure-fleet” its mix of M16/M4 carbines to the M4A1 configuration in Jan 2014**
  - Limited Full & Open Competitive action for a maximum quantity of 292K systems



- ✓ Currently producing systems via FN Manufacturing, LLC

### Limited Full & Open Competition

- ✓ Sources Sought Notice released, May 2014
- ✓ RFP release, Dec 2014
- ✓ RFP closed, Feb 2015
- Contract Award, 4QFY15

**Continue to incrementally improve the capability of the Army service rifle**



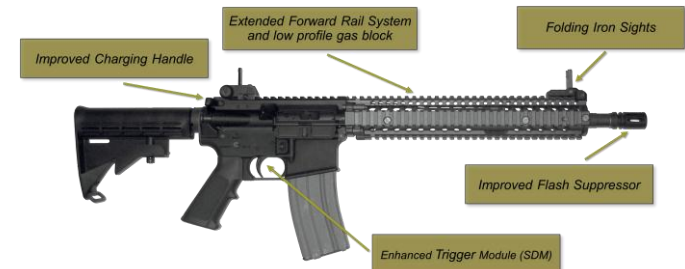
# Improvements to the M4A1 (M4A1+)



- **Effort:**
  - Incremental improvement of the M4A1 carbine consistent with the Army's overall strategy
  - The M4A1+ modifications will provide for improved mounting flexibility for enablers (lights, lasers, optics, slings, grips, bipods, ancillary weapons, etc.) and enhanced flexibility in system configuration
  - Pursue capabilities via a NDI approach; low risk for performance
    - Dual path strategy permits new weapon and MWO implementation options
  - Replace M4A1s in BCTs with the upgraded system
- **Focus areas for improvement:**
  - System Accuracy, Dispersion, Zero Retention and Zero Repeatability
  - Improved Extended Forward Rails
  - Improved Back-Up Sights
  - Compatibility With Current Accessory Systems
  - Enhanced Trigger Module
  - Improved Flash Suppressor
  - Improved Charging Handle
- **Sources Sought Notice released, Mar 2015**
  - Identify sources capable of the production of specific attributes or capabilities that would provide enhanced lethality, survivability, and operational effectiveness



- ✓ Sources Sought Notice released, Mar 2015
- ✓ Sources Sought Notice closed, Apr 2015
  - Solicitation release, FY16



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# Enhanced Performance Magazine



- **The Army is replacing the current M4 and M16 magazine with the Enhanced Performance Magazine (EPM)**
  - EPM improves the overall system reliability when firing M855A1 EPR
  - Developed by ARDEC and ARL, the EPM features an increased angle on the feed lip and an extended front wall height

- **Benefits:**

- Eliminates weapon wear
- Increases reliability and durability
- Improves mean time between stoppages
  - 98.32% Probability of completing a 209 round mission without failure (Reliability – 13,973 MRBS as a system)



- **Manufactured by Center Industries, Wichita, KS**

- **Fielding:**

- Seven (7) magazines for every rifle/carbine
- Fielding with current production will commence in FY16
- Will be available for Units to requisition from the supply system this summer

# M320/M320A1 Grenade Launcher Module



## ■ **Description:**

- The GLM is a 40mm grenade-launching weapon system
- M320 mounts under M16; M320A1 mounts under M4 series
- Improves squad level indirect/direct grenade launching capability out to 400m

## ■ **Requirement:**

- Capability Production Document (CPD), Feb 2007; Revised Jun 2007

## ■ **Background:**

- Full Materiel Release, Dec 2008
- Over 40K systems fielded to date



- ✓ Currently producing M320 systems via H&K Defense

### Full & Open Competition

- ✓ ~32,000 systems
- ✓ Sources Sought, Jan 2014
- ✓ TDP converted to Govt. format
- ✓ RFP released, Nov 2014
- ✓ RFP closed, Jan 2015
- Competitive Contract Award, Jul 2015

**Full and Open Competition to complete the Army's procurement objective**





# Grenadier Sighting System (GSS)



- **Description:**
  - The GSS provides Soldiers the ability to quickly and accurately engage targets with the M320/M320A1 day or night
- **Desired Capabilities:**
  - Updatable for future ammo
  - Capable of multiple ballistic solutions and presets selected by the user
  - Night time operation capability
  - Long run time
  - No special tools
- **Acquisition approach:**
  - Full and Open Competition to award two indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts for a short term developmental effort, with a down-select to a single vendor for production



- ✓ ~84,000 GSS
- ✓ Draft Solicitation, Jan 2015
- ✓ Industry Day, Feb 2015
  - Solicitation release, Jun 2015
  - Solicitation closes, Jul 2015
  - Contract Award, 3QFY16



# Fire Control, Squad



- **Description:**
  - Integrated fire control optic consisting of direct view optic, ballistic module, atmospheric sensors, range finder, and in-scope display overlay
- **Requirement:**
  - Draft Capability Development Document (CDD) in process
    - Squad, Precision, and Crew Served as one CDD with separate Engineering and Manufacturing Development efforts
    - Squad, Precision, and Crew Served as three separate Capability Production Documents CPDs with Production and Deployment efforts
- **Acquisition approach (Squad):**
  - Full and Open Competition to award two indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts for a short term advanced developmental effort, with a down-select to a single vendor for production



- ~68,000 systems
- Industry Day #1, Aug 2015
- Requirement approved, 4QFY16
- Draft Solicitation release, 1QFY17
- Industry Day #2, 2QFY17
- Solicitation release, 2QFY17
- Contract Award, 3QFY17

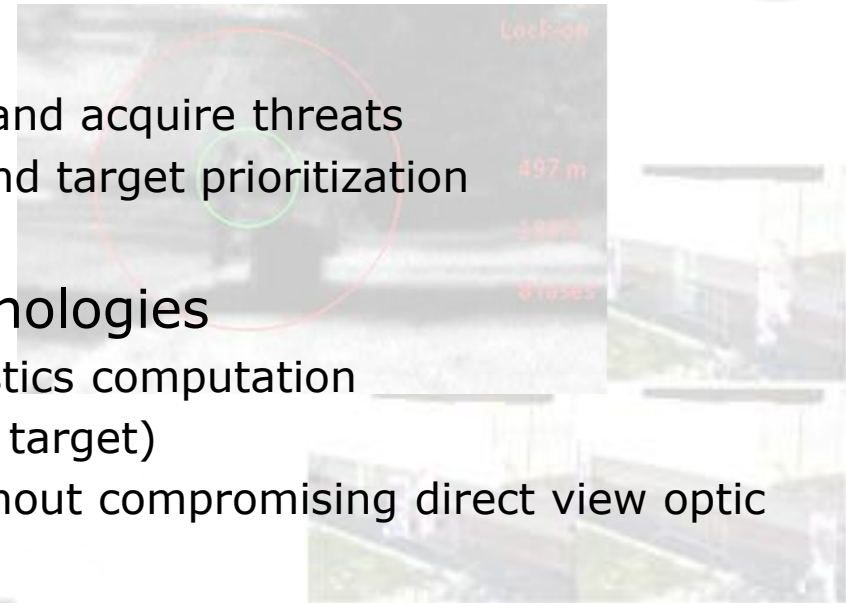


# Back-up

# Small Arms Fire Control Technology Needs



- Enhanced Target Acquisition
  - Improved ability to detect, situate, and acquire threats
  - Systems to enhance identification and target prioritization
  - Tools to aid in damage assessment
- Enhanced Ballistic Solution Technologies
  - Accurate, verifiable, updatable ballistics computation
  - Environmental sensors (local and at target)
  - Display firing solution to Soldier without compromising direct view optic
- Closed Loop Fire Control
  - Tracking of last shot, to allow compensation on follow-up
  - Control and programming of programmable ammunition
- Accurate Weapon Orientation
  - Miniaturized/Low Power elevation and cant sensors
  - Orientation relevant to target, fed to ballistics computer
- Reduced SWAP—both opto-mechanics and electronics



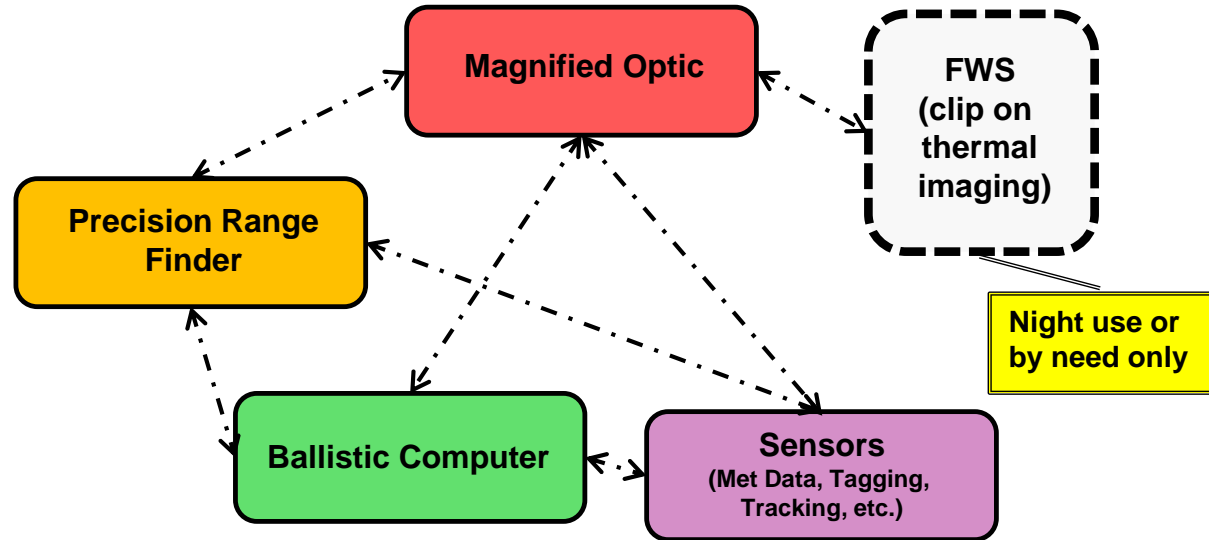


# Future Fire Control Technologies



## Goals:

- Range Determination
- Target Recognition
- Target Tagging
- Target Tracking
- Incident Firing
- Platform Stabilization
- Net Ready (Intra-Soldier)
- Integrated yet Modular (Built as a system but replaceable components)
- MET data
- Digital overlay within DVO
- Ballistic computation with environmental factors
- Disturbed reticle
- Acceptable Cost
- Weight



Future fire control and optics should be built around a modular concept consisting of an optic, a range finder, a ballistic computer, a limited visibility unit, and an appropriate suite of sensors, where each module can be upgraded or replaced independent of the other modules (open system architecture). Critical to the system is a Direct View optic that requires zero power to operate. **The modules can be integrated through any means as long as they are able to be replaced and upgraded independently.**



# FC Technology Advancement



- **Military Grade Optics can be viewed as three generations:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Generation:** Traditional fixed power optics

- M68 Close Combat Optic: FUE: 1998, AAO: 918,122
- M145 Machinegun Optic: FUE: 2003, AAO: 51,196
- M150 Rifle Combat Optic: FUE: 2006, AAO: 195,111



- **2<sup>nd</sup> Generation:** Variable power optics, with moving parts

- M107 Sniper Weapon System: FUE: 2004, AAO: 3,643
- M110 Semi-Automatic Sniper System: FUE: 2007, AAO: 3,389
- M2010: FUE: 2010, AAO: 2,675



- **3<sup>rd</sup> Generation:** Direct View Optics with integrated digital display overlays

- XM25 Counter-Defilade Target Engagement System
- Fire Control CDD



- **Various generations of optics are currently being fielded on a platform by platform basis**

- **Intention is to move to a fully 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation fire control force by 2020**

- Required in order to achieve increased probability of hit at extended ranges

**Maneuver Center of Excellence Guidance:**

**All 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation fire control devices must retain a direct view optical path and a hard reticle.**

- Complete loss of functionality in a power deprived environment is not an option.
- Desired capability is a digital display overlay on a direct view optic.