

## DoD Research and Engineering Enterprise

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#### **Technology Transforming the Battlespace**

- Increased rate of investment in military R&D from near-peers
- Easy proliferation of knowledge and technology has eroded US historic advantages
  - Increasing systems capabilities
  - Advanced production capabilities
    - Driving lower costs
    - Decreasing the "time to market"
- Speed and cycle time
- Increasingly Competitive National Security Technical Environment



China is the world's second largest investor in R&D with a forecast spending of \$396.3 billion for 2016



#### **Threats Exist Across All Domains**

- Adversaries are moving to next generation capabilities across all domains: Air, Land, Maritime, Space, & Cyber
- Advanced materials, ranges, speed, and lethality seen across Russian and Chinese platforms – approaching/at parity
- Increased ability to project power
  - We are <u>now</u> on-par or outranged by Russian and Chinese rocket and artillery capabilities
- China and Russia can hold <u>U.S. and allied positions at risk</u>
  - China only had the ability to strike Taiwan 10 years ago







Comparing U.S. Army Systems with Foreign Counterparts: Identifying Possible Capability Gaps and Insights from Other Armies, RAND, 2015 – For Illustrative Purposes Only

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# What we are doing about it...

## ASD Research & Engineering (R&E) Mission

The United States depends on science, technology and innovative engineering to not only protect the American people but to advance our national interests and to prepare us to meet the challenges of an uncertain future.

- ASD(R&E) Mission

Mitigate current and anticipated threat capabilities.

Affordably enable new capabilities in existing and future systems.

**Create technology surprise** through science and engineering.

#### **Pursuing Sustained Technological Advantage**

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## **Technology Offset Approach**

## Seeks to deny adversary objectives, and strengthen conventional deterrence by:

- Leveraging autonomy and artificial intelligence
  - Get inside an adversary's decision cycle
- Greatly expanding manned-unmanned combat
  - Extend our attack surface
- Re-amplifying our guided-munitions advantage
  - With 'raid-breaking' capabilities
- Creating new mass
  - Disaggregating complex systems to deliver combine effect
- Developing 'inside-out' and 'over-under' capabilities
  - Leverage dispersal, sanctuaries, and speed
- Developing new forms of distributed maneuver
  - Combining kinetic, EW, cyber



#### **Current S&T Focus Areas and Priorities**



#### Leveraging the Entire R&E Ecosystem

Engaging with all partners to ensure technological superiority...



**Global Partners** 

**Academia & Industry Partners** 



**Design and acquire for** the next fight

Federally Funded R&D Centers (FFRDCs) & University Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs)

> DoD Labs. **Engineering** & Warfare Centers



Force acceleration of science and engineering – driving ideas to capability

## **U.S. Communities of Interest**

Cols lead the innovation and the acceleration of advanced concepts and prototypes across three main focus areas:



Alumni Cols: Engineered Resilient Systems

\*ASBREM: Armed Services Biomedical Research Evaluation and Management

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## **Additional Influences on DoD Efforts**

- Increase the use of Prototyping and Experimentation
- Use Modular Open Systems Approaches
- Strengthen Cybersecurity: Counter Threats and Protect our Capabilities
- Remove barriers to utilizing Commercial Technology
- Improve DoD outreach to Global Markets
  - Create strong internal and external partner

Accelerate Speed to Market – Get Capabilities into the Hands of the Warfighter









## Looking Forward...



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#### Research and Development — On-going Activities —

- Autonomy & Robotics
- Artificial Intelligence / Man-Machine Interface
- Micro-electronics
- Hypersonics
- Directed Energy
- Manufacturing
- Electronic Warfare
- Cyber

- Future of Computing
- Novel Engineered Materials
- Precision Sensing: Time, Space, Gravity, Electromagnetism
- Emerging Biosciences
  - Synthetic Biology
- Understanding Human and Social Behavior

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Human Performance



#### 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), §901 Organization of the Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### "Establish policies on, and supervising...":

#### Undersecretary of Defense (R&E)

- Defense research and engineering
- Technology development
- Technology transition ٠
- Prototyping
- Experimentation
- Developmental testing ٠ activities and programs...

- Allocation of resources for defense research and engineering
- Unifying defense research and engineering efforts across the DoD



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#### Undersecretary of Defense (A&S)

- Acquisition policy
  - o system design, development, and production
  - services
- Sustainment policy
  - o logistics
  - o maintenance
  - o materiel readiness

- Defense industrial base policy
- Materials critical to national security
- o procurement of goods and Contract administration policy
  - Modernization of nuclear forces
  - Development of counter-WMD capabilities



#### **Culture Shifts**

Strategies needed to realize a technological advantage under new organizational constructs...

- Develop long-term and sustainable disruptive advantages
- Create operational capability not just technology
- Invent new techniques and processes create opportunities
- Engage in the art of the possible with allies and partners
- Add cost-effective capabilities for the warfighter
- Collaborate internally (labs) and externally (e.g., industry, academia, international partners)
- Enable USD(R&E) construct to ensure DoD investments are guaranteeing technological superiority in the s-

#### DoD R&E Enterprise: Innovation Fueling the Future



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