



# Defense Threat Reduction Agency Research and Development Directorate 18 August 2021

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Detect Deter Defeat Maintain Technological Superiority

Mitigate Risk of Technical Surprise

Respond to Urgent Tech Requirements

















### **Enabling Capabilities**



### **RD Core Basic Research**

- Two University Research Alliances
- 15-20 Institutions per Alliance
- 19 Grants
- 10 Interagency Agreements



### **CBDP JSTO Basic Research**

• 50 Grants



### Test & Evaluation

• 103 current and planned T&E efforts



### DEL / HPC

- 51 DEL projects supporting 250 users
- 56 HPC projects supporting 264 users



### SBIR / STTR

- 27 Phase I SBIR Awards
- 15 Phase II SBIR Planned or Awarded
- 6 Phase II STTR Awards Pending



### Engaging our Warfighters in Chem/Bio S&T: Technology Concepts and User Assessments





### **Technology Concepts**



#### Objectives -

- Validate technology requirements
- Explore potential Warfighter utility of emerging technologies

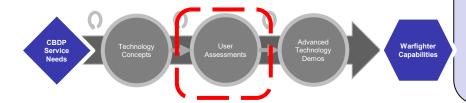
Method – User Groups, Workshops, TTXs, Simulation Gaming,

### **CBOA Concept Tent**

**Outcome** – Use Cases, Desired operational capabilities, Key attributes, Concept of Employment (CONEMP)



### **User Assessments:**



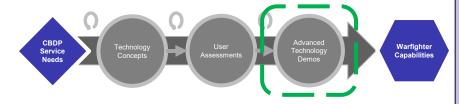
**Objectives** – Provide early Warfighter input into the form, fit, and function of maturing S&T models and prototypes. Focus on individual technology

**Method –** TTXs, Early User Assessment, Field Experiment, Training Exercises, **CBOA** 

Outcome — CBOA Or targeted assessment Report



### **Advanced Technology Demonstrations**



#### Objectives -

- Operational demonstration of mature, revolutionary/evolutionary technologies coming out of JSTO tech divisions. Focus on integrated system
- Defines road maps for integrated technology transitions to advanced development

**Method** – TTXs, Field demonstrations

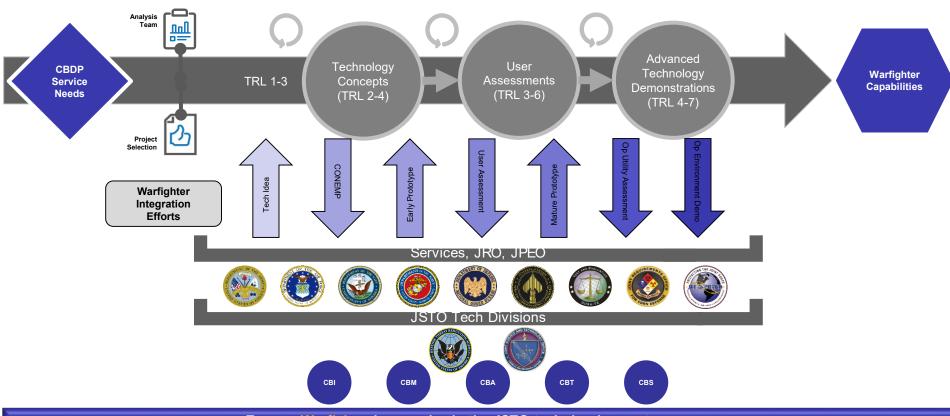
Outcome - Operational Utility Assessment, TTPs





## **Warfighter Integration Portfolio Process**





Ensures Warfighter has a voice in the JSTO tech development process... from Concept, through Assessment of tech maturation, to operational Demonstration





# **→21 − Concept Tent**



21 Technology Concepts in "Concept Tent"			
Active Standoff Sensor (DEVCOM CBC/PI Corp)	On-Demand MWD Decon Kit (DTRA RD-CBT/Lynntech Inc.)		
Advanced Colorimetric Indicator Paper (DEVCOM CBC/Lynntech, Inc)	PercuSense Body-Worn Chemical Exposure Sensor System (DTRA RD-CBA/Percusense)		
Agent Catalytic Enzyme System for OPNA Prophy (DTRA RD-CBA/BioHybrid Solutions LLC)	Portable Chemical Fingerprint Identification System (DEVCOM-CBC)		
BioFlyte Portable Biological Mass Spectrometry (DTRA RD-CBA/Zerotech)	Precision Air-Dropped Sensor Array (DTRA RD-CXR/DEVCOM CBC)		
Canine Respiratory Protection (ASD SO/LIC/ Irregular Warfare Technology Support Directorate (IWTSD))	Qualitative Inactivation using Lithium Nitrade (QILN) (DEVCOM CBC and Sandia National Laboratories)		
CVCAD 1 (FLIR Systems, Inc.)	Rapid HMAC for Field-Forward Detection of SARS-CoV-2 and other Clinical and Environmental Pathogens (DTRA RD-CBA/ANDE-RSD)		
CVCAD 2 (GE Research)	Sickstick (DTRA RD-CBA/Darwin Biosciences, Inc)		
Dry Skin Decontamination (DEVCOM CBC)	Threat Mapping and Augmented Reality Visualization (DTRA/RD-CBI/FLIR Systems)		
In-Ear Wearable Device (EWD) For Predicting Warfighter Readiness (DTRA/CBRD Laboratory Sciences)	xBIRD-xPCR Bio-Identification Rapid Detector (DEVCOM CBC/MIT)		
K-9 Decon Device (JHU/APL)	Vertical Integrated Flow Assay System Technology (VERIFAST) for Multiplex Pathogens Detection (DTRA RD-CBM/University of Arizona)		
MWD Scent Training Kits (DEVCOM CBC/Quest)			





# **→21 Technologies**



32 Technologies in live scenarios		5 Quick Looks  * Quick Look Technologies were assessed by the Warfighters, but not in live scenarios	
ATAK CBRN Plugin (Draper & ARA, Inc.)	Drop Puck Systems (Design West Technologies, Inc.)	Sensing CBR Agents Pre-Engagement Goes Over All Terrain (SCAPEGOAT) (NSWC)	CBIB hazard containment bag (Applied Research Associates, Inc)
BIO Collector (Georgia Tech Research Institute & Univ of NE)	Falcon 4G CWA Detector (JGW Group)	Spore Germination Bio Decon (NSWC)	Personal Exposure Monitor (PEM) (IOT/AI)
Barrier Film (Kappler)	Far-Forward Advanced Sequencing Technology (F-FAST) (DEVCOM Chem/Bio Center)	SX34 waterless decon Kit (ITL Solutions)	Situational Awareness for First Responders (SAFR) (Alakai Defense Systems)
CBRN Routing Tool (ARA Inc.)	<b>FireHUD</b> physiological situational awareness (ITL Solutions)	Tactical Disablement System (TacDS) (ARA, Inc)	Surface & Air Germ Elimination (S.A.G.E.) (Violet Defense, LLC/Leidos)
Colorimetric Fiber Optic Sensor (CFOS) (DEVCOM Solider Center)	GeneXpert Omni diagnostic system (Cepheid)	Tac Network (Fenix Group)	<b>TEK-TAK</b> technical and tactical decon system (M2DCON, Inc.)
Chameleon Chemical Detection Armband (Morphix Technologies, Inc)	Multi-Threat Decon System (MTDS) (Battelle)	Tactical Assault Kit (TAK) CB Source Term Estimation (STE) (Aeris LLC & ARA Inc)	
ChemDx diagnostic-level, portable CB indicator (MRI Global Technologies)	MultiRAE UGV (Luminier HoldCo, LLC)	TAK-X (IOT/AI)	
ChemBadge wearable detector (N5 Sensors, Inc.)	MUSA P31 quadrupedal robot (Metrohm, USA)	Tactical Steam Decon Module (TSDM) (ITL Solutions)	
Chem Sentinel plume detection system (Spectrum Photonics/SBIR)	MWD Decon Kit (Guild Associates, Inc.)	<b>Veriox</b> ® decon wipe (Armis Biopharma, Inc.)	
Clear Decon Slurry (Clear Scientific)	MWD Field Decon (UA Army Public Health Center)	Wearable Chemical Detection Badge (Morphix Technologies, Inc.)	
Dismounted Recon Enhanced with	REBS+ biodetection system (Battelle)		



# DESERT ICE 2021:

## Sensitive Site Exploitation and Assessment (SSE / SSA)



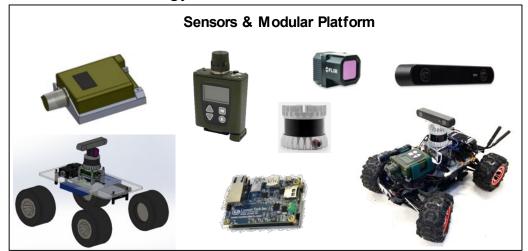
### **DESERT ICE 2021**

- SOCOM CWMD training exercise, 14-25 Jun 2021, three CONUS locations – PA, NC, & SC
- CWMD Integrated Tactical Information Reconnaissance System (CITRIS): Support the development of a CWMD shared common tactical picture (CTP) for the Warfighter in dismounted SSE & SSA operations
- CITRIS responding to 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment 4 Nov MFR Request for ATD Support at Fort Bragg, NC
- Focus on SSA / SSE, SubT and Indoor Environments
- Training included integration of DTRA CITRIS developing technologies to obtain end user evaluation and CONOP / CONEMP assessment information

Participating Companies & Organizations: MITRE; PAR Government; Draper; Traxxas, NVIDIA; Stereo Labs; FLIR; Ouster; Microband Corp.; Persistent Systems; Proficnc/Hex; Samsung; L3 Harris; JHU/APL; Open Source Robotics Foundation; Army Futures Command / Devcom CBC; and JPEO CBDP

### Focused S&T Technology at DESERT ICE

- sUGV sensor platform TRAXXAS 1/10
- Mapping ZED Mini Stereo Camera, LiDAR Ouster
- Sensors Parallax Ultra Sonic Sensor, PX4 Flow Optical Flow Camera Board & Sonar, EO/IR - FLIR ADK, O2-A2 Oxygen Sensor, JCAD
- Processor TX2
- Communications MPU5, Microhard, AN/PRC-163
- Wearables technology Leaderboard / RATE / Radiant





## **Testing and Evaluating CWMD Capabilities**



### Penetration and Weapon Effects Testing

- Robust testing processes exercised over decades to ensure safe & successful CWMD test events
- Explosive and device evaluation, structural mechanics and dynamic response, blast analysis, penetration mechanics, cratering, and bomb damage assessment





### Rapid Warfighter Assessments

- Worldwide, rapid, and independent vulnerability, operational, and other specialized assessment support for urgent warfighter requirements
- Detailed reporting for senior decision makers in order to maintain superiority and mitigate the risks of technological surprise

### Subject Matter Expertise and Advanced Technology

- DTRA High-Performance Computing Program (HPC), DTRA Experimentation Laboratory, Omega Facility, Cray Shasta HPC, HyFIRE Facility
- Nationally-recognized experts addressing contemporary issues in CWMD research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E)



DTRA R&D provides T&E data and analysis to support technologies and systems acquisition and transition decisions and facilitate the development of technologies and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP)



### **Engaging Leaders through Nuclear Wargaming and Assessments**



### **Focus on Four Thrusts**



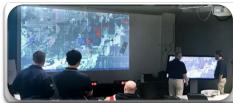
**Warfighter advocacy** – Identify community of interest including Combatant Commands (CCMDs), Services, modeling & simulation environment partners, & customers/partners. Determine wargaming requirements.



**Capability Gap Resolution** – Determine operational impacts of physics effects. Research capability effects, combined consequence effects, and mission impact analysis.



**Software Development** — Develop Mission Impacts of Nuclear Events Software (MINES) and other software core capabilities, user interfaces, framework adapters, and custom integrations.



**Exercise support** – Engage CCMD, Service, and other exercises/wargames. Develop research/experimental wargames, leverage internal DTRA exercises.

### Services & Combatant Commands Use cases Planning & Policy Acquisition & Analysis Training & Education Discovery & Exploration Wargaming Table Top Exercises (TTX) TTX mediation Command Post Exercise (CPX) Live-Virtual-Constructive (LVC) exercise Analytical research Format/media **Domains** Land, Sea, Air, Space

Levels

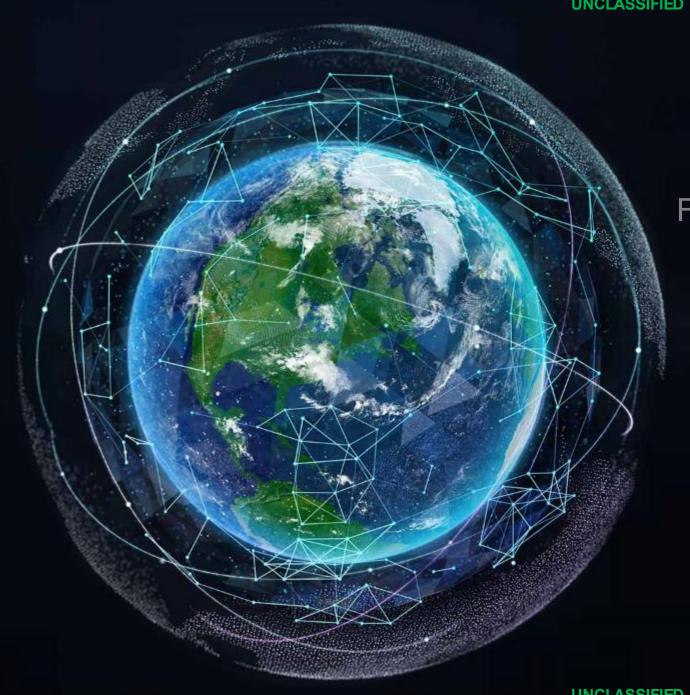
Strategic Operational Tactical (Red. Blue)

Fidelity / resolution
Speed / performance
Expert required
Capability effects
Analytical results
Data supply
Classification mgmt
Criteria

Exceptionally Diverse Range of Environments, Needs, and Capabilities

Following policy directions from the **2018 NDS** and **2018 NPR** that instructed the DoD to prepare to operate in the context of a nuclear detonation,

RD-NT is engaged in an effort to develop support to include non-strategic nuclear devices in DoD wargames, exercises, & training.



## **QUESTIONS?**

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