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SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, & LOGISTICS

TRUSTED EXPERTS

SOF AT&L OVERVIEW BRIEF

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AUTHORITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES



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AUTHORITY TO...



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- **Develop and enter into international cooperative RDT&E agreements**
- **Share SO-p technical data**
- **Enter into CRADAs**
- **Loan / Transfer equipment for RDT&E purposes**
- **Represent USSOCOM on FMS cases where SO-p is requested**
- **Conduct pre-LOR activities supporting FMS cases**
 - Assist customer with defining requirements
 - Respond to requests for classified tech specs

2026 NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

STRATEGIC APPROACH

LOE 1: Defend the U.S. Homeland

LOE 2: Deter China in Indo-Pacific Through Strength, Not Confrontation

LOE 3: Increase Burden-Sharing with U.S. Allies and Partners

- Leverage NATO processes in defense of Europe
- Expand transatlantic defense industrial cooperation and reduce defense trade barriers

LOE 4: Supercharge the U.S. Defense Industrial Base

POTUS EXECUTIVE ORDERS

EO 14265 (ACQ REFORM)

- Utilize existing authorities to expedite acquisitions throughout the DoW, including a first preference for **commercial solutions** and a general preference for **Other Transactions Authority**, application of Rapid Capabilities Office policies, or any other authorities or pathways to promote streamlined acquisitions under the Adaptive Acquisition Framework
- A detailed process to allow Acquisition Executives to effectively manage risk for all acquisition programs through a formal **Configuration Steering Board**
- Eliminate or revise any unnecessary supplemental regulations or any other internal guidance, such as **relevant parts of the FMR and DFARS**
- Comprehensive review of the **JCIDS** with the goal of streamlining and accelerating acquisition

EO 14268

(DEFENSE SALES REFORM)

- Consolidate parallel decision-making when determining which military capabilities, the United States will choose to provide, and to which countries
- Reduce rules and regulations involved in the development, execution, and monitoring of foreign defense sales and of transfer cases
- Increase government-industry collaboration to achieve cost and schedule efficiencies in the execution of Foreign Military Sales programs
- **Consolidation of TRFD Approval authorities**

ACQUISITION FOCUS AREAS

PROVIDE OPERATIONAL REACH AND EFFECTS

- Autonomous systems
- Kinetic and non-kinetic effects
- Alternative logistics
- Increased survivability

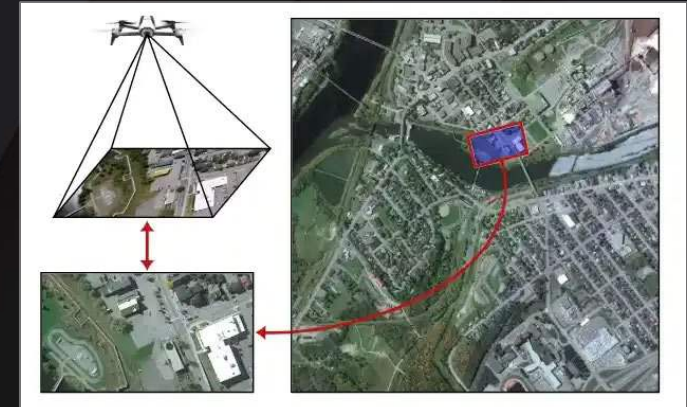
COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Resilient Communications
- Alternate PNT
- Battlespace awareness

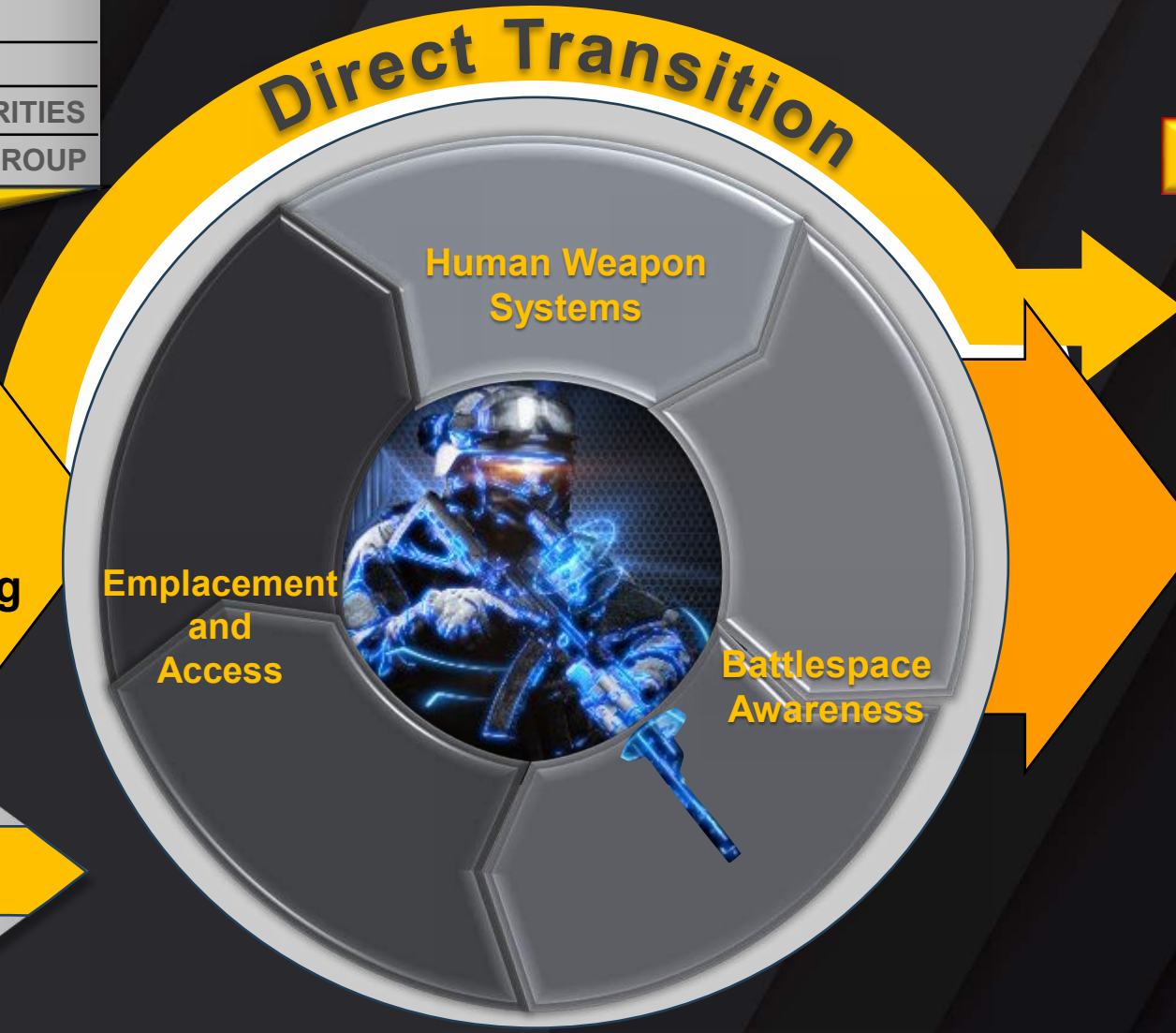
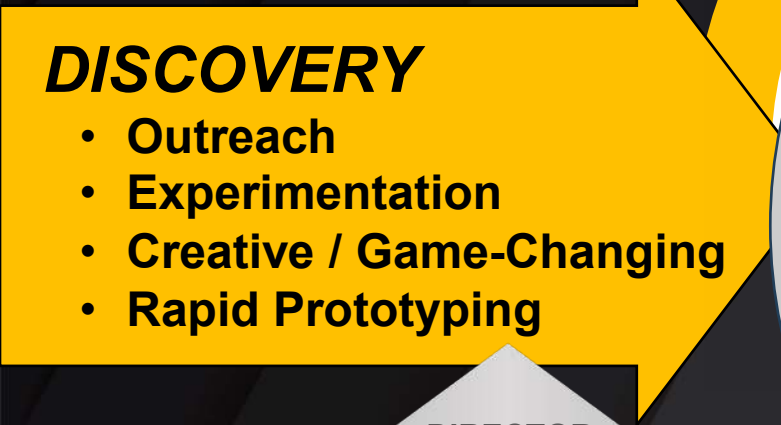
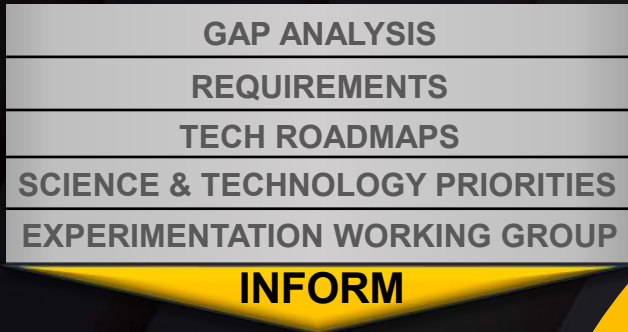
OPERATOR READINESS AND RESILIENCE

- Preservation of the Force and Family
- Brain health
- Blast exposure monitoring

AI Enabled – Interoperable - Integrated

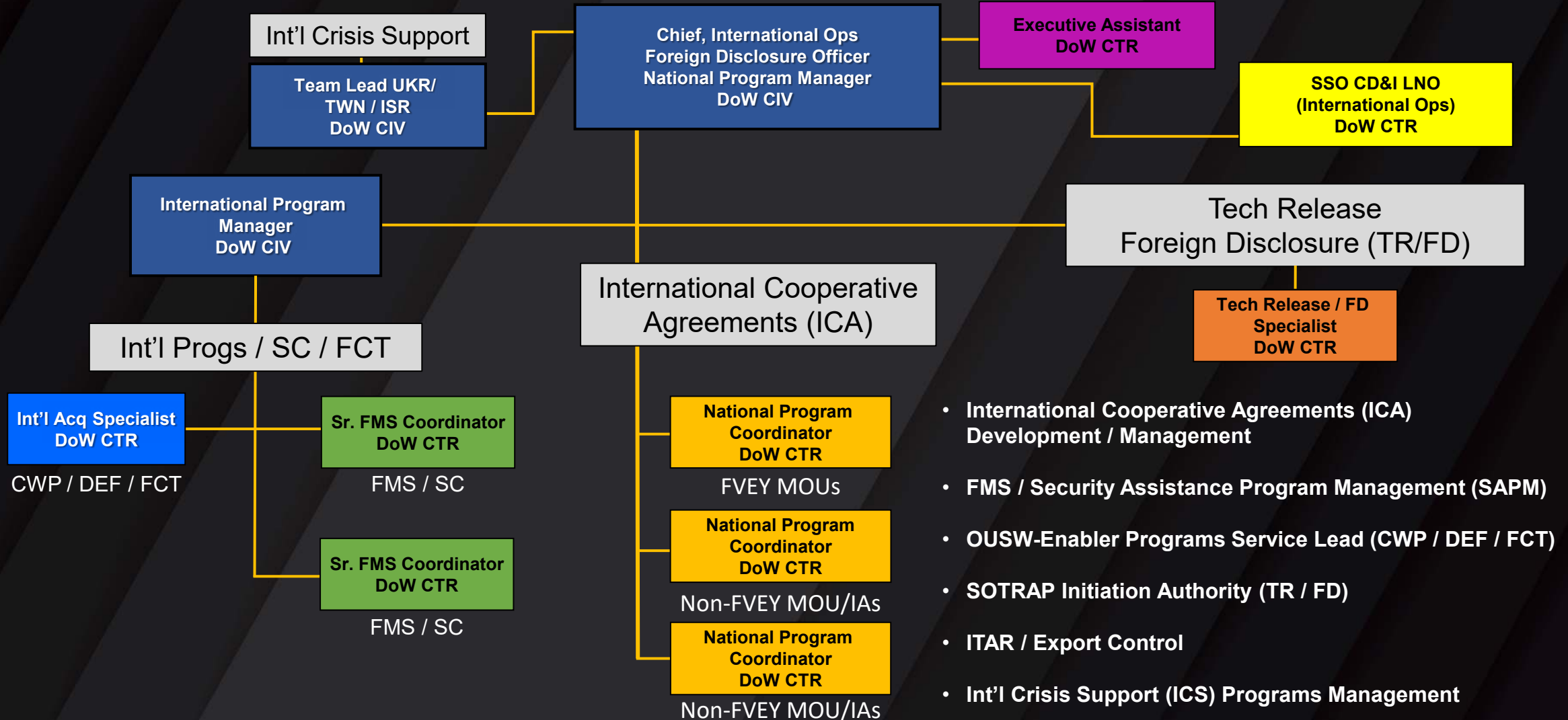


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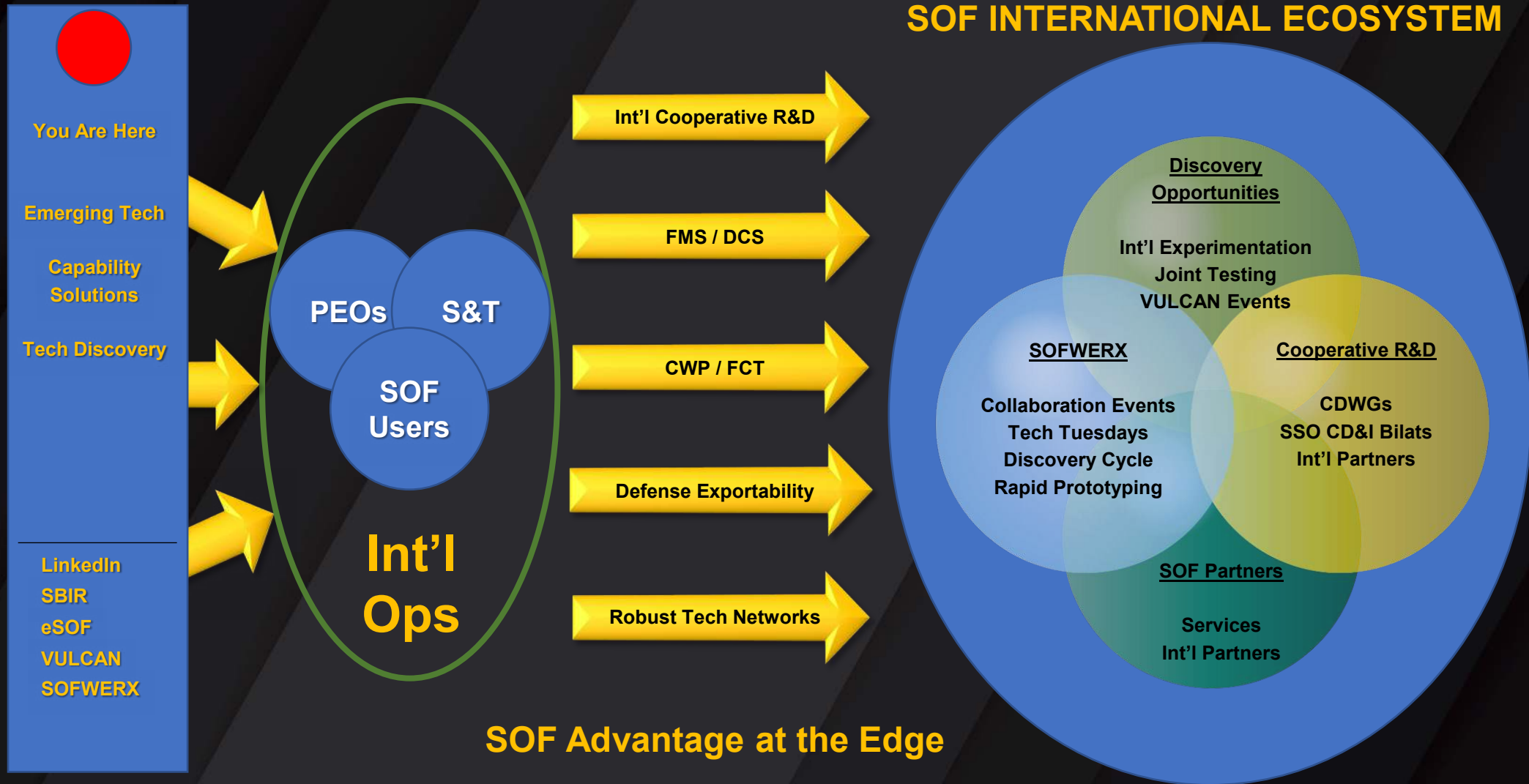
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WHAT WE DO!



- International Cooperative Agreements (ICA) Development / Management
- FMS / Security Assistance Program Management (SAPM)
- OUSW-Enabler Programs Service Lead (CWP / DEF / FCT)
- SOTRAP Initiation Authority (TR / FD)
- ITAR / Export Control
- Int'l Crisis Support (ICS) Programs Management

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“INTERNATIONAL-UNIQUE FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING ACQUISITION”

- **(U) International Armaments Cooperative Development**
 - Technical Information Exchange (ID Collaboration Prospects)
 - Equipment & Material Transfer Agreements
 - Cooperative Development Project Arrangements
- **(U) Foreign Military Sales (FMS)**
 - 18 Cases with Fourteen Countries
- **(U) OSW Enabler Programs**
 - Coalition Warfare Program
 - Foreign Comparative Test
 - Defense Exportability Features
- **(U) AT&L Tech Release / Foreign Disclosure**
 - SOF AT&L International Operations – FDO / FDRs
 - SOF AT&L “Owned” Information / Technology:
 - Category 1 - Organization, Training & Employment of Military Forces
 - Category 2 - Military Material & Munitions
 - Category 3 - Applied R&D Information & Materiel

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**International Operations
Portfolio ~ \$9.315B**

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“STRENGTHEN ALLIANCES AND ATTRACT NEW PARTNERS”

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (IC)

COOPERATIVE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

- Collective Knowledge of Partner Nations’ Technology Base
- Synergistic Development with Equitable Sharing of R&D Costs
- 1 Multilateral SOF Capability Development (SOF CD) Agreement
- 1 Bilateral Special Forces Equipment Capability (SFEC) Agreement
- 5 Bilateral SOF CD Working Groups under RDT&E Project MOAs
- 4 Foreign Science and Technology Liaisons to SOF AT&L
- Leverage 6 SSO Capability Development & Innovation IC Agreements



Example: Shared Development of Diesel LTATVs (MRZR-D)

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) / DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES (DCS) TECHNOLOGY RELEASE AND FOREIGN DISCLOSURE (TR/FD)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS - PECULIAR (SO-p) EQUIPMENT

- TR/FD Authority for USSOCOM
- Special Operations Technology Release Assessment Process (SOTRAP)
- Represent SOF Equities w/ National Disclosure Policy Committee
- Review of Direct Commercial Sale cases & provide export position
- Office of Primary Responsibility for USSOCOM FMS
- 18 FMS Cases with 14 Countries
- Office of Primary Responsibility for Ukraine/Taiwan PD
- Office of Primary Responsibility for Ukraine USAI
- Office of Primary Responsibility for BPC/FMS NVD Case Review



Night Vision



Fixed-Wing SOF Mods



GMV 1.1



Rotary-Wing SOF Mods



Maritime Mobility

COALITION WARFARE PROGRAM (CWP)

Fosters Foreign Cooperative Development for Interoperability

- Competitive – 50/50 Share of U.S. Cost
- Since 2010 – 7 SOF Projects...
- 5 Complete / 4 Transitioned or Fielded



FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING (FCT)

Fosters Foreign Solutions to U.S. Requirements

- Competitive – Avoids U.S. Development Cost
- Since 1996: 124 SOF Projects
- 106 Complete / 18 Ongoing, 65 Transitioned or Fielded



INTERNATIONAL CRISIS SUPPORT/SA





Coordinates and Executes Delivery of SO-p Equipment Under PD & USAI Authorities

- 27 Presidential Drawdowns
- USAI Pseudo-FMS Cases



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INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENTS COOPERATION AGREEMENTS	
TYPE	PARTNER NATIONS
Multi-Lateral (FVEY) SOF Capability Development	 <p>AUS CAN GBR NZL USA</p>
Bi-Laterals Special Forces Equipment Capability SOF Capability Development	 <p>FIN-USA FRA-USA GBR-USA ISR-USA JPN-USA NOR-USA SWE-USA</p>
Secretariat for Special Operations Capability Development & Innovation Cooperative R&D	 <p>AUS-USA CAN-USA FRA-USA GBR-USA ISR-USA SGP-USA</p>
In Consideration Bi-Lateral SOF Capability Development	 <p>JOR-USA POL-USA TWN-USA</p>

SOF AT&L INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS OSW ENABLERS

FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING (FCT):

- 18 Active SOCOM Projects
- Various Virtual Industry Events Scheduled Throughout the Year
- Four FY27 Submissions Selected for Full-Proposal Competition
 - Subsurface-Surface Foiling USV
 - AI Monitoring – SOF Multi-Purpose Canine
 - Arctic Mobility Vehicle
 - Improved Over-Snow Movement

**FCT Program Matches TRL
6-9 “Shovel Ready”
International Technologies
to Program Requirements**

DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM (DEF):

No Active SOCOM Projects

Three SOCOM Capabilities Submitted for FY26 Approval / Funding

**DEF Program Provides
50-50 OSW-Industry Cost
Share for Early Insertion of
Exportability Features**

COALITION WARFARE PROGRAM (CWP):

No Active SOCOM Project Leads / 20 Project Advocates

**CWP Program Teams With
International Partners for
Cooperative Development
of TRL 1-5 Projects**

PARTNERING FOR DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY INTERNATIONAL ACQUISITION & EXPORTABILITY

ASSESS, DESIGN, INCORPORATE EXPORTABILITY AT PROGRAM INCEPTION

- Focused area under the Controlling Cost section in Better Buying Power (BBP) 2.0, encourage DoW program management to design and develop technology protection features in systems early in their acquisition life cycle to facilitate earlier foreign sales
- Demonstrate that costs can be reduced, and U.S. products can be made available for foreign sales sooner
- Encompasses all of the elements of international involvement in DoW acquisition activities throughout the acquisition lifecycle – including Science and Technology, Research and Development, Production and Deployment, and Operations and Support – by exploring foreign solutions, International Cooperative Programs, foreign sales or transfers, exportability design and development, and Tech Release and Foreign Disclosure (TR/FD)

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QUESTIONS

