

Conceptualizing the Next Generation DoD Innovation Ecosystem



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"America also has a unique competitive advantage rooted in innovation. Our policy of integrated deterrence links cutting-edge technology, operational concepts, and state-of-the-art capabilities."

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE Lloyd J. Austin III

The Innovation Imperative

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"We must out-innovate and out-perform would-be threats."

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks

CBO Long Range Budget Outlook 2024 – 2054



TRAJECTORY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

MACHINE INTELLIGENCE



The Challenge is <u>Keeping Pace</u>

Exponential Technology Acceleration vs. DIB Rates of Awareness, Learning, & Application @ Scale



Research Questions

- 1) What are the major factors and trends that will impact the future of DoD Acquisition?
- 2) What are the barriers and constraints to accelerating innovation into enabling capabilities across the DIB?
- 3) How can DoD's Adaptive Acquisition Life Cycle evolve and transform to accelerate and exploit innovation, and best sense, anticipate and adapt for the future from a strategic perspective of the DoD innovation ecosystem?
- 4) How can DoD be best organized, structured, and led to operate most affordably and meet the emergent and disruptive needs and requirements of the future?

Meta-Study Domains for Conceptual Convergence

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What are the major factors and trends that will impact the future of DoD Acquisition?

- Exponential Technology Accelerations/Emergent Disruptions
- Pace and Scale of Commercial Technology Research and Development
- The Imperative for Continuous Change and Transformation at Scale and at Pace
- Need for End-to-End Acquisition Development Acceleration
- Continuous Innovation for Superior Capabilities at Scale
- Affordability (Emerging Debt Crisis)
- Advanced Digital Tools and Enabling Capabilities
- Smart City and Smart Regional Concepts
- Workforce Talent and Skills



What are the barriers and constraints to accelerating innovation into enabling capabilities across the DIB?

- Increasing System and Organizational Complexity
- Lack of Awareness, Learning, Understanding and Actionable Knowledge
- Lack of Requisite Skills and Enabling Capabilities
- Lack of Creativity and Ingenuity
- Bureaucracy Lack of Streamlined & Accelerated Processes
- Organizational Fragmentation
- Organizational Rigidity
- Lack of Innovation Adoption and Adaptation
- Lack of Available Resources People and Money
- Climate of Trust



How can DoD's Adaptive Acquisition Life Cycle evolve and transform to accelerate and exploit innovation, and best sense, anticipate and adapt for the future from a strategic perspective of the DoD innovation ecosystem?

- Expansive Contextual Awareness and Learning
- Master Data, Information and Knowledge Management
- Support Mil-Specs/Standards and Commercial Specification Engagement for Innovation Adoption and Adaptation
- Map & Streamline Processes and Organize around Process Flows Create Trans-Enterprise Knowledge and Synergy
- Build Social Capital via Mutual Trust and Respect
- Create Opportunities at Scale to Connect, Learn and Share
- Embrace Continuous Change and Transformation
- Innovative Culture and Ecology
- Technology-Enabled
- Open Innovation and Open Strategy Development



How can DoD be best organized, structured, and led to operate most affordably and meet the emergent and disruptive needs and requirements of the future?

- Emulate the Concepts and Theory that Support Complex Adaptive and Anticipatory Systems (CAAS) Thinking
- Map, Integrate & Automate the End-to-End Value Stream
- Educate, Form and Align Enterprises to Engage in the End-to-End Value Stream
- Build Synergistic Intra- and Inter-Enterprise Communities
- Embrace Smart Ecosystem Concepts and Technologies
- Embrace Large Scale, Fully Integrated, High Fidelity Virtual Environments
- Enhance Enterprise-level/Ecosystem-level Orchestration, Management and Leadership
- Enhance Systems Thinking
- Enhance Strategic & Anticipatory Thinking
- Create Agile and Adaptive Innovation Capabilities at the Speed of Relevance
- Enable Generativity and Creativity
- Align and Clarify Expectations, Incentives and Motivations

The Sentient & Wise DoD Acquisition Innovation Ecosystem

A Cyber-Cognitive Ecology for Continuous Sensing, Awareness, Learning, Innovation, Transition, Improvement and Transformation



The Sentient & Wise DoD Acquisition Innovation Ecosystem via Emergent Social Networks

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Significant Opportunities for Crowdsourcing to Accelerate Learning, Innovation and Synergy at Ecosystem Scale

Complex Adaptive and Anticipatory System (CAAS) Conceptual Model Broadly Applicable to Teams & Across Organizations, Enterprises and Ecosystems...



Seamless Collaboration & Synergy = Unleashed Latent Innovative Potential

Continuum of Accelerated Awareness, Learning & Understanding via Social Networks



Catalyzing New Knowledge Creation & Innovative Capabilities





Summary

- The Imperative for DoD Innovation Ecosystem Change is Here
 - Emergence of Peer Adversaries and Complex Asymmetric Threats
 - Growing Economic and Workforce Challenges
 - Disruptive Innovations and the Democratization of Technologies & its Rapid Diffusion
 - Exponential Technology Accelerations & Convergence @ Scale
- Findings for Sustaining DoD Innovation Ecosystem Competitiveness:
 - Reimagining & Transforming the DoD Innovation Ecosystem for the E-VUCA Future
 - Unleash Human Ingenuity and Potential Campaigns of Learning and Innovation
 - Promote New Social Interactions, Collisions and Relationships
 - Intra- and Inter-Enterprise Interactions and Synergy
 - Leverage Open Strategies to Promote Learning, Change and Transformation
 - Lead Cultures and Ecologies of Learning, Empowerment and Innovation
 - Continuously Leverage and Integrate the Latest Research, Theory and Practice
 - Leverage and Deploy Exponential, Emerging & Platform Technologies @ Scale
 - Support Leadership at all Levels for Ideation & Innovation as a Cultural Norm/Paradigm



Thank You!

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