Future R&D Capability Gaps

Pre-detonation

The ability to cause IEDs to trigger at the time and place of the warfighter's choosing

Counter-threat network

The ability to proactively find and fix IED builders, suppliers, financiers, and distributors

Detection

The ability to determine the location of emplaced IEDs and IED components

Counter-device

The ability to neutralize IEDs before detonation or mitigate the effects following detonation

Homemade explosives

The ability to locate, avoid, and neutralize IEDs containing non-standard explosives compounds

Information integration and fusion

The ability to integrate, visualize, and analyze information and intelligence to increase situational awareness for C-IED/counter-threat network planning and operations

Weapons Technical Intelligence

The ability to collect and exploit information from individuals, IEDs and components to understand threat networks, IEDs, and components

ATTACK THE NETWORK

DEFEAT THE DEVICE

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFEAT ORGANIZATION

TRAIN THE FORCE



Future capabilities must be:

Scalable – Affordable – Adaptable –
Expeditionary – Domestic Application –
Whole-of-government Approach

R&D GAPS OPERATIONAL NEEDS CRITICAL ENABLERS Pre-detonation Pre-detonate IEDs while dismounted Light-weight, hand-employed, pre-detonation systems Pre-detonate IEDs while mounted Mutually supporting pre-detonation devices not on the same vehicle; pre-detonation at convoy speeds Pre-detonate from airborne platform Semi-autonomous airborne systems Pre-detonate surface, deeply buried, and underwater IEDs Kinetic or non-kinetic pre-detonation systems Integrate pre-detonation with other systems Modular family of pre-detonation systems able to be integrated with detection systems Reliable pre-detonation, with minimal collateral damage Precision-targeted pre-detonation systems with ability to designate hazardous-duds for clearing **Counter-threat Network** Identify threat network activities Automated pattern recognition technologies which identify hostile intent/ behavior Identify threat network financiers and finance activities Improved processing and trend recognition of threat finance data Identify targetable threat C4ISR vulnerabilities Data surveillance for analytical trending, automated, and integrated Rapidly analyze emerging operational environments Better data correlation to improve processing time Rapidly deploy analysis/fusion teams and technology Expeditionary analytic fusion systems and personnel with reachback capability Identify IED component supply chains in individual areas of operation/interest Track IED components Identify best practices for training culture specific skills Gain understanding of social/cultural aspects of counterinsurgency **Detection** Capture, catalog, and identify IED and component signatures Detection of IED component observables to allow device detection and trace Detect IEDs from a safe stand-off distance High reliability, low false alarm, detection of low-metallic devices at safe distances Detect IEDs while dismounted Integrated detectors, reduced-size and weight of systems, handheld, wearable Detect IEDs while mounted IED detection at convoy speeds; mutually supporting detection devices on multiple vehicles Detect IEDs from airborne platform Integration with airborne intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR) systems; semi-autonomous airborne systems Improve detector sensitivity and improve false alarm rate Systems capable of detecting explosive compounds in trace amounts Detect water-borne IEDs (WBIED) Standoff surface and underwater water-borne IED detection **Counter Device** Disable IED delivery systems in multiple environments Lethal/non-lethal counter-WBIED/VBIED/SVBIED tech with hazardous-dud designation ability Mitigate effects of IED attacks on dismounts and mounted Lighter, more effective personnel armor and vehicle protection Neutralize WBIEDs Counter-swimmer, counter-swarm, hull-emplaced IEDs, in varying water operational environments **Homemade Explosives** Improve sensor capabilities to detect HME Higher sensor sensitivity, distributed systems Disrupt supply chains Tagging, tracking, and locating precursor materials Render HME precursors unsuitable/less detonable Fertilizer modification during production; mixing with less-detonable materials **Info Integration & Fusion** Computer-based decision aids for command and control systems Comprehensive and up-to-date database of counter-IED tactics, techniques, and procedures, and lessons learned Fusion of databases across the C-IED enterprise Tagging, sorting, discovery, and visualization of knowledge in large data sets Provide multi-dimensional data visualization Improved geospatially-rendered data visualization; multi-dimensional Provide robust data connectivity and high-speed computing High-speed data correlation/computing and technologies to support bandwidth-constrained users Mobile/small form-factor devices for analytical product reception Rapidly disseminate data to support decision making Seamlessly share Information among partners Improved data processing/ingestion — semantic discovery, x-domain, x-network — data sense making **Weapons Technical Intelligence** Collect biometric data from a stand-off position Technologies allowing collection of materials from non-cooperative subjects and fix/match identity Rapidly collect and analyze biometric data Mobile biometrics data collection/analysis; real-time signature match

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