

# Missile Defense Agency Advanced Research Overview

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## **The Increasing Ballistic Missile Threat**

- Increasing theater threat capabilities
  - Accuracy & Range
  - North Korea developing new IRBM
- Developing ICBM threat
  - North Korea developing KN-08 ICBM
  - Iran may be technically capable of flighttesting an ICBM by 2015
  - Space Launch Vehicles (SLV) could serve as a test beds for ICBM technologies
- Challenging Missile Defense
  - Maneuver / Salvo firings / Countermeasures



North Korean KN-08 ICBM Launcher on Parade, 2012



North Korean Mobile IRBM on Parade, 2010





NK Taepo Dong-2 SLV Launch, 2012



Iranian Safir SLV on Launch Pad, 2011

Sources: NASIC, Ballistic and Cruise Missile Threat, 2009; DIA, Iran's Military Power, Statement before the Senate Armed Services Committee, 14 APR 10; Annual Report on Military Power of Iran, April 2012DNI, Remarks, Worldwide Threat Assessment to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, 12 March 2013; Full Update, DIA, Annual Threat Assessment 2008, 2012; MSIC, e-mail, RE: Unclassified Force Level Numbers, 6 April 2012; DNI, Unclassified Report to Congress on the Acquisition of Technology Relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Advanced Conventional Munitions, Covering 1 JAN to 31 DEC 2011; NSA-FCS5, email, RNOS Classification, 20 Jan 2013FARS News Agency, Korea Central News Agency, Yonhap News Agency



## **Today's Ballistic Missile Defense System**



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### **Representative Technology Topics**

Space and Sensor Technology	Directed Energy Technology	
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Advanced Cognition	Power Sources and Thermal	Int
Processing and Algorithms	Management for High	Pro
for Improved Identification	Energy Lasers	
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System Communications	High Power Optical Fibers	M
Command and Control	Quick Recovery High	De
Human-to Machine Interface	Energy Diodes	
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Improved Track Accuracy for Missile Engagements	Ultra low SWaP Diode Pump Modules	Те
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Open Framework Planner	Large Stroke, High Spatial	Mi
with Embedded Training	Bandwidth, Deformable Mirrors	Ар
Improvements in Spacecraft		Lit
Manufacturing Efficiency	Light Weight, Dampened Optical Benches	Se
Innovative Antenna Arrays	-	Hię
Enabling Continuous	Optics & Coatings for Alkali	Ma
Interceptor Communications	Environments	Im

#### Interceptor Technology



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thality Enhancements

ulti-Object Payload ployment

Ivanced Reserve Batterv chnologies

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#### **Future BMDS Concept Development**



Expand Digital, **Constructive, and HWIL** Tools

Aerospace Vehicle Target Tracking and Discrimination

Radar Interferometric **Processing for EMG** 

**Radiation Hardened Mirror & Focal Plane Array** Technology

Low Light Short Wave **Infrared Focal Plane Arrays** 

**Innovative Ways to Shorten** System Level Simulation **Integration Time** 



MDA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) / Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) Focus

#### Pursue a broad range of high-risk technologies

- To search out revolutionary technologies
- Transform new technologies into actual applications for insertion into the BMDS
- Benefit from commercialization
- Technology insertion into the BMDS is critical
- 4<sup>th</sup> largest program in the Department of Defense



Advanced Battery Technology



Seeker Technology



High Energy Laser



Nanosat Technology Demonstrations



Multi Static Radar Technology



Lightweight Composite



Ultra Sensitive Detector Focal Plane Arrays



Ruggedized Electronics

Advanced IMU Technology



Rad-hardened Mirror Technology



## **SBIR / STTR Phase I Overview**

- Proposals:
  - Twenty pages
  - Three criteria;
    - Technical merit, feasibility of the concept and approach
    - Qualifications of team
    - Commercialization/Transition potential and approach
  - Must identify all foreign nationals and level of involvement
  - Most recent SBIR and STTR topics and awards are available on the DoD SBIR / STTR website (http://www.dodsbir.net)

### • Contracts:

- Topics typically Export Control restricted
- Unclassified
- Currently \$125,000 (no options); 7 Months



- All Phase I awardees under a particular solicitation are allowed to submit a proposal for Phase II award
- Phase II proposals:
  - Accepted only during announced open period
  - Announcement on web page with email notification to current Phase I awardees
  - Two-year award to further concept development to the prototype stage
  - Submitted for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
  - MDA may later consider enhancing Phase II contract funding depending on BMDS relevance and program needs



## Commercialization and Transition Office Initiatives

- Encourage transition of SBIR and STTR projects into the BMDS
  - Facilitates transition planning
  - Oversees all Phase III projects
  - Coordinates with primes and program offices
  - Conducts workshops and industry days
  - Recommends Phase II projects for enhanced funding



Advanced IMUs



Thermally Insensitive Silicon Carbide Mirrors



Lithium Reserve Battery Technology



## **Suggested Resources**





#### www.mda.mil

- Missile Defense News, Images, Videos, Fact Sheets
- BMDS Overview, BMD Basics
- MDA Business Opportunities (http://www.mda.mil/business/advanced\_research.html)

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