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Ensure Sustainable Military Tempo and Maintain Workforce Satisfaction

Performance Metric: Satisfaction with access

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Satisfaction with access	81.8%	80.8%	83.0%	>84%/ 82.6%
^a The data provided in the FY 2004 column are estimated results for the 3rd quarter.				

Metric Description. Access to medical care has always been a significant factor in the overall satisfaction with medical care, and an area for focused improvement. The intent of this metric is to improve satisfaction with access to appointments for those individuals who have chosen to enroll in TRICARE PRIME (similar to a Health Maintenance Organization) within the Military Health System (MHS). This metric is based on a monthly customer satisfaction survey for those individuals who had an outpatient medical visit at a Military Treatment Facility (MTF)—hospital or clinic—during the previous month.^a Although there are a number of measures related to access, ease of making an appointment by phone has been considered a key measure for access and has been tracked over the last couple of years. The metric is based on Question 10a of the customer satisfaction survey:

How would you rate the (Clinic Name) on Ease of Making this Appointment by Phone?

The percentage of respondents (weighted by appropriate sampling weights) that answer “Good,” “Very Good,” or “Excellent” on a scale from “Poor” to “Excellent” is computed. The survey is fielded monthly. Because of the fielding period, data collection period, and analysis period, there is a 55-day lag between the appointment date and the posting of data on the web-based reporting site. Reports are produced quarterly. Although information is available by the Military Service branch that is financially responsible for the MTF, only an aggregate MHS score is shown.

V&V Method. The contractor performs all edit checks and validations to ensure the accuracy of the resulting data sets and reports. To ensure the privacy of beneficiaries, all surveys are given a unique number for survey processing and tracking. Through the use of a unique code, the survey can be tracked for changes in address (or as undeliverable) and for response receipt. Once the contractor receives the survey responses by, they are scanned into a system (including those surveys returned as undeliverable). Survey responses are imported into an automated system using bar codes, with manual entry for those the system cannot read. A template is established to read the surveys; if the system is not 99% certain of the response, it is sent to a data editing workstation for review. Depending on the complexity of the survey, 5% to 10% of all data editing is verified by a second editor. Final checks are then run to make sure all survey responses are entered into the database.

^a The same survey is used for a metric that tracks overall satisfaction with appointments. However, that metric looks at responses to different survey questions and uses scores from all beneficiaries who visited an MTF rather than only TRICARE PRIME enrollees.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Satisfaction with Telephone Access is showing a slight decline for the year. While the score remains fairly high overall, the system will not meet the goal for the year. As we transition to the new TRICARE contracts the appointment process is also in a state of transition. Appointment scheduling responsibility is moving back to the Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs), Hospitals/Clinics, from the Managed Care Support Contractors. In the long run, this should be an improvement for management of the appointments, but it may cause some problems in the short term. Historically, there has been a problem in trying to identify the problem with access to health care appointments at the MTFs, with two different organizations controlling different parts of the process. With the conversion to full MTF management of the appointment process, it will be easier to identify where problems may exist, so that improvement programs can be instituted if needed. During the migration to new contracts it is anticipated that satisfaction may initially decrease, but should rebound within a year. All TRICARE regions will be converted by November 1, 2004. Since data currently available does not yet contain the survey results for the first conversion period, the impact cannot be determined.

Activity Metric: PERSTEMPO across occupational groups

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
The percentage of an occupational group that surpasses the PERSTEMPO day constraints.	Services began tracking PERSTEMPO as directed by Congress.	Published <i>Interim Personnel Tempo (PERSTEMPO) Policy Guidance</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated and verified Service data. Considered Global Joint Rotational Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began tracking frequency and duration of PERSTEMPO trends. Completed initial tracking metric.
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. As directed by Congress, the Services started tracking and reporting individual time away from home (expressed in days), commonly referred to as personnel tempo (PERSTEMPO), on October 1, 2000. Each of the Services has developed or enhanced existing data collection systems to support the legislative requirements. They will report the number of days each member is deployed; particular emphasis and scrutiny will be placed on those 10 major occupational groups that have deployed 400+ days out of the preceding two years.

On October 8, 2001, the Department suspended certain PERSTEMPO management processes in accordance with the provisions of the national security waiver set forth in section 991(d) of Title 10, U.S. Code.

The metric being developed will incorporate a frequency and duration dimension to PERSTEMPO based on changes to the PERSTEMPO legislation in the FY 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. The metric will capture the percentage of an occupational group, as defined by the Defense Management Data Center (DMDC) occupational codes, that have exceeded the 400-day PERSTEMPO constraint within the last 730 days and/or the 191-day-consecutive PERSTEMPO constraint, by Service and across the Department. This metric will provide valuable insight into the “high deploying” skills and relate them to the high-deploying/low-density (HD/LD) units, as appropriate.

The following describes how each Service collects PERSTEMPO data.

Army. The Army has developed and fielded a new web-based application to collect and manage PERSTEMPO data. With some exceptions, the unit or organizational level administrators enter the data into the web application. The data are then forwarded directly over the Internet to a central database hosted by a contractor. Initial PERSTEMPO data pertaining to members of the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard are entered into the PERSTEMPO database using a batch process linked to the Reserve and Guard order-writing systems; subsequent changes and additions can be entered through the web.

Navy. The Navy followed an incremental program to implement its PERSTEMPO tracking and reporting system. The first phase relied exclusively on a legacy system known as the Diary Message Reporting System (DMRS). This approach was an expedient and cost-effective way to meet the October 1, 2000 implementation date. However, while this process allowed some personnel management analysis, specific analysis based on PERSTEMPO deployment categories and deployment purposes was not possible since these data elements could not be collected during this initial phase. During the second phase, the Navy implemented a web-based reporting

system that does provide the capability to collect PERSTEMPO deployment categories and deployment purposes. Additionally, the Navy continued to maintain dual transmission capability via DMRS for units without connectivity to the web. Additional system improvements are ongoing.

Air Force. The Air Force collects individual deployment information by a combination of three input processes: duty status updates made at the organizational level, travel voucher data received from finance offices, and updates made over the web to the TEMPO Management and Tracking System (TMTS). Duty status changes made at the organizational level are passed electronically to the central record via the unit level personnel system. Travel voucher data are received via file transfer protocol from more than 190 finance offices. Transactions within these files process to the central record. PERSTEMPO data added to, deleted from, or changed in the TMTS updates the central record immediately.

Marine Corps. The Marine Corps collects PERSTEMPO data via the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS), at the reporting unit level. MCTFS is an integrated pay and personnel system. When an event occurs (start, stop, change, etc.), the reporting unit administrative office reports the appropriate transaction and these event data are then stored in the personnel Master Record.

DMDC has spent considerable time with Services to ensure that reporting process is working properly; as a result, most of the problems that persist with Army data have been corrected and Army data was included as of the November 2003 report. However, validation and verification is a very difficult and expensive process. Although some initial checks were conducted by the Services to ensure accuracy of data, the onus is largely on the member to ensure “deployed days” reported on Leave and Earnings Statement is accurate. Accordingly, we have asked DMDC to crosscheck the accuracy of its PERSTEMPO information with similar information reported by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Ongoing Research: We have contracted with LMI, a not-for-profit consulting firm, to define and refine key performance indicators. DMDC has been tasked to provide the data to develop the metrics.

Timeline for Completion. Development of this metric will be complete in FY 2004; data will be reported in FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In FY 2004, we began tracking PERSTEMPO trends. We expect to establish this metric in time to report on it in FY 2005.

Activity Metric: PERSTEMPO standards met

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
The percentage of the Active and Reserve Components (by Service) that has exceed PERSTEMPO constraints.	Congressionally directed PERSTEMPO reporting began.	Published <i>Interim Personnel Tempo (PERSTEMPO) Policy Guidance</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated and verified data. Considered Global Joint Rotational Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began tracking frequency and duration of PERSTEMPO trends. Completed initial tracking metrics.
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On October 8, 2001, the Department suspended certain PERSTEMPO management processes in accordance with the provisions of the national security waiver set forth in section 991(d) of Title 10, U.S. Code: these included general/flag officer monitoring, approval of Service-member PERSTEMPO days that may exceed certain thresholds, and payment of the high-deployment per diem. However, Services were still required to report individual days away.

The metric being developed will incorporate a frequency and duration dimension to PERSTEMPO based on changes to the PERSTEMPO legislation in the FY 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. The metric will portray the percentage of the Service Active and Reserve Components that exceed the 400-day PERSTEMPO constraint within the last 730 days and/or the 191-day consecutive PERSTEMPO constraint. This metric will provide valuable insight into the “high deploying” tendencies of various Service components. The “drill down” metric, PERSTEMPO Across Occupational Groups, will measure those occupational groups that exceed the 400-day and/or the 191- consecutive-day constraint, and will provide further information on a Service’s use of the distinctive skills of their personnel.

The following provides a description of how each Service collects the PERSTEMPO data.

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The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) has spent considerable time with the Services to ensure that the reporting process is working properly; as a result, most of the problems that persisted with Army data have been corrected. However, data verification and validation is a very difficult and expensive process. Initial checks were conducted by the Services to ensure accuracy of data, although the onus is largely on members to ensure “deployed days” reported on the Leave and Earnings Statement is accurate. Finally, we have asked DMDC to crosscheck the accuracy of its PERSTEMPO information with similar information reported by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Ongoing Research: We have contracted with LMI, a not-for-profit consulting firm, to help us define and refine key performance indicators.

Timeline for Completion. The LMI study effort is to be completed by end of FY 2004.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In FY 2004 we began tracking PERSTEMPO trends. We will complete the metric by the end of the fiscal year.

Activity Metric: Quality of Life social compact improvement index

Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Trend data to monitor improvements in leading QoL indicators.	No historical data: new metric.		Developed framework for QoL index	Established baselines and initial performance targets
^a The FY 2004 data provided above is preliminary.				

Metric Description. The Quality of Life (QoL) Social Compact Improvement Index is one indicator in a three-pronged approach that combines a Community QoL Per Capita Cost Indicator and Commitment to Military Life Index to measure the health of QoL programs and services supporting military members and families. In line with guidance from the Secretary of Defense, the index is a new measure derived from a series of programs included in the Social Compact that will track improvements in QoL programs. The index also responds to the National Security Presidential Directive–2 (February 2001) to improve QoL. Current deployment and high personnel tempo (PERSTEMPO) necessitate robust QoL support for troops and families. In an effort to mitigate force management risk in attracting and maintaining a quality workforce, the Department must transform QoL to keep pace with the American standard of living, changing demographics (two-thirds families live off the installation), and expectations of military members and their families.

The index links to the QoL programs and services included in the Social Compact that recognize the reciprocal partnership that exists between the Department, the service member, and his or her family. The index will track improvements in QoL to ensure the Department underwrites support to families. The current index comprises six major program areas. There will be no more than 10 functional program areas in the index. Program areas and metrics will be added or eliminated as data mature and priorities change.

Metrics, baselines, targets and parameters have been established for the six functional areas included in the initial index. Metrics used to track improvement in QoL include:

- *Housing Assignment*: Percentage of out-of-pocket housing expenses, percentage of E1 to E4 junior enlisted families living on base, and percentage of single E4s and E5s living on base.
- *24/7 toll free family assistance*: Military OneSource-Number of installations with coverage.
- *Voluntary education/Tuition Assistance*: Out-of-pocket education costs, number of enrollments, and number of degrees or diplomas earned.
- *Financial readiness*: Percentage of E1-E4s reporting problems paying bills and percentage of E1-E4s who report they have difficulty making ends meet or are “in over their heads.”
- *Childcare*: Number of childcare spaces and percentage of accredited child development centers.
- *DoD Educational Activity (DoDEA)*: Pupil-teacher ratio and student achievement scores.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy will update the performance data annually. Data will be cross-referenced with the Community QoL Per Capita Cost Metric and Commitment to Military Life Index to ensure QoL programs are keeping pace with the changing expectations of military members and families.

Ongoing Research: Service Social Compact functional area teams have addressed each area impacting QoL for military members and families. Beginning in October 2002, the teams began a series of meetings to update functional area goals, establish achievable targets, outcomes, and long-term strategies. The teams developed performance indicators, and identified data sources. This data was incorporated into the QoL Social Compact Improvement Index. The Social Compact is a 20-year strategy that is viewed as a living document that requires continual review and revision to keep pace with the changing needs of the transforming military. While the Social Compact includes long-term, mid-term and short-term strategies, the index will focus on the short-term. In FY 2004, the Social Compact was modernized to reflect the performance metrics included in the DoD balanced scorecard.

Timeline for Completion. The index is scheduled to be completed in FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Baselines and performance targets were established for housing assignment, Military OneSource–1-800 family assistance, voluntary education/tuition assistance, financial readiness, childcare, and DoDEA.

Metric	FY 2003 Baseline	FY 2004 Target
Housing Percentage of out-of-pocket housing expenses	7.5%	3.5%
24/7 Toll Free Family Assistance–Military OneSource Number of installations with coverage	30	300
Off Duty/Voluntary Education 1) Out-of-pocket education costs 2) Number of degrees/ diplomas	1) Meet DoD policy for per unit cap and annual ceiling 2) 33,527	1) Meet DoD policy for per unit cap and annual ceiling 2) 34,676
Financial Readiness 1) Percentage reporting problems paying bills 2) Percentage reporting having difficulty making ends meet or are in over their heads	1) 41.5% 2) 16.5%	1) 39.4% 2) 15.7%
Child Development 1) Number of spaces 2) Percentage of centers accredited	1) 1,741 2) 90%	1) 4,884 2) 95%
DoDEA 1) Pupil to Teacher Ratio 2) Student Achievement – 75% of all students at or above Standard (math, reading, language arts) 3) Student Achievement –8% or fewer of all students fall in below Standard (math, reading, language arts)	1) No less than 18.0:1 nor greater than 24.0:1 2) Meet or exceed National Standard 3) Meet or exceed National Standard	1) No less than 18.0:1 nor greater than 24.0:1 2) Meet or exceed National Standard 3) Meet or exceed National Standard.

Performance Metric: Overall satisfaction with appointment

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Overall satisfaction with appointment	88.5%	87.1%	88.4%	≥90%/ 87.6%

^a The data provided in the FY 2004 column are estimated results for the 3rd quarter.

Metric Description. This metric looks at beneficiaries’ overall satisfaction with their outpatient medical appointments at a Military Treatment Facility (MTF)—hospital or clinic—during the month. Overall satisfaction with the appointment is affected by numerous factors during the visit including the experience in getting an appointment, the wait time at the appointment, the interaction with the provider, and interactions with the pharmacy or ancillary services. This metric is based on a monthly customer satisfaction survey for those individuals who had an outpatient medical visit at an MTF during the previous month.^b The metric is based on Question 12 of the customer satisfaction survey:^c

All things considered, how satisfied were you with the (name of clinic) during this visit?

The percentage of respondents (weighted by appropriate sampling weights) who answer “Good,” “Very Good,” or “Excellent,” on a scale from “Poor” to “Excellent,” is computed. The survey is fielded monthly. Because of the fielding period, data collection period, and analysis period, there is a 55-day lag between the appointment date and the posting of data on the web-based reporting site. Results are based on the summation of results for all surveys completed by patients during the year. Although information is available by the Military Service branch that is financially responsible for the MTF, only an aggregate Military Health System (MHS) score is shown.

V&V Method. The contractor performs all edit checks and validations to ensure the accuracy of the resulting data sets and reports. To ensure the privacy of beneficiaries, all surveys are given a unique number for survey processing and tracking. Through the use of a unique code, the survey can be tracked for changes in address (or as undeliverable) and for response receipt. Once the contractor receives the survey responses, they are scanned into a system (including those surveys returned as undeliverable). Survey responses are imported into an automated system using bar codes, with manual entry for those the system cannot read. A template is established to read the surveys, and if the system is not 99% certain of the response, it is sent to a data editing workstation for review. Depending on complexity of the survey, 5% to 10% of all data editing is verified by a second editor. Final checks are then run to make sure all survey responses are entered into the database.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The objective for this fiscal year was to achieve even higher levels of performance; however the current score surpasses the historical civilian benchmark for this survey. In an effort to improve overall performance on this measure, the Army instituted a provider-level survey program that focuses on individual providers in an attempt to improve the overall score. Since the year is not complete, the full impact of this approach is still unknown. However, preliminary information has not shown significant improvement.

^b The same survey is used for a metric that tracks satisfaction with access. However, that metric looks at responses to different survey questions and uses scores from only TRICARE PRIME enrollees rather than from all beneficiaries who visited an MTF.

^c Other questions in the survey are used to identify specific areas for improvement.

A further review of the survey results show that while satisfaction remains extremely high for retirees and their family members, satisfaction for Active-Duty members and their families are not as high. The survey shows that some of this is attributable to age differences (older individuals tend to be more satisfied than younger individuals). Even with this consideration, the satisfaction level of Active-Duty family members is basically unchanged from FY 2003 to FY 2004. However, there has been a decrease in satisfaction for Active-Duty members themselves. While the data set does not allow for a more detailed review between Active-Duty personnel and Reservists called up in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the timeframe does match.

Performance Metric: Satisfaction with military health plan

Metric	FY 2001 Actual ^a	FY 2002 Actual ^b	FY 2003 Actual ^c	FY 2004 Target ^d /Actual ^e
Percentage satisfied with military health plan	44.6%	46.5%	51.2%	≥ 56%/ 53%

^a Surveys fielded in January, April, and July 2001.

^b Surveys fielded in October 2001 and January, April, and July 2002.

^c The civilian average is based on a representative population from the national Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey Database (CAHPSD) for the same time period; this is the target for the Military Health System. (Example: A July 2003 survey would be compared to July 2003 data from the CAHPSD.) Due to the nature of the program, only a DoD-level goal is tracked.

^d The FY 2004 initial goal was the same as the FY 2003 goal; however, after progress tracking for FY 2003, it was determined that the FY 2004 goal needed to be reset to a yearly goal that would likely be achieved and will match the Defense Health Program Performance plan for FY 2004. Accordingly, the goal changed from ≥ Civilian Average to 56%, which represents closing the gap with civilian plans in three years. All future years goals are updated on an annual basis.

^e The data provided in the FY 2004 column are as of the 3rd quarter.

Metric Description. A person’s satisfaction with his or her health plan is a key indicator of the performance of the Military Health System (MHS) in meeting its mission to provide health care to over eight million eligible beneficiaries. For this metric, the following survey item is used:

We want to know your rating of all your experience with your health plan. Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst health plan possible, and 10 is the best health plan possible. How would you rate your health plan now?

Satisfaction is measured as the percentage of respondents (weighted by appropriate sampling weights) who answer 8, 9, or 10.

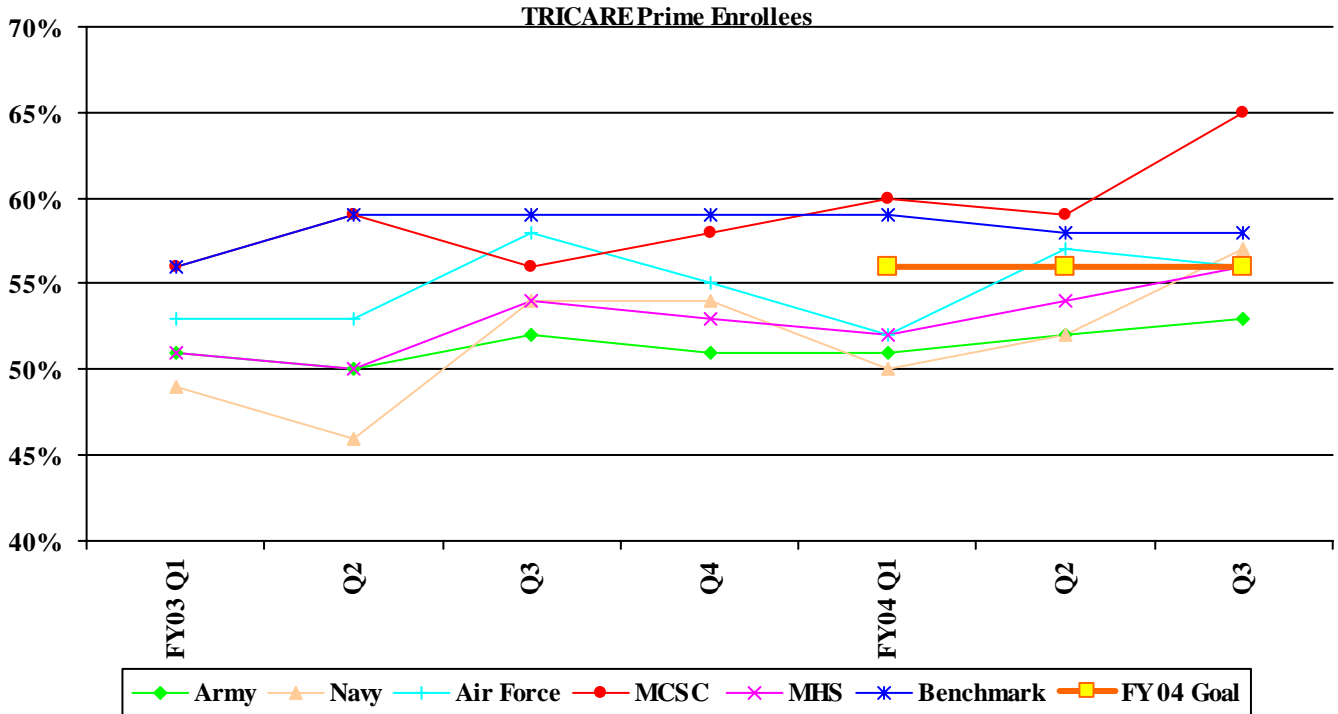
The survey, fielded quarterly, asks respondents questions about the plan during the prior year. Currently, the results for the year are based on the surveys fielded during the fiscal year, which means the results are actually based on the respondent’s interactions with the health system during the prior fiscal year.

The goal established for this metric in FY 2003 is considered a stretch goal that will drive the organization forward, but will likely not be achieved during that year. For FY 2004, the goal has been changed to reflect the desire to make the goal achievable during the current year, while still closing the gap with the civilian sector in three years. These goals are established based on a civilian survey, and will be updated on an annual basis.

V&V Method. A contractor prepares the data for analysis; data preparation includes editing, cleaning, implementing the coding scheme, weighting the data, and constructing the analytic variables. The contractor provides appropriate data cleaning and checking procedures to ensure a high level of quality control each quarter. The contractor edits the data consistent with the skip patterns in the questionnaire and includes the specifications of such recoding in the survey documentation. The contractor removes problem records from the database. Problem records include blank records, multiple records from the same respondent (the contractor keeps the record with the greatest amount of information), and records from ineligible respondents.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The 3rd quarter year-to-date score of 53% is 2 percentage points above last year’s score and should continue to improve. For the individuals who have chosen to enroll in TRICARE Prime, their scores for the 3rd quarter report met the goal of 56%. During the 3rd quarter reporting, all but one enrollment Service managed to meet the goal. In

fact, enrollees to the Managed Care Support Contractor not only met the goal for the year, but also surpassed the Civilian Benchmark for each quarter of FY 2004. Continuous increases in enrollment and improvement in the score demonstrates real progress for the program.



Activity Metric: Commitment to military life index

End-State Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Trend data to monitor results in key commitment areas that are predictors of retention and satisfaction.	No historical data: new metric.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed corporate commitment literature. Developed commitment factors reflecting military environment and culture. Conducted focus groups to validate and expand commitment factors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fielded survey Developed final commitment index for military service. Fielded commitment index in April 2004 survey of Guard and Reserve members. Commitment index included in the August 2004 Active-Duty survey.

^a The FY 2004 data provided above is preliminary.

Metric Description. The Commitment to Military Life Index is one indicator in a three-pronged approach that combines a Community Quality of Life (QoL) Per Capita Cost Metric and QoL Social Compact Improvement Index to measure the health of QoL programs and services supporting military members and families. The Commitment to Military Life Index is a new indicator that will track the factors that influence and predict commitment to military service for both active duty members and spouses. This index is modeled after an approach used in corporate America to measure employee commitment. This performance measure responds to the National Security Presidential Directive–2 (February 2001), “Improving Quality of Life,” and is in line with guidance from the Secretary of Defense that states the Department will track QoL improvements and give priority to the implementation of QoL initiatives. Current deployment and high personnel tempo necessitate robust QoL support for troops and families. In an effort to mitigate force management risk to enhance workforce satisfaction, the Department must transform QoL to meet the needs of the changing demographics and expectations of military members and their families.

Retention is a critical problem in the military and commitment has been shown to be a primary predictor of retention decisions. Thus, this effort is directed at developing a brief index of service member commitment to military service that can be used to track commitment periodically over time. Concurrently in development is a complementary index of spousal commitment to the military, thereby acknowledging the importance of both military and family factors in predicting commitment to the military. Psychometric analyses of focus group data (e.g., reliability, exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses) have enabled the selection of appropriate potential factors for inclusion in the indexes.

The value of the index is to demonstrate the different fluctuations and factors of commitment over time. The commitment indexes contained in the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Reserve Component Survey (April 2004) and the DMDC Active-Duty Survey (August 2004) will provide initial baseline data for the commitment index. Frequent short surveys to a statistically valid DoD military population will be used to pulse the commitment of military members and spouses. The index will gain meaning as the factors influencing commitment are tracked over time. The survey instrument will be reviewed and updated as needed and data will be cross-referenced with the QoL Social Compact Improvement Index and Community QoL Per Capita Cost Metric.

Ongoing Research: Work on the index began by reviewing current literature and other applicable research on commitment and developing a set of commitment factors that reflected the needs and environment of the military and its culture. Additionally we developed a strategy for validation of the results. Focus groups were conducted at four military installations during the months of June and July 2002 to validate and expand the factors and to garner the information needed to develop the survey instrument. From a psychometric analysis of these data, a smaller set of factors with the greatest potential to accurately index commitment were identified for incorporation in the survey instrument.

Timeline for Completion. The final commitment index survey instrument was developed in March 2004. The survey was fielded for the first time in April 2004.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Developed the final commitment index that was fielded in the April 2004 DMDC survey of National Guard and Reserve Component members. The commitment index was included in the August 2004 Active -Duty survey. The data collected will enable the establishment of baseline commitment data in FY 2005.

Maintain a Quality Workforce

Performance Metric: Active Component enlisted retention goal

Service	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual ^b	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^{b,c}
Army				
Initial	20,000	19,433	21,838	23,000/19,782
Mid-career	23,727	23,074	19,509	20,292/16,538
Career	21,255	15,700	12,804	12,808/10,972
Navy				
Initial	56.9%	58.7%	61.8%	56%/57.9%
Mid-career	68.2%	74.5%	76.7%	70%/72.9%
Career	85.0%	87.4%	87.9%	85%/87.8%
Marine Corps				
First term	6,144 ^a	6,050	6001	5,990/5,860
Subsequent	5,900 ^a	7,258	5815	5,628/6,751
Air Force				
First Term	56.1%	72.1%	60.5%	55%/67%
Mid-career	68.9%	78.3%	72.9%	75%/73%
Career	90.2%	94.6%	95.2%	95%/97%
<p>^a In FY 2001, the Marine Corps established numeric goals for retention and established subsequent term goals for the first time.</p> <p>^b The Services are allowed (due to the National Emergency) to operate with the strength required to prosecute the war on terror. Because of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the Services decided to operate at a higher level than they had planned at the beginning of the year. To get to this higher strength, they increased the retention goals. The Services use retention and recruiting as two levers they can adjust to hit the desired end strength. So, if recruiting is falling short, they increase retention goals. Similarly, if retention is falling short, they may choose to increase recruiting goals. In this case, they chose to adjust retention goals to operate at desired operational strength.</p> <p>^c The data provided in the FY 2004 column are as of the 3rd quarter.</p> <p>Definitions: Army: Mid-career: 7 to 10 years of service (YOS); career: 10 to 20 YOS Navy: Mid-career: 6+ to 10 YOS; career 10+ to 14 YOS Air Force: Mid-career: 6 to 10 YOS; career 10 to 14 YOS</p>				

Metric Description. The Services determine, within the zone of eligibility, their annual retention goals. Each Service is given latitude in how they establish their categories, goals within each category, and methods for tracking attainment of those goals. For that reason, two metrics are used: number of people retained (used by the Army and Marine Corps) and the percentage of eligible people retained (used by the Air Force and Navy). The annual goals for either metric are dynamic and can change during the year of execution.

V&V Method. Each month, the Services' enlisted retention offices are queried for their goal and retention statistics for that month. Data normally are available two weeks after the end of the month. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness reviews retention data obtained from the data systems (identified in the following table) monthly. The information is evaluated within the context of recruiting performance, attrition trends, and retention of both officer and enlisted personnel in the Active and Reserve Components. The

results of these assessments guide decisions on resource allocations and associated force management initiatives. The following table displays the data systems and data flow. Details of Service data accuracy procedures and processes are available and can be provided separately

Data Flow for Active Retention			
Service	Input System	Aggregate System	V&V Method
Army	Reenlistment, Reclassification, and Reserve Component Assignment System (RETAIN) Standard Installation/Division Personnel System (SIDPERS)	Active Army Military Management Program (AAMMP)	Personnel commands report data weekly to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. Major commands process data via RETAIN and report it to ODCS, G-1, quarterly. RETAIN data and SIDPERS updates are used to verify AAMMP assumptions and revise policies as necessary.
Navy	Navy Enlisted System (NES) Officer Personnel Information System (OPINS)	NES/OPINS	Data for enlisted personnel are reported monthly. Data for officers are gathered quarterly. Functional managers, analysts, and policymakers review the data to verify accuracy and monitor trends.
Air Force	Personnel Data System (PDS)—maintained by Headquarters, Air Force Personnel Center (HQ AFPC/DPS)	PDS	Air Force staff reviews retention programming codes and data aggregation methods annually.
Marine Corps	Total Force Retention System (TFRS)—used by commanders to request permission to reenlist individual Marines Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS)—transmits headquarters decisions on TFRS requests to the respective commands and, for those requests that are approved, relays reenlistment data back to headquarters	MCTFS	TFRS crosschecks MCTFS. Written guidance for TFRS is provided to field units. Use of data elements in MCTFS is standardized throughout the Marine Corps.

Performance Results for FY 2004. All Services are on track to achieve FY 2004 retention goals. Nonetheless, we are watchful for indications of a downturn. The Department’s systematic review of leading indicators for retention is an important business practice we execute to allow for adequate time to adjust resources and meet retention challenges. The Army is pursuing constructive levers (Force Stabilization policy initiatives, reenlistment bonus program updates, and targeted special pays) to influence soldiers and families to reenlist. Through July 2004, approximately 6,700 soldiers have taken advantage of the Present Duty Assignment Selective Reenlistment Bonus by reenlisting to stay with units in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Kuwait. While the Army is using constructive levers to increase retention, the Navy and Air Force are using force-shaping programs to reduce the active duty end strength and retention. We expect all Services to meet or exceed retention goals for FY 2004.

Performance Metric: Active Component end strength no more than 2% over the fiscal year authorization (at the end of each quarter)

Service	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual*	FY 2004 Authorized ^a / Actual ^b
Army	480,801 (+0.2%)	486,542 (+1.4%)	499,301 (+4.0%)	482,400/ 500,203 (+3.7%)
Navy	377,810 (+1.4%)	383,108 (+1.9%)	382,235 (+1.7%)	373,800/ 375,521 (+0.5%)
Marine Corps	172,934 (+0.2%)	173,733 (+0.7%)	177,779 (+1.6%)	175,000/ 176,202 (+0.7%)
Air Force	353,571 (-1.0%)	368,251 (+2.6%)	375,062 (+4.4%)	359,300/ 379,887 (+5.7%)

^aIn accordance with the FY 2004 National Defense Authorization Act.
^bThe FY 2004 data are as of the 3rd quarter.

Metric Description. Service end-strength authorizations are set forth in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the fiscal year. Services are required to budget and execute to that end strength by the end of the fiscal year. The Services’ actual end strength for each quarter will be evaluated against the authorized strength for that fiscal year. By law, the Service Secretaries may authorize operating up to two percent above the authorized end strength, and the Secretary of Defense may authorize the Services be up to three percent above their authorized end strength for that fiscal year, if determined to be in the national interest. FY 2003 was the first year that quarterly comparisons were made.

V&V Method. The Directorate for Information Operations and Reports of the Washington Headquarters Service (DIOR/WHS) publishes the official end strength for the Services monthly. Preliminary numbers are available three weeks after the end of the month, and final numbers are available five weeks after the end of the month. The final numbers will be compared to the authorized end strengths for each of the Active Components; the difference of the actual from the authorized end strengths will be calculated, as will the percentage delta from the authorized end strength. The resultant percentage will then be checked against the metric. This review is conducted at the directorate level. The results are provided to the leadership when a Component’s actual end strength is not within two percent of the authorized end strength.

The NDAA, once signed by the President and made public law, is the authorization for the Services; DIOR/WHS is the official source for active duty military end strength. Because the Services are the managers of their own personnel accounts and any personnel data provided to an out-of-Service agency (e.g., Defense Manpower Data Center) is from the Service database, accuracy is assumed and cannot be confirmed by an independent source. Services provide summary level data to DIOR/WHS as the “official” end strength information for their Service for that month. Data is at the grade-level of detail.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The nation continued to operate in a state of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Threats in FY 2004. Consequently, the end-strength requirements were waived. The Army and Air Force exceeded the three percent criterion again, while the Navy and Marine Corps ended the 3rd quarter within the two percent criterion. In the spring of 2004, the Army received permission from the Secretary of Defense to operate with 512,400 troops, or 30,000 more than authorized. The Air Force instituted two phases of force

shaping in FY 2004 to reduce its operating strength; these programs, combined with a programmed reduced accession mission, will allow Air Force to end FY 2005 at the authorized strength level.

Performance Metric: Critical skill recruit needs

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Percentage of accession mission met for all skills	No historical data: new metric			≥95% fill for all skills / 4 of the 63 designated skills (6%) filled less than 95%
Notes:				
1. Accession missions for each skill are set by the Services based upon required manning levels in the current and future force and expected losses in training.				
2. Data was not collected for this metric prior to FY 2004.				
^a The data provided in the FY 2004 column are as of 3rd quarter.				

Metric Description. The Department is now implementing a "critical skill recruit needs" metric. Each Service will annually identify the 10% of their skills that are most critical for their recruiting force to focus on in the coming year. At this time, the metric is only applied to Active-Duty enlisted recruits.

A working group composed of representatives of each Service’s Active-Duty recruiting command was formed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). This working group developed the following definition”:

“Critical skill recruit needs” all receive some type of recruiting emphasis (e.g., enlistment bonuses, college funds, incentives to recruiters) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Crucial to combat readiness
- Undermanned in the force
- Unfilled class seats
- High volume required
- High entrance standards
- Undesirable duty

The exact fill rate for each skill will be measured, and each Service will be rated based on the recruit rate of its lowest skill rating.

The Department’s overall readiness rating system, the Status of Resources and Training System (SORTS)^d, uses the following criteria for evaluating unit readiness with respect to skill match; that is, with respect to whether its unit personnel have the skills to fit the unit’s missions.

C1	Fully Mission Capable	85% or above
C2	Mostly Mission Capable	75% to 84%
C3	Major Parts Mission Capable	65% to 74%
C4	Some Parts Mission Capable	64% and below

The working group has initially set its target for recruiting critical skills somewhat above the level applied to determine whether units are “Fully Mission Capable,” deciding to rate each skill

^d Joint Publication 1-03.3, “Status of Resources and Training System.”

as “Green” if its recruiting fill is 95% or above; “Yellow” if its recruiting fill is 85% to 94%; and “Red” if its recruiting fill is 84% or below. This is an ambitious rating scale and reflects an assumption that operational units will be best equipped to achieve the desired skill match levels if the recruiting system ensures even greater precision in the job mix of each accession cohort. We will reassess this issue as our understanding of the process matures.

V&V Method.^c Data collected as part of the enlistment process are routed, reviewed, and managed using the same mechanisms employed for the performance metric concerning recruiting quantity. The data systems and verification methods are discussed in the table below.

Procedures for verifying the data as it is transmitted from the data input to OSD have not been defined at this time. Service personnel systems can be queried if the data is in question on an as-needed basis.

Data Flows for Enlisted Recruiting				
Service	Input	Cross-Check	Aggregate	V&V
Army	REQUEST (Recruiter Quota System) database	Against manually assembled reports that the Army Recruiting Command provides to Army headquarters	Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Decision Support System	Army headquarters compared automated data and manually compiled reports monthly
Navy	PRIDE (Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment) database	Recruit Training Center databases	PRIDE database	Office of Navy Personnel reviews input monthly
Air Force	AFRISS (Air Force Recruiting Information Support System) databases	MILPDS (Military Personnel Data System)	MILPDS and AFRISS	Commanders of recruiting stations review inputs daily; Air Force Recruiting Service reviews data monthly and conducts periodic audits
Marine Corps	MCRISS-RS (Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System-Recruiting Station)	Recruiting districts download information from MCRISS-RS	MCRISS-RS	District and regional staff review data monthly; Marine Corps Recruiting Command corrects any discrepancies in Monthly Enlisted Quota Attainment Brief (MATBRF).

Performance Results for FY 2004. This measure is new for FY 2004, so predicting the final FY 2004 outcome from third quarter data is difficult. As of the end of 3rd quarter, four of sixty-three designated skills were filled to less than 95%. The understanding that our target was very ambitious and all specialties deemed critical skill recruit needs are challenging recruiting tasks, leads us to project from 3rd quarter results that some specialties will not be filled to the desired 95% level by year’s end.

^c The information contained in this section is taken directly from the V&V section used for our other recruiting measures. These data sources may require supplementation for capturing critical skills information. Our working group members have been charged with assessing the applicability of this information and augmenting it as needed.

Performance Metric: Selected Reserve Component enlisted attrition ceiling

Selected Reserve Component	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Army National Guard	20.0	20.6	18.1	18.0/14.1
Army Reserve	27.4	24.6	22.1	28.6/15.6
Navy Reserve	27.6	26.5	26.5	36.0/21.8
Marine Corps Reserve	26.4	26.0	21.4	30.0/21.0
Air National Guard	9.6	7.3	12.7	12.0/9.0
Air Force Reserve	13.4	8.7	17.0	18.0/10.3

^a The data provided in the FY 2004 are as of the 3rd quarter.

Note: All numbers are percentages representing total losses divided by average strength.

Metric Description. In assessing retention trends in the Reserve Components, we use attrition rather than retention rates. Attrition is computed by dividing total losses from the Selected Reserve of a specific component for a fiscal year by the average personnel strength of that component’s Selected Reserve for that year. This metric is preferable to retention rates because only a small portion of the Reserve Component population is eligible for reenlistment during any given year. In addition to monitoring attrition, we have established annual attrition targets for Reserve Component personnel. These targets, which took effect in FY 2000, represent the maximum number of losses deemed acceptable in a given fiscal year—that is, they establish a ceiling for personnel departures. The attrition goal is actually a ceiling, which is not to be exceeded.

V&V Method. Monthly updates of databases maintained by the individual Reserve Components feed the Reserve Component Common Personnel Data System (RCCPDS), operated by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). DMDC is responsible for monitoring data quality. Quarterly workshops, conducted by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD(RA)), provide a forum for reviewing the data and recommending ways to improve attrition and meet annual projections.

Each Reserve Component is required under memorandum of agreement to provide feeder data to the Defense Data Manpower System on a monthly basis. DMDC data analysts carefully check validity of feeder data from each of the Reserve Components on a monthly basis. Current lag time for official data to be posted to the RCCPDS is 35 days. RCCPDS is the official database for the Reserve Components.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Presidential Declaration of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Threats and accompanying Executive Order, giving the Military Departments the authority to implement “stop loss” programs, remains in effect as the Global War on Terrorism and operations in Iraq continue. The only Military Department pursuing a “stop loss” program is the Army. Depending on the number of members mobilized, this influences attrition rates, since mobilized Army Reserve Component members are subject to “stop loss” for the duration of their mobilization, plus a transition period of 90 days after demobilization. Reserve Component enlisted attrition remains strong and is well within acceptable limits. There is nothing remarkable or unexpected in attrition figures to date.

However, continued vigilance is prudent, especially considering the large rotation of troops in Iraq during FY 2004 and the ongoing Army “stop loss” program.

Activity Metric: Manning level of critical skills

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
The percentage of skills that are deemed critical for retention relative to a DoD-wide benchmark.	No historical data: new metric		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started to define critical skills Services developed list of critical skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established common definition for critical skill Tested data collection
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. We are developing a way of measuring how effective we are at recruiting and retaining the military skills most critical to our mission. As a first step, we established a common definition and metric to monitor critical skills across the Services. The next step is to test both our data collection methods and the effectiveness of the metric in monitoring manning levels.

To be designated as a “critical,” a skill must meet two tests: (1) it must be short of its targeted manning and (2) it must be critical to the Service’s mission. The metric we are developing monitors each Service’s ability to retain members its top-10 critical skills. If the Service retains 95% or more of its desired goal for a particular skill, it will be deemed “Green.” If the Service retains 86% to 94% of its goal for a particular skill, it will be deemed “Yellow.” If it retains 85% or less of its goal for a particular skill, it will be deemed “Red.” The Service’s overall rating will be no higher than its lowest rated designated critical skill.

In fourth quarter FY 2004, Services will provide test data for this metric. This test will collect information on the top-10 most critical skills that meet both parts of the “critical” definition of shortage and mission criticality, as well data about how well the Service is meeting retention goals for each skill category, and overall manning for each skill.

Ongoing Research: The Department is working to refine the metric definition and its data collection methods.

Timeline for Completion: Beginning in FY 2005, this metric will be added to the monthly Status of Forces review conducted by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Performance Results for 2004: The Office of Secretary of Defense and Service points of contact refined data collection procedures in July 2004; the Services tested data collection methods in August 2004.

Performance Metric: Active Component enlisted recruiting quality

Category	FY 2001 Actual ^a	FY 2002 Actual ^a	FY 2003 Actual ^a	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^b
Percentage of recruits holding high school diplomas (Education Tier 1)	93	94	95	≥90 / 97
Percentage of recruits in AFQT categories I–IIIA	66	70	72	≥60 / 76
Percentage of recruits in AFQT category IV	1	0.7	0.2	≤4 / 0.2
<p>NOTE: AFQT = Armed Forces Qualification Test. The AFQT is a subset of the standard aptitude test administered to all applicants for enlistment. It measures math and verbal aptitude and has proven to correlate closely with trainability and on the job performance.</p> <p>^a Official High School Diploma Graduates performance excludes 4,000 participants in the Army's GED+ pilot program, therefore the actual numbers were adjusted to reflect this factor.</p> <p>^b The data provided in the FY 2004 column are as of 3rd quarter.</p>				

Metric Description. We measure recruiting quality along two dimensions – aptitude and educational achievement of non-prior service recruits. All military applicants take a written enlistment test called the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). One component of that test is the Armed Forces Qualification Test, or AFQT, which measures math and verbal skills. The table below shows how AFQT percentiles are grouped into categories:

Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) Categories and Corresponding Percentile Score Ranges	
AFQT Category	Percentile Score Range
I	93–99
II	65–92
IIIA	50–64
IIIB	31–49
IV	10–30
V	1–9

As shown in the table, those who score at or above the 50th percentile on the AFQT are in categories I-III A (CAT I-III A). We value these higher-aptitude recruits because their training and job performance are superior to those in the lower groupings (CAT IIIB-IV). We also value recruits with a high school diploma because years of research and experience tell us that high school diploma graduates are more likely to complete their initial three years of service. Quality benchmarks for recruiting were established in 1992 based on a study conducted jointly by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the National Academy of Sciences^f. The study produced a model linking recruit quality and recruiting resources to the job performance of enlistees. As its minimum acceptable quality thresholds, the Department has adopted the following recruiting quality targets derived from the model: 90% in education tier 1 (primarily

^f *Modeling Cost and Performance for Military Enlistment*. National Research Council, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Committee on Military Enlistment Standards; Bert F. Green, Jr. and Anne S. Mavor, editors; National Academy Press, Washington; 1994

high school graduates), 60% in AFQT categories I–IIIA, and not more than 4% in AFQT category IV. Adhering to these benchmarks reduces personnel and training costs, while ensuring the force meets high performance standards.

V&V Method. Each Service maintains data on new enlistments in a dedicated computer system. Automated reports, produced monthly, are used to track progress toward meeting recruiting targets and to set new monthly targets. The Services are required to submit a spreadsheet summary report on recruiting performance to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) 15 days after the end of each month. The data systems and verification methods used by the Services are discussed in the table below.

The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) also maintains data on new enlistments compiled through automated data transmission from the U.S. Military Entrants Processing Command (USMEPCOM) which conducts physicals, administers the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), and conducts other screening activities. Although USMEPCOM data are not used directly in tracking performance for this measure, they do provide the Services and OSD with additional insight into the recruiting process and V&V capability.

Data Flows for Enlisted Recruiting				
Service	Input	Cross-Check	Aggregate	V&V
Army	REQUEST (Recruiter Quota System) database	Against manually assembled reports that the Army Recruiting Command provides to Army headquarters	Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Decision Support System	Army headquarters compared automated data and manually compiled reports monthly
Navy	PRIDE (Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment) database	Recruit Training Center databases	PRIDE database	Office of Navy Personnel reviews input monthly
Air Force	AFRISS (Air Force Recruiting Information Support System) databases	MILPDS (Military Personnel Data System)	MILPDS and AFRISS	Commanders of recruiting stations review inputs daily; Air Force Recruiting Service reviews data monthly and conducts periodic audits
Marine Corps	MCRISS-RS (Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System-Recruiting Station)	Recruiting districts download information from MCRISS-RS	MCRISS-RS	District and regional staff review data monthly; Marine Corps Recruiting Command corrects any discrepancies in Monthly Enlisted Quota Attainment Brief (MATBRF).

Performance Results for FY 2004. Through June 2004, all Active Components are on course to meet or exceed their recruiting quality goals for FY 2004, as they did in FY 2003. FY 2005 may be a bit more challenging.

Enlisted Recruiting: FY 2004 Performance Through 3rd Quarter	
Army, Active	95% Tier 1 / 78% Cat I-IIIA / 0.5% Cat IV
Navy, Active	94% Tier 1 / 70% Cat I-IIIA / 0.0% Cat IV
Air Force, Active	99% Tier 1 / 82% Cat I-IIIA / 0.0% Cat IV
Marine Corps, Active	98% Tier 1 / 70% Cat I-IIIA / 0.2% Cat IV

Performance Metric: Reserve Component enlisted recruiting quality

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/ Actual ^c
Percentage of recruits holding high school diplomas (Education Tier 1)	89	89	87	≥90/88% ^a
Percentage of recruits in AFQT categories I–IIIA	64	66	66	≥60/66% ^b
Percentage of recruits in AFQT category IV	1	1.1	1.5	≤4/1.4%
NOTE: AFQT = Armed Forces Qualification Test. The AFQT is a subset of the standard aptitude test administered to all applicants for enlistment. It measures math and verbal aptitude and has proven to correlate closely with trainability and on the job performance.				
^a Excludes Navy Reserve and Air National Guard; see discussion in Performance Results paragraph.				
^b Excludes Navy Reserve; see discussion in Performance Results paragraph.				
^c The data provided in the FY 2004 column are as of 3rd quarter (estimate).				

Metric Description. Quality benchmarks for recruiting were established in 1992 based on a study conducted jointly by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the National Academy of Sciences^g. The study produced a model linking recruit quality and recruiting resources to the job performance of enlistees. As its minimum acceptable quality thresholds, the hawse have adopted the following recruiting quality targets derived from the model: 90% in education tier I (primarily high school graduates), 60% in AFQT categories I–IIIA (top 50 percentiles), and not more than 4% in AFQT category IV. Adhering to these benchmarks reduces personnel and training costs, while ensuring the force meets high performance standards.

AFQT Category	Percentile Score Range
I	93-99
II	65-92
IIIA	50-64
IIIB	31-49
IV	10-30
V	1-9

V&V Method. Data collected as part of the enlistment process are routed, reviewed, and managed using the same mechanisms employed for the performance metric concerning recruiting quantity. The data systems and verification methods are discussed in the table below.

^g *Modeling Cost and Performance for Military Enlistment.* National Research Council, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Committee on Military Enlistment Standards; Bert F. Green, Jr. and Anne S. Mavor, editors; National Academy Press, Washington; 1994.

Data from the Services are compared to data obtained from automated files maintained at the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).

Data Flows for Enlisted Recruiting				
Service	Input	Cross-Check	Aggregate	V&V
Army	REQUEST (Recruiter Quota System) database	Against manually assembled reports that the Army Recruiting Command provides to Army headquarters	Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Decision Support System	Army headquarters compared automated data and manually compiled reports monthly
Navy	PRIDE (Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment) database	Recruit Training Center databases	PRIDE database	Office of Navy Personnel reviews input monthly
Air Force	RMVS (Reserve Vacancy Management System) databases	MILPDS (Military Personnel Data System)	MILPDS	Commanders of recruiting stations review inputs daily; Air Force Recruiting Service reviews data monthly and conducts periodic audits
Marine Corps	MCRISS-RS (Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System-Recruiting Station)	Recruiting districts download information from MCRISS-RS	MCRISS-RS	District and regional staff review data monthly; Marine Corps Recruiting Command corrects any discrepancies in Monthly Enlisted Quota Attainment Brief (MATBRF).

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Reserve Components, in the aggregate, are meeting their AFQT I-III A goal, but not their Tier 1/High School Diploma Graduate (HSDG) goal for enlisted recruit quality in FY 2004. However, all are facing significant recruiting challenges. More emphasis is being placed on the non-prior service market as the number of individuals affiliating with the Reserve Components following Active-Duty service has decreased. The data above is drawn from personnel data systems that are incomplete or known to contain errors. The Air National Guard and the Navy Reserve continue to experience difficulties in reporting recruit quality data. Efforts are ongoing to correct these data issues. Both of these components have historically far exceeded the DoD benchmarks, and we are confident that is still the case. The Army National Guard continues to struggle to meet the Department's quality benchmark for high school diploma graduates. DoD is working with the Army National Guard to examine this issue. The Army National Guard recruit quality will likely continue to remain below the DoD benchmark.

Reserve Component Enlisted Recruiting: FY 2004 Performance (3rd Quarter Estimates)	
Army, Reserve	94% Tier 1 / 72% Cat I-III A / 0.4% Cat IV
Army, National Guard	84% Tier 1 / 58% Cat I-III A / 2.8% Cat IV
Navy, Reserve	UNK% Tier 1 / UNK% Cat I-III A / 0.0% Cat IV
Air Force, Reserve	90% Tier 1 / 73% Cat I-III A / 0.0% Cat IV
Air National Guard	UNK% Tier 1 / 81% Cat I-III A / 1.0% Cat IV
Marine Corps, Reserve	95% Tier 1 / 82% Cat I-III A / 2.0% Cat IV

Performance Metric: Active Component enlisted recruiting quantity

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual ^a	FY 2004 Target ^b / Actual ^c
Number of enlisted Active Component accessions	196,355	196,472	184,879	181,360/128,900
^a FY 2003 Actual has been adjusted by two to reflect finalized data. ^b FY 2004 target has changed since last report because of changes in requirements and recruiting behavior. ^c The data provided in the FY 2004 column are as of the 3rd quarter.				

Metric Description. Department-wide targets for Active-Duty enlisted recruiting represent the projected number of new Service members needed each year to maintain statutory military end strengths and appropriate distributions by rank, allowing for discharges, promotions, and anticipated retirements. As personnel trends change during the year, Active Component recruiting objectives may be adjusted.

V&V Method. Each Service maintains data on new enlistments in a dedicated computer system. Automated reports, produced monthly, are used to track progress toward meeting recruiting targets and to set new monthly targets. The Services are required to submit a spreadsheet summary report on recruiting performance to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) 15 days after the end of each month. The data systems and verification methods used by the Services are discussed in the table below.

The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) also maintains data on new enlistments compiled through automated data transmission from the U.S. Military Entrants Processing Command (USMEPCOM), which conducts physicals, administers the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), and conducts other screening activities. Although USMEPCOM data are not used directly in tracking performance for this measure, they do provide the Services and OSD with additional insight into the recruiting process and V&V capability.

Data Flows for Enlisted Recruiting				
Service	Input	Cross-Check	Aggregate	V&V
Army	REQUEST (Recruiter Quota System) database	Against manually assembled reports that the Army Recruiting Command provides to Army headquarters	Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Decision Support System	Army headquarters compared automated data and manually compiled reports monthly
Navy	PRIDE (Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment) database	Recruit Training Center databases	PRIDE database	Office of Navy Personnel reviews input monthly
Air Force	AFRISS (Air Force Recruiting Information Support System) databases	MILPDS (Military Personnel Data System)	MILPDS and AFRISS	Commanders of recruiting stations review inputs daily; Air Force Recruiting Service reviews data monthly and conducts periodic audits
Marine Corps	MCRISS-RS (Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System-Recruiting Station)	Recruiting districts download information from MCRISS-RS	MCRISS-RS	District and regional staff review data monthly; Marine Corps Recruiting Command corrects any discrepancies in Monthly Enlisted Quota Attainment Brief (MATBRF).

Performance Results for FY 2004. Through June 2004, all Active Components are on course to meet or exceed their recruiting quantity goals for FY 2004. Delayed-entry program levels are somewhat depleted, suggesting FY 2005 will be challenging.

Enlisted Recruiting: FY 2004 Performance Through 3rd Quarter	
Army, Active	55,607 target/56,165 achieved
Navy, Active	25,729 target/25,723 achieved.
Air Force, Active	26,790 target/27,082 achieved
Marine Corps, Active	19,761 target/19,930 achieved

Performance Metric: Reserve Component enlisted recruiting quantity

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/ Actual ^a
Number of enlisted Reserve Component accessions	141,023	147,129	133,075	126,410 ^b / 88,266

^aThe data provided in the FY 2004 are as of the 3rd quarter

^bArmy Reserve and National Guard and Navy Reserve have adjusted their FY 2004 targets downward because trends changed during FY 2003. Therefore, the DoD-wide target decreased from the 139,523 previously reported to 126,410.

Metric Description. Department-wide targets for enlisted recruiting represents the projected number of new Service members needed each year to maintain statutory military end strengths and appropriate distributions by rank, allowing for discharges, promotions, and anticipated retirements. As personnel trends change during the year, Reserve Component recruiting objectives may be adjusted.

V&V Method. Each Service maintains data on new enlistments in a dedicated computer system. Automated reports, produced monthly, are used to track progress toward meeting recruiting targets and to set new monthly targets. The data systems and verification methods are discussed in the table below.

Data from the Services are compared to data obtained from automated files maintained at the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC).

Data Flows for Reserve Component Enlisted Recruiting				
Service	Input	Cross-Check	Aggregate	V&V
Army	REQUEST (Recruiter Quota System) database	Against manually assembled reports that the Army Recruiting Command provides to Army headquarters	Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Decision Support System	Army headquarters compares automated data and manually compiled reports monthly
Navy	PRIDE (Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment) database	Recruit Training Center databases	PRIDE database	Office of Navy Personnel reviews input monthly
Air Force	RMVS (Reserve Vacancy Management System) databases	MILPDS (Military Personnel Data System)	MILPDS	Commanders of recruiting stations review inputs daily; Air Force Recruiting Service reviews data monthly and conducts periodic audits
Marine Corps	MCRISS-RS (Marine Corps Recruiting Information Support System-Recruiting Station)	Recruiting districts download information from MCRISS-RS	MCRISS-RS	District and regional staff review data monthly; Marine Corps Recruiting Command corrects any discrepancies in Monthly Enlisted Quota Attainment Brief (MATBRF).

Performance Results for FY 2004. Three of the six Reserve Components have met or exceeded their FY 2004 year-to-date numeric recruiting goals. Overall, the Reserve Components recruited 88,266 through June against a goal of 92,491, or 95% of their mission. In a difficult recruiting environment, made more difficult by significantly smaller numbers of individuals who affiliate with the Reserve Components following separation from the Active force, the Army National Guard, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve have failed to achieve their numeric goal. We expect that all Reserve Components except the Army National Guard will achieve their FY 2004 goal by the end of the fiscal year.

Reserve Component Enlisted Recruiting: FY 2004 Performance Through 3rd Quarter	
Army, National Guard	56,002 target/35,990 achieved
Army, Reserve	34,782 target/25,065 achieved
Navy Reserve	10,500 target/8,184 achieved
Marine Corps, Reserve	8,092 target/ 6,875 achieved
Air Force, National Guard	9,037 target/5,980 achieved
Air Force, Reserve	7,997 target/6,172 achieved

Performance Metric: Reserve Component Selected Reserve end strength within 2% of the fiscal year authorization

Reserve Component	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Authorized/ Actual ^a
Army National Guard (ARNG)	351, 829 (+0.4%)	351,078 (+0.3%)	351,091 (+0.3%)	350,000/ 342,970 (-2%)
Army Reserve (USAR)	205,628 (+0.2%)	206,682 (+0.8%)	211,890 (+3.4%)	205,000/ 210,630 (+2.7%)
Navy Reserve (USNR)	87,913 (-1.1%)	87,958 (+1.1%)	88,156 (+0.4%)	85,900/ 82,711 (-3.7%)
Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR)	39,810 (+0.6%)	39,905 (+0.9%)	41,046 (+3.8%)	39,600/ 40,127 (+1.3%)
Air National Guard (ANG)	108,485 (+0.4%)	112,075 (+3.4%)	108,137 (+1.4%)	107,030/ 106,781 (-0.2%)
Air Force Reserve (USAFR)	74,869 (+0.7%)	76,632 (+2.6%)	74,754 (-1.1%)	75,800/ 74,369 (-1.9%)
Coast Guard Reserve (USCGR)	7,976 (-0.3%)	7,816 (-2.3%)	7,720 (-14.2%)	10,000/ 7,729 (-23%)

^aThe data provided in the FY 2004 column above represents actual results for the fiscal year as of 3rd quarter.

Metric Description. End strength authorizations for each of the seven Reserve Components are set forth in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the fiscal year (FY). Components are compelled to budget and execute to that end strength by the end of the fiscal year. The component actual end strength for each quarter will be evaluated against the authorized end strengths for that fiscal year. By law, the Secretary of Defense may authorize the components to vary, by no more than 2%, their authorized end strength for that fiscal year, if determined to be in the national interest. It should be noted that while under partial mobilization, the Secretary may, as authorized by the President, waive all end strength limitations, if deemed appropriate.

V&V Method. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) publishes the official end strengths for the components monthly from data in the Reserve Component Common Personnel Data System (RCCPDS). The data are developed from the input provided by the components in their feeder systems to RCCPDS. Preliminary numbers are available four weeks after the end of the month, and final numbers are available five weeks after the end of the month. These numbers are compared to the authorized end strengths. Component manual data may be accepted under extreme circumstances.

Each component processes the data input from the field and provides edits and quality control checks on the validity of the data. Once reviewed, the component headquarters sends the data to RCCPDS. Working Integrated Process Teams review the data for quality regarding end strength accounting. Comparisons are done with other component systems and Defense Finance and Accounting Systems (DFAS) files. The NDAA, once made public law, is the authorization for the military services and components; RCCPDS is the official source for Reserve Component military end strength.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In his Declaration of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Threats, the President, among other things, waived the end-strength limitations during the time of national emergency. Components, however, have been directed by the Secretary to attempt to meet the 2% criterion, though exceptions are authorized based on the operational situation. As of the end of the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year, four components are at, or exceed, the 2% variation. Three of those four components are under their authorizations (Army National Guard is -2.0%; Navy Reserve is -3.7%; and Coast Guard Reserve is -22.7%). The primary reason for the shortfall in strength for these three components is a shortfall in recruiting. However, this is by design in the Navy Reserve because the Navy Reserve is downsizing by almost 10,000 people over the next five years, with a 2,500 reduction in FY 2005. Also, the Coast Guard Reserve shortfall appears to be exaggerated because of certain strength accounting rules. The Coast Guard Reserve actually has another 1,022 members who are not counted in their strength, but are being counted in the Active Coast Guard strength because of those accounting rules. Additionally, the Coast Guard Reserve budgeted for an end strength of 8,052 instead of the congressionally authorized 10,000, which makes their end strength achievement seem very low. Finally, the Coast Guard Reserve comes under the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and not the Department of Defense (DoD). One component (the Army Reserve) currently exceeds the 2% variance goal at +2.7% of authorized. The primary reason for the Army Reserve exceeding its authorized levels is directly attributed to the ongoing mobilization. Based on budgeted manpower ramps, the current end strength status may approximate year-end data.

Activity Metric: Retain balanced mix of Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) grade/experience

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Number of skills/experience deficiencies in top-10 enlisted occupational groups.	No historical data: new metric		Services established a promotion-timing benchmark for 10 most critical enlisted occupational specialties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed study of Service retention metrics • Began policy revisions to establish a tie between grade and experience
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. The metric will measure alignment, within certain occupational skill/groups, between by-grade requirements and the supply of experience emerging from promotion and retention programs, as well as promotion bottlenecks that operate against retention. The performance metric will monitor the top-10 enlisted occupational skills/groups that fall outside Service-defined promotion boundaries, time-in-service, time-in-grade and/or promotion points. Annual goals are dynamic and can adjust from year to year. The goal for this metric is that we will have no skill/experience deficiencies. That will likely never be the case; however, this information is useful to evaluate our experience/skill mix and to determine where emphasis should be placed in our development, promotion, and retention programs.

Ongoing Research: In support of the DoD Military Personnel Human Resources Strategic Plan, we are assessing the Services' current retention metrics to ensure measurement tools are designed to meet force sustainment goals. The study will focus on validating these metrics and identifying changes needed to help improve forecasting occupational skill strength and grade requirements, program review, and personnel planning.

Timeline for Completion. During FY 2005, the Services will establish a long-term baseline/goal to determine the promotion timing benchmark to help focus retention programs and evaluate outcomes. Promotion data is available now; however, the Services need to determine benchmarks for the occupations, such as time-in-service, time-in-grade at pin-on, or promotion points.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004 we completed a study of Service retention goal setting in order to understand how Services establish goals today. Based on the results of this study, we began the revision of DoD Directive 1304.20, "Enlisted Personnel Management," to be published in FY 2005. The planned revision will mark a distinct change in Department policy by establishing that grade and experience should be linked. After the Directive is published, a metric will be established.

Maintain Reasonable Force Costs

Performance Metric: Civilian force costs

Civilian force costs (Current Year \$000)	FY 2001 Actual ^b	FY 2002 Actual ^c	FY 2003 Actual ^e	FY 2004 Projected ^f
Total ^a	42,258,733	44,867,328	47,227,585	48,803,246
Basic pay	31,887,999	33,376,576	34,947,575	36,532,535
Premium pay ^d	1,985,502	—	—	—
Overtime pay	—	1,173,810	1,215,873	834,760
Holiday pay	—	53,772	46,787	46,052
Other pay	—	1,119,919	1,105,238	1,146,133
Benefit pay	8,066,742	8,822,937	9,501,778	10,010,975
Separation pay	318,490	320,049	410,333	232,790

^a Totals may not add due to rounding error.

^b FY 2001 data are from DoD component summary of President's Budget FY 2003.

^c FY 2002 data are from FY 2004 President's Budget.

^d Premium pay includes overtime pay, holiday pay, and other pay. It was reported only as an aggregate number in FY 2001.

^e FY 2003 through FY 2005 data are from FY 2005 President's Budget, OP 08 Exhibit.

^f FY 2004 is projected based on FY 2005 President's Budget, OP 08 Exhibit (February 2004), and represents actual results as of the 2nd quarter.

Metric Description. In the past, civilian force costs reflected costs reported annually to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in the 1351 Report, "Work Years and Personnel Costs." However, this resource has proven to be less than timely. Currently, OPM has FY 2001 costs available to its users, and FY 2002 is still being analyzed and not available for public consumption; no call has been made for FY 2003 data. Beginning in FY 2004, we sought a more useful alternative and determined that the OP 08 Exhibit of the President's Budget provided a better source of current and projected workforce cost data. Consequently, beginning in FY 2002, premium pay costs are presented with more specificity in these categories: overtime, holiday, and other Pay.

Although this metric provides only a broad overview of civilian compensation costs, it may become a baseline for evaluating National Security Personnel System (NSPS) costs. However, it is not an effective measure of the success of any individual personnel program or benefit. For example, additional benefit costs do not indicate successful use of recruitment or retention incentives. Furthermore, increased recruitment bonus or retention allowance payment amounts would only measure usage rates, not the change in recruitment or retention based on payment of the incentive.

The metric monitors trends in the following pay categories:

- **Basic pay** (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Object Classes 11.1 and 11.3) represents the aggregate personnel compensation for full-time permanent, full-time temporary, and part-time/intermittent appointments.
- **Premium pay** (OMB Object Class 11.5) represents personnel compensation for: overtime, holiday, Sunday, night differential, hazardous duty, post differential, staffing differential, supervisory differential, physicians comparability allowance, remote work site allowance, cash awards, and other.
- **Benefit pay** (OMB Object Class 12.1) represents personnel compensation for: health insurance, life insurance, retirement, social security, workers' compensation, uniform allowances, overseas allowances, non-foreign cost-of-living allowance (COLA), retention allowance, recruitment bonus, relocation bonus, and other.
- **Separation pay** (OMB Object Class 13.0) represents personnel compensation to involuntarily separated employees and payments made through the \$25,000 voluntary separation incentive pay program (e.g., buyout bonuses).

V&V Method. OPM has directed that, “Agencies should establish appropriate internal coordination procedures to ensure that the data is reconciled.” In DoD, payment data are compiled by Service or defense agency, and by object class, from Defense Finance and Accounting Service payroll records. Data input into the system are subject to stringent time and accounting rules and procedures.

Payroll records are governed by DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 8, *Civilian Pay Policy and Procedures*, DoD 7000.14R. OMB requests that agencies reconcile their fiscal year work years and personnel cost data with corresponding “object class data” in the actual year column of the President’s Budget.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In FY 2004, we changed the source of our civilian cost trend data to increase the timeliness of reporting. We also are now displaying c workforce costs as displayed in “constant dollars” to more clearly define trends in compensation. Currently, the trend is relatively a flat line. Full-Time Equivalent work years were added to the metric in order to tie dollars and workyears together to provide a more complete representation.

Performance Metric: Community Quality of Life per capita metric

Metric (Current \$000)	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual (Budget) ^a
Community Quality of Life Per Capita Cost Metric				
Army	\$1,125	\$1,180	\$1,539	\$1,559/ \$1370 (-\$189)
Navy	\$1,121	\$1,269	\$1,391	\$1,409/ \$1357 (-\$52)
USMC	\$812	\$940	\$1,018	\$1,031/ \$983 (-\$48)
Air Force	\$1,507	\$1,580	\$1,642	\$1,663/ \$1718 (+\$55)

^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.

Metric Description. Quality of Life (QoL) per capita is one metric in a three-pronged approach that combines a QoL Social Compact Improvement and Commitment to Military Life Index to measure the health of QoL programs and services supporting military members and families. The QoL per capita metric responds to the National Security Presidential Directive–2 (February 01), “Improving Quality of Life,” and is in line with guidance from the Secretary of Defense that states the Department will track QoL improvements and give priority to the implementation of QoL initiatives. Current deployment and high personnel tempo necessitate robust QoL support for troops and families. In an effort to mitigate force management risk, we must measure critical QoL areas to ensure there is adequate support to ameliorate the stress associated with the military lifestyle, and to engender commitment to military service.

The QoL per capita metric will monitor trends in the Department’s QoL funding investment per active duty member over time. We also will track individual Service progress towards sustaining or improving funding for critical QoL support.

The metric will calculate per capita cost using financial data submitted annually by the Services and annual Active-Duty end strength data. The majority of funding to support Service QoL activities is identified in specific budget and program exhibits submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. The metric will correlate Active-Duty end strength with Service direct operation and maintenance funding for the following programs: morale, welfare and recreation; child care; family centers; voluntary education and tuition assistance; and youth programs.

V&V Method. The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense/Military Community and Family Policy will review and update the data annually using the President’s Budget. Future years funding data will be tracked to monitor planned program improvements and ensure QoL resources are preserved. Data from the QoL Social Compact Improvement Index and Commitment to Military Life Index will be cross-referenced to provide a more complete depiction of the status of QoL across the Department.

Performance Results for FY 2004. FY 2004 performance reflects preliminary data based on budget estimates in the 2005 President's Budget. The budget estimate reveals a decline in per capita funding for Army, Navy, and Marine Corps QoL programs in FY 2004. We are concerned about these planned reductions and will monitor these programs for potential impact on the support provided to troops and their families. FY 2004 actuals will be available in the FY 2006 President's Budget, which will be submitted to Congress in February 2005.

QoL per capita will become the benchmark for QoL investments as we change our global basing profile. Our goal is to keep standards high even as we close, realign, and relocate installations and units to better fit our global defense mission. QoL per capita is a macro-level indicator that must be analyzed in conjunction with the QoL Social Compact Improvement Index and the Commitment to Military Life Index to gain insight into the best ways to support and take care of Service members and their families.

Performance Metric: Cost of basic training

Cost Indicator (Constant FY 2004 \$)	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual ^a
Cost of basic training per enlisted recruit	\$7,393.2	\$8,250.2	\$9,131.5	\$11,461.6

^a The FY 2004 are as of the 3rd quarter (final)

Metric Description. Basic training is the fundamental introductory and indoctrination training provided to enlisted entrants. Each Service has different training pipelines that take different lengths of time to complete. The cost of basic training is a management cost indicator – performance/production targets are accession-driven and vary by Service and year. Funding requirements are projected by fiscal year in the Department’s Future Years Defense Program (via Program Element 804711); this projection includes manpower, support equipment, facilities, and all other costs associated with indoctrinating recruits into military culture, raising their standards of physical conditioning, and instructing them in basic military skills. (Basic training costs do not include expenses associated with initial skills training; initial skills training follows basic training, and its duration and costs vary with each military specialty.)

V&V Method. Recruit training inputs (non-prior service accessions) are reported annually by the Services and compiled by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). Subsequently, trend analysis compares the submissions with prior years’ data. Recruit training workload data are the basis for Service budget submissions for the annual President’s Budget.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The basic training cost trend continues to increase by approximately 10% per year. Although basic training costs for the Navy, Air Force, and Marines have remained steady for the past several years, the Army’s costs have risen dramatically due to mobilization and deployment of large numbers of Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. This has required expansion of the training base and its infrastructure. Construction of training barracks in Afghanistan and Iraq have also added to higher costs but they may be removed from the FY 2005 training budget data to better represent the cost to train recruits domestically.

The overall increase in Army costs was not entirely due to these factors, however. The increased costs per recruit also reflect the higher cost for TRICARE-FOR-LIFE healthcare accrual. When coupled with fewer new recruits (accessions), the cost per recruit rises. Without these costs, the Army cost per recruit would drop to a more reasonable figure.

During the past year, we have begun to address anomalies that had existed in the data reporting, thus increasing the integrity of the reporting.

Cost Indicator - Enlisted Basic Training Costs				
	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Estimate
Enlisted Accession Costs				
Recruit Training Costs (In 2004 Constant Dollars - PE 0804711)	\$1,612.4M	\$1,842.1M	\$1,931.7M	\$2,336.5M
Army	\$ 480.7	\$ 547.2	\$ 565.0	\$ 1,066.5
Navy	\$ 445.2	\$ 489.7	\$ 550.9	\$ 521.9
Marine Corps	\$ 472.3	\$ 453.0	\$ 541.5	\$ 500.5
Air Force	\$ 214.2	\$ 352.2	\$ 274.3	\$ 247.6
Total	\$ 1,612.4	\$ 1,842.1	\$ 1,931.7	\$ 2,336.5
Basic Training Input (non-prior enlistees)	218,084	219,998	211,543	203,855
Army	86,866	87,405	86,046	78,333
Navy	53,976	46,547	43,919	43,200
Marine Corps	36,600	39,999	37,363	35,822
Air Force	40,642	46,047	44,215	46,000
Total	218,084	219,998	211,543	203,855
Average cost per recruit trainee (In 2004 constant dollars)	\$7,393.2	\$8,250.2	\$9,131.5	\$11,461.6
Army	\$5,533.5	\$6,260.1	\$6,565.9	\$13,528.6
Navy	\$8,247.8	\$10,519.8	\$12,543.5	\$12,081.0
Marine Corps	\$12,904.6	\$11,326.2	\$14,492.6	\$13,971.9
Air Force	\$5,269.7	\$7,061.6	\$6,203.8	\$5,382.6
Average Total Costs	\$7,393.2	\$8,250.2	\$9,131.5	\$11,461.6

Performance Metric: Cost per enlisted recruit - Active Component (Lagged)

Cost Indicator (Constant FY 2004 \$)	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual ^b
Cost-per-Recruit	\$11,890 ^a	\$13,288 ^a	\$14,030 ^a	\$14,206

^a Methodology and data updated from the FY 2003 performance report.

^b The FY 2003 data are as of the 4th quarter (final).

Cost Indicator Description. The metric is a performance indicator designed to analyze costs and trends over time, not set specific annual performance targets. Each year, we enlist about 200,000 new recruits for the Active Components. These new Service members provide us with the entry-level manning necessary to meet manning and readiness needs. The cost of recruiting is calculated by dividing a Service's total number of accessions (Non-Prior Service + Prior Service) into the total expenditures for enlisted recruiting. These resources are made up of recruiting personnel compensation, enlistment bonuses, college funds, advertising, communications, recruiting support (vehicles, equipment, computers, supplies and applicant's transportation, food and lodging, etc.), and other appropriations resources within the recruiting command/service (i.e., other procurement and research, development, technology and experiment funding).

V&V Methodology. The Military Personnel Procurement Resources Report, as reported to Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Military Personnel Policy (ODUSD(MPP)AP) in accordance with DoD Instruction 1304.8, *Military Personnel Procurement Resources Report*, collect the Services' total cost of recruiting, separating those costs into enlisted, officer, and medical recruiting efforts. This is known as the DD 804 report and is completed by the Military Departments 30 days after the President's Budget is submitted. DD 804 data are compiled into master data files, and the cost-per-recruit calculated using resource data from DD 804 series and accession data from Service input/budget justification material.

Comparisons are made between the resource data submitted by the Services in the DD 804 series and data submitted in budget justification materials. Calculations and reports are shared by ODUSD(MPP)AP with the Services.

Performance Results for FY 2003. As stated earlier, this is a macro-level performance indicator that is used in the analysis of Service programs. Recruiting costs are driven by a host of external variables, such as the state of the economy, unemployment, youth propensity to serve, the posture of the delayed-entry program, etc. Although cost-per-recruit increased annually through FY 2002, it has stabilized at about the 2002 level through the FY 2005 President's Budget.

Performance Metric: Cost per enlisted recruit - Reserve Component (Lagged)

Cost Indicator (Constant FY 2004 \$)	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual ^b
Cost-per-Recruit – Reserve	\$6,185 ^a	\$6,886 ^a	\$6,473 ^a	\$7,585
^a Methodology and data updated from the FY 2003 performance report. ^b The FY 2003 are as of the 4 th quarter.				

Cost Indicator Description. The metric is designed as an indicator to analyze costs and trends over time, not to set annual targets for performance. Each year, we enlist about 200,000 new recruits for the Active Components and about 160,000 for the Reserve Components. These new Service members provide us with the entry level manning necessary to meet manning and readiness needs. The cost of recruiting is calculated by dividing a Service’s total number of accessions (Non-Prior Service + Prior Service) into the total expenditures for enlisted recruiting. These resources are made up of recruiting personnel compensation, enlistment bonuses, college funds, advertising, communications, recruiting support (vehicles, equipment, computers, supplies and applicant’s transportation, food and lodging, etc.), and other appropriations resources within the recruiting command/service (i.e., other procurement and research, development, technology, and experiment funding).

V&V Methodology. The Military Personnel Procurement Resources Report, as reported to the Directorate of Accessions Policy in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Military Personnel Policy (ODUSD (MPP) AP) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs (OASD(RA)), collects the Services’ total cost of recruiting, separating those costs into enlisted, officer, and medical recruiting efforts. This is known as the DD 804 report and is provided to OSD(RA) by the Military Departments 30 days after the President’s Budget (PB) is submitted. The DD 804 compiles Service data into master data files, and calculates the cost-per-recruit with resource data from DD 804 series and accession data from budget justification material.

Comparisons are made between the resource data submitted by the Services in the DD 804 series and data submitted in budget justification materials. Calculations and reports are shared by ODUSD(MPP), OASD(RA), and the Services.

Performance Results for FY 2003. This macro-level indicator is used in the analysis of Service programs. Recruiting costs are driven by a host of external variables, such as the state of the economy, unemployment, youth propensity to serve. Costs have risen steadily over the past years, but appear to be leveling in the current budget.

Performance Metric: Medical cost per enrollee per month (lagged indicator)

Metric (Current \$000)	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual ^b	FY 2003 Target ^c /Actual ^d
Medical cost per enrollee per Month	No historical data: new metric. ^a		\$152	N/A/ \$170
Percentage change			N/A (First Year Data Reported)	N/A/ 11%
^a Data used to calculate this metric were not available in FY 1999 or 2000. Additionally, since the metric is based on rolling 12-month expenses from the Medical Treatment Facilities, FY 2002 was first year when data could be reported. ^b FY 2002 data have been updated to reflect additional purchased care claims and improper allocation of pharmacy expenses in the calculation. ^c This is a new metric as of FY 2004 ; thus, no goal was established for FY 2003. ^d The FY 2003 data are estimated as of the 4th quarter.				

Metric Description. This metric looks at how well the Military Health System manages the care for those individuals who have chosen to enroll in a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)-type of benefit. It is designed to capture aspects of three major management issues: (1) how efficiently the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) is providing care; (2) how efficiently the MTF is managing the demand of its enrollees; and (3) how well the MTF is determining which care should be produced inside the facility versus that purchased from a managed care support contractor.

The measure is constructed based on the workload consumed by the enrollees for any individual month. For each enrollment location, workload is accumulated for each enrollee, and priced out according to care provided in MTFs, claims paid for purchased care, and mail-order pharmacy.

This aggregate measure helps us monitor how well the MHS is managing the care for TRICARE Prime enrollees. It looks at all Prime enrollees, whether at the MTF or with the health support services contractors. The overall measure can be broken into multiple components that allow for review of utilization factors for both direct care and purchased care, and unit cost information for direct care and purchased care. By reviewing this information, MTFs are able to determine the cost of providing care at the MTF, and how many times the enrollees is receiving care. For an efficient Military Health System, the cost per unit needs to be at or below the cost of purchasing the care, and the utilization of services by the enrollees must be controlled. While the top-level measure is used to track overall performance; the detailed measures allow for review and management at the local level.

Due to claims processing times, purchased care workload is projected to completion six months after the fiscal year ends; final results will not be available for approximately three years. Purchased care workload does not place care delivered overseas into hospital or clinic areas, so overseas workload is excluded. To ensure consistency across the program years, purchased care excludes all resource sharing, continued health care benefit plan, and TRICARE-for-Life purchased care workload. Since data will not be available until six months after fiscal year end, this will be a lagging indicator.

V&V Method. As part of an agreement with the Government Accountability Office, the Defense Health Program has established a Data Quality Management Control Program, which requires MTF commanders to certify monthly that systems and processes are working properly. This is the source of data on direct care visits.

Purchased care claims go through extensive automated clinical coding reviews prior to processing for payment. Once processing is completed, zip codes are mapped to the data to define hospital and clinic areas. Due to claims processing and adjudication lag times, the workload data are projected to completion; and final numbers will not be available for approximately three years.

MTFs are required monthly to submit a Management Control document where the MTF commanding officer certifies the information has been submitted in a timely manner, and a records review was completed on a subset of the clinical records. For any area not in compliance the MTF commanding officer certifies there is a program in place to fix the problem. Purchased care claims go through extensive automated clinical coding reviews prior to processing for payment.

Performance Results for FY 2003. Since this was a new metric established during FY 2003, there was no goal for FY 2003 performance. However, when comparing the 11% increase in the MHS medical cost per enrollee to the Kaiser Family Foundation health benefits increase of 13.9%, this shows slightly better performance for the Military Health System. Without a performance goal for FY 2003, the results become the baseline for further review with FY 2004 performance, where issues regarding unit cost, utilization management, and purchased care management will need to be reviewed.

The current method does not adjust for the various expected health care expenditures for different populations, and the methodology will likely be changed in the future. Since enrollment demographics can vary significantly by Service, and across time, it is important to adjust the measure. For example, as more older individuals enroll, the overall average medical expense per enrollee would likely increase. On the other hand, if relatively more young, healthy Active-Duty personnel are enrolled, the overall average medical expense per enrollee would likely decrease. Through the use of adjustment factors, a comparison across Services and across time can be made more meaningful.

Performance Metric: Military personnel costs—enlisted pay gap

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual ^b
Percentage of enlisted pay gap closed ^a	23%	47%	61%	71%
Percentage of remaining gap closed (annually)	N/A	31%	25%	26%
^a Relative to FY 2000 baseline				
^b The FY 2004 are as of the 4th quarter (final).				

Metric Description. The goal of military compensation is to provide sufficient military manpower to provide for the national defense. To achieve this end, military compensation must be competitive. The 9th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC) has determined that military pay that matches the 70th percentile of pay earned by comparably experienced civilian workers is an appropriate short-run measure for assessing whether military pay is competitive with civilian compensation. In the past, whenever military compensation was significantly less than the 70th percentile as compared to civilian pay, recruiting and retention problems arose. It is generally very costly, both in terms of dollars and experience mix, to correct recruiting and retention shortfalls after they have appeared. This metric tracks the percentage of the pay gap between military pay and the comparable 70th percentile for civilian counterparts that has been closed, as measured in FY 2000.

For officers, the appropriate comparison group is civilians with college degrees and advanced degrees in managerial and professional occupations. The FY 2000 pay gap for officers was eliminated in FY 2002 through a combination of targeted pay increases, across-the-board raises that exceed the average increase in the private sector, and general increases in allowances.

Measurement of the enlisted pay gap is based on civilian pay by education and years of experience and enlisted pay by pay-grade and years of service. There still is a measurable pay gap today for enlisted service members. Therefore, our goal is to close at least 25 percent of the remaining gap annually until the gap is eliminated. After the gap is closed, the goal is to ensure military pay remains commensurate with the 70th percentile of comparable civilians.

Ratings for this metric will be assigned based on the percentage of the enlisted pay gap closed each year. If at least 25% of the remaining gap is closed, the result will be rated “Green.” If at least 15% but not 25% is closed, the result will be rated as “Yellow.” If the result is less than 15% of the remaining gap is closed, the rating will be “Red.”

Although a good leading indicator of recruiting or retention trends, this metric alone is not sufficient to gauge the overall efficiency or effectiveness of the military personnel compensation program. Consequently, we are also working on monitoring change in total military personnel costs (in current and constant dollars), the probability an enlisted member will remain in service until 15 years, and the average experience at promotion for grades affected by the pay gap.

V&V Method. Data on Active-Duty and Reserve Component costs are extracted from budget documents. Calculations of the percentage of the gap closed are based on average regular military compensation by years of service and grade, as well as an estimate of civilian wages by education level and age. Civilian wage estimates are derived from Current Population Survey

data and updated to current levels by Employment Cost Index changes. (For current indices, [see www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).)

Performance Results for FY 2004. Military members received an average pay raise of 4.15 percent for FY 2004. The average civilian wage as measured by the Employment Cost Index (Private Industry Wages and Salaries) for this period was 3.2%. Mid-career enlisted members received wage increases of 3.7% to 6.25%. The Basic Allowance for Housing, an important component of Regular Military Compensation, increased by 7% for FY 2004. The combination of basic pay and basic allowance for housing increased relative to civilian wages and salaries. As a result, the percentage of the pay gap closed from 61% to 71 %. The Department achieved its goal of closing 25% of the remaining gap in FY 2004.

Performance Metric: TRICARE Prime outpatient market share (lagged indicator)

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Target/Actual ^b	FY 2004 Target
TRICARE Prime outpatient market share (MTF Enrolled)	84.4%	81.0%	N/A ^a /75.1%	78% ^b
^a This is a new measure for FY 2004. For FY 2004, the target is based on business plans received from Medical Treatment Facilities and is contained in the Defense Health Program performance plan. Changes to the performance plan goals will result in changes to the goals for this metric. ^b The FY 2004 data are estimated as of the 4th quarter.				

Metric Description. Outpatient encounters represent the majority of contacts between the Military Health System (MHS) and its beneficiaries. Accordingly, the market-share metric looks at how much of the care is delivered in the direct system rather than being purchased. Since there is a large fixed manpower cost related to the medical readiness mission, it is vital for proper program management to use resources efficiently and effectively during peacetime operations. Thus, the goal is to have Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) achieve the targets established in their business plans for each year.

Although medical care can be purchased at numerous locations throughout the United States and in overseas locations, the focus of this measure is on enrollees in the United States. Overseas activities are currently excluded from the measure since purchased care data is not available in sufficient detail. Due to the extensive medical capabilities of the hospitals compared with ambulatory clinics, the market-share percentage will vary by MTF and military Service.

Over the past couple of years, the downsizing of small hospitals into ambulatory care clinics has affected the clinical capabilities of these facilities, and market share has decreased. This reduction is expected to continue for the next couple of years until the direct-care system stabilizes.

Market-share percentages for the Services are shown based on direct-care workload compared to total purchased-care plus direct-care workload for MTF TRICARE Prime enrollees. This metric will be based on relative value units (RVUs)^h to more accurately compare the relative complexity of care instead of just a visit count.

Due to claims processing times, purchased-care workload is projected to completion six months after the fiscal year ends; final results will not be available for approximately three years. Because purchased-care workload does not place care delivered overseas into hospital or clinic areas, overseas workload is excluded. To ensure consistency across the program years, purchased care excludes all resource sharing, continued health care benefit plan, and TRICARE-for-Life purchased-care workload. Since data will not be available until six months after fiscal year end, this will be a lagging indicator.

^h The RVUs approximate the physician resources used during the visit. For example, a returning visit by a patient with a simple problem might be 0.17 RVUs, whereas arthroscopic surgery of the knee might be 16.00 RVUs.

To compensate for factors that cannot be controlled under current program rules, the metric was changed in FY 2004 to focus just on the Medical Treatment Facility TRICARE Prime enrollees. Rules under the TRICARE Prime enrollee program provide more oversight for the MTF in managing the overall health and utilization of this population. During FY 2003, each MTF provided a business plan indicating how much care their enrollees would demand from both direct care and purchased care. This information will be used to set the goal for the FY 2004 TRICARE Prime outpatient market-share metric.

V&V Method. As part of an agreement with the Government Accountability Office, we have established a Data Quality Management Control Program, which requires MTF commanders to certify monthly that systems and processes are working properly. This is the source of data on direct care visits.

Purchased-care claims go through extensive automated clinical coding reviews prior to processing for payment. Once processing is completed, enrollment information is assigned to the processed claims. Due to claims processing and adjudication lag times, the workload data are projected to completion; and final numbers will not be available for approximately three years.

MTFs are required monthly to submit a Management Control document where the MTF commanding officer certifies the information has been submitted in a timely manner, and a records review was completed on a subset of the clinical records. For any area not in compliance the MTF commanding officer certifies there is a program in place to fix the problem. Purchased care claims go through extensive automated clinical coding reviews prior to processing for payment.

Performance Results for FY 2003. As indicated previously, this metric has been updated for FY 2004 to focus specifically on the TRICARE Prime market. The previous metric targets were:

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Target/Actual
Outpatient market share (Enrolled and Non-enrolled)	77%	74%	≥74% / 71%

Direct-care workload in FY 2003 represented only 71% of total ambulatory workload for areas surrounding MTFs. While there was some decrease in workload at the MTFs, the most significant reason for the change in market share was related to increases in purchased care. This was due to (1) increases in overall utilization by eligible beneficiaries; (2) the call up of Reserve Component members and the addition of their family members to the beneficiary population; and (3) the deployment of MTF specialists to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With the increased cost of health care benefits in the private sector, the rich benefit offered by the Military Health System attracted more unique users who never used the benefit in the past. A number of those individuals dropped their other health insurance. Due to the limited expansion capabilities of the MTFs, these two factors added to the increase in purchased care during the year.

Additionally, due to the current operations, we experienced a change in our available providers and a significant increase in Reservist Component beneficiaries, including Reserve Component family members. These family members are not traditional users of the Military Health System,

and the majority of their care is purchased care. The influx of Reserve Component users was not anticipated when the performance target for FY 2003 was established.

Performance Results for FY 2004. This is a lagged indicator. Final analysis of the FY 2004 results will be completed by the next reporting cycle.

Performance Metric: Primary care provider productivity

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^c
Relative Value Units (RVUs) per primary care provider per day	13.6	13.8 ^a	14.0	≥14.5/ 14.1
^a FY 2002 has been updated to a final number from the 13.6 estimate reported in the 2003 Annual Defense Report.				
^b The FY 2004 are estimated as of the 3rd quarter.				

Metric Description. To run a premier Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), the critical focus area is primary care. The primary care provider frequently represents the first medical interaction between the beneficiary and the HMO. In this role, the primary care provider is responsible for the majority of the preventive care to keep beneficiaries healthy and away from more costly specialty care. While the HMO has a goal to reduce the overall number of encounters per beneficiary, an additional goal is to ensure that the dollars spent on medical care are used efficiently.

The targets for this metric represent stretch goals that were instituted to move the organization forward, but likely will not be achieved in FY 2003 or FY 2004. This metric looks at the complexity of care and the number of patients seen by the primary care providers each day, with a goal of increasing the complexity, number, or both, of patients seen each day by the provider.

To measure the complexity of care, and not just the count of visits, the relative value unit (RVU) is used. Developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, RVUs approximate the physician resources used during a visit. (For example, a returning visit by a patient with a simple problem might be 0.17 RVUs, whereas arthroscopic surgery of the knee might be 16.00 RVUs.)

Due to the nature of this data reporting, the metric results will lag the actual performance by one quarter.

V&V Method. As part of an agreement with the Government Accountability Office, the Defense Health Program has established a Data Quality Management Control Program that requires Military Treatment Facility (MTF) commanders to certify monthly that systems and processes are working properly. Two of the sections of the program are relevant to this metric. The first deals with a records review to ensure that records are coded properly, and the second is related to proper and timely reporting of manpower data.

MTFs are required monthly to submit a Management Control document where the MTF Commanding Officer certifies the information has been submitted in a timely manner, and a records review was completed on a subset of the clinical records. For any area not in compliance, the MTF Commanding Officer certifies that there is a program in place to fix the problem.

Data are reviewed during the reporting process to ensure that MTFs are only included in the data reporting where both Clinical workload and Manpower FTEs are reported. If FTEs are missing for a small number of facilities, values are imputed from prior time periods. Once data are submitted, the values are recalculated.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Improvements in productivity have continued in FY 2004, but the system is not expected to meet the “stretch” goal of 14.5 RVUs. Currently two of the three Services are at or approaching the goal for the year. The goal is more aggressive than the historical trend within the system. The desire is to move the organization forward in a manner that requires dramatic improvements to the system.

Even with the possibility that two of the Services may reach their individual goals, there are a number of issues that cause problems when interpreting the results. First, there has been an emphasis to improve medical coding that has resulted in a decrease in the average level of complexity being reported in the medical record that drives down the RVUs used in the numerator of the metric.

Additionally, as part of the effort to improve coding and overall operations at an MTF, a new clinical information system began deployment during the year. Part of the reason for adjusting the goal at the beginning of the year was the expectation that this would have a small impact on the performance related to physician training and implementation. However, the impact appears to be much larger than expected. Concerns with the performance of the system have placed a temporary hold on future deployments and the full impact is not known. In addition, due to the enforcement of coding guidelines, the average encounter complexity dropped, decreasing RVUs approximately 6%.

Since these factors can have a significant impact on the overall performance, the fact that two of the three Services are approaching their goals represents a positive improvement in performance. The aggressive nature of the goals will likely result in performance below the goal level, but we expect performance to continue to improve for the system.

Activity Metric: Total costs for contractor support

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Trend data showing the percentage increase or decrease in costs associated with contract support	No historical data: new metric		Army assigned pilot program to contractor manpower and costs	Implement pilot program within Army.
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. The contractor workforce is an unofficial but recognized third component of the Department’s workforce, along with military members and civilian employees. Contractor costs will grow as we continue our efforts to balance personnel investments by outsourcing non-core functions, allowing us to return military manpower slots to the kinds of operational tasks that can only be performed by a trained soldier, sailor, or Marine.

The purpose of the contract support cost indicator is to provide visibility into the total funding burden that contracted personnel render across the entire Department. To do this, we must find ways to capture data about the contracted work performed, the associated costs, and the unit supported. This information is needed to satisfy fiscal accountability standards as well to help us discover where our contractor investments overlap, allowing us to propose alternative solutions, as needed.

Unfortunately, our existing financial and procurement systems do not capture contractor workforce data such as direct labor hours, direct labor dollars, and the unit supported. Thus, we are working to establish a systemic method to capture this data across DoD; the final cost indicator will allow us to monitor the trends in contract investments in direct labor dollars for all military Services.

Ongoing Research: In summer 2002, the Department approved an Army pilot program to capture contractor manpower and costs. The Army is testing a Contractor Manpower Reporting Application, documenting lessons learned, and developing a proposal for DoD-wide (Service-only) use.

Timeline for Completion. The Army Pilot program and final steps in place for DoD-wide applicability are scheduled for completion in September 2006; DoD-wide implementation is expected by 2008

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Army faced significant challenges in securing approval for this pilot program. A good portion of the year was spent negotiating with the Office of Management and Budget for permission to waive the Paperwork Reduction Act and Federal Register publication requirements. At the time of writing, the Army was awaiting approval from the Secretary of the Army to issue and implement guidance to the field to include reporting requirements into applicable contracts. Despite setbacks, the Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs staff continues to steer this initiative forward. Delays will require changes in the original timeline – to be determined over the next several months.

Shape the Force of the Future

Activity Metric: Active Component/Reserve Component force mix

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Benchmark of the proper balance between Active and Reserve Component Forces	No historical data: new metric		Identified force rebalancing requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified areas of stress on the force • Identified areas which can be civilianized
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description: The FY 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review directed a comprehensive study of the proper mix of Active Component/Reserve Component (AC/RC) forces. That study was completed in December 2002, and concluded that we could enhance capability overall military by rebalancing both AC/RC force mix and mission assignments.

The purpose of rebalancing AC/RC force mix and mission assignments is to create a structure uses the Reserve Component more effectively. Specific implementation tasks have been undertaken. Some of these initiatives require legislative changes that will take several years to implement.

Ongoing Research: A variety of initiatives have been undertaken, ranging from studies to Secretary of Defense memos and guidance. A study of the stress on the Reserve Component forces examined all specialties mobilized for current operations (Operations Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom) and comparing the data against previous operations (Desert Shield/Desert Storm) and recent Presidential Reserve Call-ups (Bosnia, Kosovo, Southwest Asia). The study measured stress using three factors: frequency of call-ups; duration of call-ups; and percentage of inventory used (i.e., how much of the force capability was employed). The results of this study helped us better balance the Army's AC/RC capabilities mix in the FY 2005 budget. We also identified over 100,000 positions that could be realigned to reduce the need for involuntary Reserve Component mobilization, and that would specifically relieve the stress on high-demand Reserve Component capabilities.

We also are exploring alternatives to force rebalancing to mitigate stress on the force. Some of these alternatives will require legislative or policy changes to implement. For example, we are pursuing the concept of "reachback"; reachback is defined as the ability to connect electronically to sites in the Continental United States or other locations around the world to accomplish essential tasks and missions, in an effort to reduce the number of forward-deployed personnel needed to support combat troops during an operation

We are looking beyond near-term efficiencies to address stress on the force. We are planning to put in place better global force management and Reserve Component mobilization processes, new technologies, and more modular force organizations that will help underpin the force management aspects our transformation plans. These actions will not only indirectly relieve stress on the force today, but will have long lasting, positive impacts on our ability to manage peak demands on military forces in the future.

Other studies and working groups have undertaken actions to identify streamlining efforts of processes and policies, such as the mobilization process and force management, to also mitigate stress on the force, thereby possibly reducing the need for certain force rebalancing actions.

Finally, the Secretary of Defense identified 148 “Stress on the Force” actions to be addressed by future action plans and metrics.¹

Timeline for Completion. Our timeline for completing this metric has been adjusted to December 2004 to allow for the many ongoing actions to mature. We are also in the process of identifying up to 300,000 military positions for possible “civilianization.”

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, more detailed and frequent “stress on the force” analyses have been conducted, with enhanced data accuracy, and have provided insight into those areas where force rebalancing is necessary.

Supported by these “stress” analyses, up to 30,000 military billets will have been restructured by the end of FY 2004. Up to 10,000 military infrastructure positions will have been identified for civilianization by the end of FY 2004. Legislative proposals to reduce stress on the force through enhanced volunteerism have been submitted in the Department’s FY 2005 Omnibus bill.

¹ Secretary of Defense Working Paper (Version #5), dated September 29, 2003, Subject: “Stress in the Force”-Are current U.S. military forces sufficient for the challenges facing our country? What are ways DoD can reduce the stress on the force, maintain recruiting and retention targets, and make the Department more efficient and cost effective?”

Performance Metric: Civilian human resources strategic plan

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual
Percentage of Civilian HR Strategic Plan tasks completed	No historical data: new metric	90% (26 of 29 tasks completed)	98% (40 of 41 tasks completed) (includes three FY 2002 carryover tasks)	80% / 53% (32 of 60 tasks completed) ^a (includes one FY 2003 carryover task)
^a The FY 2004 data are as of the 3rd quarter (final)				

Metric Description. Good human capital management is one of the key tenets of the Department’s transformation initiative. The DoD Civilian Human Resources Strategic Plan is the roadmap that provides direction and outlines the standards for achieving those transformational results. This plan links to agency mission and goals that cascade throughout the Department. We measure progress quarterly.

We judge success by comparing the number of tasks scheduled to the number completed on a quarterly and annual basis. To be rated as successful, 80% of tasks scheduled must be completed annually. (This target changed in FY 2003 to be consistent with how progress under the Military Personnel Human Resources Strategic Plan was being measured.) To provide more qualitative information about the overall effect of our annual activities, we are now working to replace task-dependent *output* measures with task-dependent *outcome* measures.

The process of refreshing the strategic plan is dynamic and necessary to ensure implementation of any requirements levied by law, policy, or best practice. The total number of tasks identified for any given reporting period is not static over time, but remains fairly consistent in the short term.

Our strategic planning process is effectively integrated with the combined program and budget and Unified Legislative Budget processes. The Human Resources Strategic Planning Senior Steering Group meets at least annually to refresh the plan and ensure that new and emerging initiatives are considered and receive the highest level of support and recognition.

V&V Methodology. The Civilian Personnel Management Service, Strategic Integration Division (CPMS-SID) in a quarterly report entitled “Monitoring the Status of the Force, Part A, Civilian Human Resources Strategic Plan Accomplishments”, provides data on the completion of scheduled tasks. This report is supplemented quarterly by detailed information or “proof” of the accomplishment(s) (e.g., law, policy, memoranda, directives, websites, and studies) by individual measure and its associated strategic goal and objective. Documentation on accomplishment of each measure is compiled and maintained by CPMS-SID.

Once an item is approved as a planning item, it is input into the database, where it is assigned to its associated goal and objective, and to a specific fiscal year and action office. Each item is assigned a unique number for tracking. Specific activities are closed out or converted to accomplishments by virtue of input made to the plan database via the performance measure

summary form. This automated form is designed to capture all relevant information pertaining to specific activities that will ultimately be used to support all reporting requirements, such as the Department's annual performance plan and report. This information is also the basis for any narrative explanation of performance and is supplemented by additional documentation as necessary. Reports are designed and generated from the database to manage our activities and accomplishments. Activities can be tracked either by specific activity, action office, fiscal year, goal, or objective, or in a more broad perspective across the fiscal years.

All changes or deletions to specific activities or completion dates must be reviewed and approved by CPMS/DUSD(CPP) leadership.

Performance Results for FY 2004. As of the end of the third quarter of FY 2004, 32 of 60 activities were completed. To date, we have exceeded our FY 2004 scheduled quarterly expectations and expect to meet 4th quarter expectations by completing at least 21 of 26 scheduled activities. One exception will be to carryover the Department's scheduled July 2004 fielding of the DoD Civilian Satisfaction Survey to October 2004 or FY 2005 at the direction of the Under Secretary of Personnel and Readiness. The FY 2004 target of 66 was adjusted by four to reflect the shift in National Security Personnel System responsibilities to a Program Executive Office; two tasks were moved to FY 2005,

During FY 2004, we transitioned from a time-consuming manual process that included 41 linked Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to a single Microsoft Access database that provided flexibility and agility necessary to respond rapidly to requests for status and information. The current Microsoft Access database covers a period of eight fiscal years (current year plus seven future years) and is designed to "touch an item once" and provide all associated information.

Activity Metric: Civilian recruiting cycle time

End-State Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Trend data to monitor the number of days appropriated fund positions are vacant.	No historical data: new metric		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Performance Measures • Benchmark with Fortune 500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue reporting requirements for measure • Integrate OPM reporting requirements into DoD reporting requirements.
^a The FY 2004 data provided above is preliminary.				

Metric Description. This measure provides a standard performance metric and a standard data collection method for evaluating the efficiency of civilian recruiting cycle time across the Department. It is linked to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Human Capital Standards for Success, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) scorecard and is benchmarked to the “time to fill” metric used by Fortune 500 companies. Once data is collected, the Department will be able to determine, for appropriated fund placement actions, the average number of days from the date the position became vacant to the effective date of the placement action.

The time it takes to fill a vacancy can seriously affect an organization’s ability to accomplish its mission. OPM’s Human Resources Management (HRM) Accountability System Standards issued on January 4, 2002, lists “time to hire” as an example of a measure of human resources operational efficiency. The HRM Accountability System Standards may be viewed at: <http://www.opm.gov/account/standards.asp>.

Ongoing Research: On May 6, 2004, OPM imposed a new requirement to report on their 45-day hiring model. The OPM model tracks the number of working days from the date the vacancy announcement closed to the date the job offer was made. Since the OPM 45-day hiring requirement is a subset of the DoD “Time to Fill Metric” DoD plans to combine the DoD and OPM requirements into a single reporting requirement.

Timeline for Completion: This metric is scheduled to be fielded in FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004: Representatives from Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Components participated in a working group to develop standard performance metrics for human resources as part of the DoD Civilian Human Resources Strategic Plan. This group considered the various aspects of a metric that would measure civilian recruiting cycle time. The performance measures were revised to mirror key human resources metrics used by Key Fortune 500 organizations.

On March 31, 2004, the DUSD(CPP) issued reporting requirements to the Components on the civilian recruiting cycle time performance metric. The data will be reported for number of placement actions as represented on the following form:

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
TIME TO FILL MEASUREMENT**

COMPONENT'S NAME:

POC NAME AND NUMBER:

REPORTING PERIOD:

Placements (from date RPA was initiated to effective date)

	NEW HIRE	EXTERNAL HIRE	INTERNAL TO DoD HIRE	INTERNAL TO COMPONENT HIRE	TOTAL PLACEMENTS
30 Days or Less					
31 to 60 Days					
61 to 90 Days					
91 to 120 Days					
120+ Days					
TOTAL					

Average number of days for Placements

	NEW HIRE	EXTERNAL HIRE	INTERNAL TO DoD HIRE	INTERNAL TO COMPONENT HIRE	
From date position became vacant to effective date					
From date RPA was initiated to effective date					

From date vacancy announcement closed to date job offer was made - number of actions

	NEW HIRE	EXTERNAL HIRE	INTERNAL TO DoD HIRE	INTERNAL TO COMPONENT HIRE	TOTAL PLACEMENTS
45 Days or Less					
46 to 60 Days					
61 to 90 Days					
90+ Days					

NARRATIVE: (Explain any special condition that significantly affected the number of actions or fill times.)

Activity Metric: Identify future critical skills

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Outcome goals that establish standards for emerging critical skills.	No historical data: new metric.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established common definitions of critical fill needs. Considered alternative metric development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to common definition of critical skills. Identified most critical needs for recruitment and retention.

^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.

Metric Description: We need to be able to identify those skills which will be critical to the future forces, with enough lead time to ensure that when they are needed, there are Service members in these skills who are trained and ready. The skill/experience combinations that are deemed critical will vary from Service to Service. Because of this variability, it is not possible for us to fully understand what makes these skill/experience combinations so important. Without this knowledge, we cannot adequately assess our capability to identify, recruit, train, retain, and sustain service members in these skills.

Ongoing Research: The Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management (OEPM) Directorate is responsible for designating a common set of criteria for “critical skills.” In addition to the common criteria, each Service will use its own set of criteria to determine those skills, or skill/experience combinations, that are critical to individual Service missions.

As part of Phase I of the study to understand how to set future critical skills, we sought to establish a metric to track progress on current “critical skills.” In Spring 2004, we established a common definition of “critical skill”; by the end of FY 2004, a metric for “critical skills” should be in place. The metric will provide a comprehensive list of the most common critical skills across the Department. While the final product will be Service-specific; the final list will meet a common DoD definition of “critical skill.”

Phase II of the study will review the Services’ transformation programs and the Department’s vision of military strategy and responsibilities for the next 25 years. Specifically, we will need to address what skills are going to be required to support this future strategy and which of those skills will be catalogued as “critical” (e.g., foreign area specialists, information operators, space experts) based on the criteria established in the study. The follow-on questions are many, such as: How will personnel be recruited in these skills? What programs will be required –current programs, special incentives, and lateral entry? Is the training base adequately resourced with experienced personnel to provide entry level and advanced training? What retention incentives are going to be required to retain them? What jobs and education are required to provide for a viable and rewarding career path?

This metric has a “yes” or “no” outcome. We are not positing that in order to answer “yes” for the metric that the answer be a list of critical skills and plans and programs outlined to answer all the questions addressed; rather, the desired outcome is a planning document which lays out what has to be accomplished in order for the Department to begin the process to recruit, train, retain and sustain personnel for a future critical skill.

Timeline for completion: Three months after the Phase I study is complete, we will draft a study plan for Phase II. A final report will be published six months after the Phase II study begins.

Performance Results for FY 2004: A DoD-wide definition of “critical skill” was established in Spring 2004, and the corresponding metric will be complete by the end of FY 2004. The Phase I study is expected to be complete by end of FY 2004.

Activity Metric: Implement new Reserve Component management paradigm

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
A new baseline for managing Reserve Component forces	No historical data: new metric		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established goals such as promoting volunteerism and reachback capabilities Employed five initiatives geared to support creating a seamless flow between Active and Reserve Components 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced legislative proposals Introduced linguist program
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. The FY 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review directed a comprehensive review of the use of Reserve Component forces. That study, completed in December 2002, proposed a concept called “continuum of service.” Under this concept, a Reservist who normally trains 38 days a year could volunteer to move to full-time service for a period of time – or some increased level of service between full-time and his or her normal Reserve Component commitment, without abandoning civilian life. Similarly, an Active-Duty Service member could request transfer into the Reserve Component for a period of time, or some status in between, without jeopardizing his or her full-time career and opportunity for promotion. Military retirees with hard-to-find skills could return on a flexible basis and create opportunities for others with specialized skills to serve.

The purpose of the new management paradigm is to create a comprehensive management system that will better facilitate flow between Active and Reserve Component service, and enhance Reserve Component usage. Some of the initiatives in the study recommended will require legislative, policy, or regulatory changes and, therefore, will take several years to implement.

Ongoing Research: Our efforts are geared to support: (1) creating a seamless flow between Active and Reserve Components (forces; (2) encouraging volunteerism and establishing new affiliation programs (see examples below); (3) simplifying rules for accessing, employing, and separating Reserve Component personnel; (4) increasing flexibility of the Reserve Component compensation system; and (5) enhancing combined Active and Reserve Component career development.

We have not settled on a means of measuring the success of this new paradigm. Possible concepts for measuring this metric are: (1) number of approved tasks completed (on time) compared with the number of approved tasks; (2) percentage of legislative proposals approved; and (3) number of force management initiatives identified by each Service to better integrate and remove barriers compared with the number approved.

However, at this time, these do not appear to provide valid evaluation tools for effectively measuring the efforts undertaken to implement the continuum of service concept. Efforts to determine valid, useful performance measures will continue as we move forward with these multiple initiatives.

Timeline For Completion: Undetermined at this time because specific measures have not yet been developed.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004 we established the Army's 09L (Arabic linguist/translator) program. Two hundred three individuals have been recruited into the program; 102 of them have been sent to training; 52 have completed (or are in) training. Approximately 25 members have graduated and have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

The civilian employer information requirement has met legal requirement and is now on-line. The system allows for direct input by the Reserve Component member. Data collection is in its initial stages.

Certain Service-specific programs have been initiated, such as the Air Force's additional blended/associated units; Air Force-sponsored Reserve Component initiatives are being considered in base operations and support; the Army's resolving of "stressed" career fields; the Navy's Sea Warrior program; and the Marine Corps' increased use of volunteers.

A series of FY 2005 legislative proposals have been submitted in the Department's Omnibus Bill that would enhance Reserve Component use, promote volunteerism, and provide flexibility in management.

Overall, there has been significant activity in this area, but we have not yet determined how to measure progress since we have not yet determined the optimum outcome required to ensure long-term, high-level performance.

Activity Metric: Meeting civilian critical fill goals

Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Number of critical positions encumbered as compared to number of critical positions authorized equals percentage.	No historical data: new metric		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed previously identified DoD critical positions, by core mission and critical support occupations Issued reporting requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzed data at DoD and Component level. Reported results of analysis
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. This measure monitors the fill rate of critical positions by core mission occupations and critical support occupations. Core mission occupations are those that most directly affect the Department’s ability to accomplish its mission over the long term. Critical support occupations are those that provide support for the core mission occupations.

The ability of an organization to fill critical positions in support of its core functions affects how efficiently and effectively it can accomplish its mission. Thus, fill rate is an integral part of human capital management. As early as 1999, the Government Accountability Office asked us list our core mission and critical support occupations. We subsequently surveyed the Military Departments and Defense Agencies to identify core mission and critical support occupations and identified 13 core mission occupations and 23 critical support occupations:

Core Mission Occupations		Critical Support Occupations	
Occupational Series	Series Title	Occupational Series	Series Title
0602	Medical Officer	0018	Safety and Occupational Health
0800	Engineering Professions	0080	Security Administration
1101	General Business	0083	Police
1102	Contracting	0085	Guard
1152	Production Control	0201	Personnel Management
1300	Physical Science Professions	0260	Equal Employment Opportunity
1520	Mathematics	0301	Miscellaneous Administration
1550	Computer Science	0343	Management Analyst
1910	Quality Assurance	0346	Logistics Management
2001	General Supply	0391	Telecommunications Manager
2003	Supply Management	0501	Financial Administration
2010	Inventory Management	0505	Financial Management
2030	Distribution Management	0510	Accounting
		0560	Budget Analyst
		1670	Equipment Specialist
		1710	Education and Vocational Training
		1712	Training Instruction
		1811	Criminal Investigating
		2101	Transportation Specialist
		2130	Traffic Management
		2150	Transportation Operations
		2161	Marine Cargo
		2210	Computer Specialist

Ongoing Research: Due to changing mission requirements and the variety of missions within DoD, the Military Departments have been asked to review the DoD list of critical positions and provide, by FY 2005, their “Top-10 List” of short-term critical mission occupations. Currently, we have no reliable, consolidated, automated system for collecting position authorization data; we continue to explore automated methodologies.

Timeline for Completion. By the end of FY 2005, we will develop civilian fill targets by occupation, as well as short-term “Top-10” lists of critical positions by Service and defense agency.

Performance Results for FY 2004. As of the 3rd quarter FY 2004, the overall fill rate for core mission occupations was 96.98%, and for critical support occupations was 99.83%. The Services and defense agencies fill rates were:

Core Mission occupations -

- Army – 102.88%
- Navy – 101.15%
- Air Force – 80.13%
- Defense agencies – 93.02%

Critical Support occupations –

- Army – 106.99%
- Navy – 99.62%
- Air Force – 81.14%
- Defense agencies – 95.16%

Performance Metric: Military human resources strategic plan

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Percentage of scheduled tasks completed	No historical data: new metric	1	7	80% ^b /100%

^a The FY 2004 are as of the 4th quarter (estimate).
^b In 2002, 25 funded or in-house studies were programmed to be completed by the end of FY 2005. However, in 2003, this metric was changed to be consistent with the Civilian Human Resource Strategic Plan metric. Beginning with FY 2004, the measure is the percentage of tasks (funded or in-house) scheduled for completion that we completed during the fiscal year.

Metric Description. This metric compares the number of tasks scheduled for completion under the Military Human Resources Plan with those actually completed. If 80% of tasks are completed, the result is considered “on track” to achieving plan goals. Beginning in FY 2004, the percentage target will be calculated by dividing the number of projects completed in a fiscal year by the number scheduled to be completed that fiscal year. As described below, tasks are removed from the plan as they are completed.

The Military Human Resources Strategic Plan has six main goals:

- Increase the willingness of the American public to recommend military service to our youth
- Recruit the right number of quality people
- Develop, sustain, and retain the force
- Seamlessly transition members to and from Active and Reserve status
- Develop a flexible, integrated human resources management information system
- Sustain continuous human resources process improvement

Each goal has subordinate objectives and actions. The plan is a living document, so the number of tasks varies from year to year. As studies of new ideas or proposals are completed, one of four actions is taken: the idea is abandoned (typically because it is ineffective or inefficient); legislation is requested to implement the idea; the idea is implemented and applicable metrics established; or the idea scheduled for further study. A task that resulted in a decision for action is considered completed, and removed from the plan. New ideas also are added to the document. In FY 2002, the plan contained a total of 40 tasks. Currently, there are 30 resourced tasks associated with the six goals in the plan. Of these tasks, 7 are on-going actions, 7 were completed in FY 2003; 16 tasks are scheduled for completion in FY 2004 or FY 2005.

This plan establishes the legislative and policy priorities for the next several years, such as:

- Accessing enlisted personnel with the right level of education and aptitude.
- Ensuring the force is manned with the right number of military members and in the appropriate skills.
- Implementing a two-year pilot program putting into place an “up-and-stay” promotion process for certain high-investment specialties.

V&V Method. Plan progress is reported during quarterly to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy, and the overall plan matrix is documented as verification and the official record of completed tasks. Verification with action officers and subsequent final reports and recommendations will determine when actions are completed.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In FY 2004, we expect to achieve 100% of our goal by completing all 10 scheduled tasks; one task previously scheduled for FY 2004 was expanded in scope and extended until FY 2005. In addition, we used in-house resources to develop a set of leading indicators the Department can use to predict recruiting and retention problems.

Activity Metric: Optimal officer career patterns

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Percentage of officers on optimal career path for retention	No historical data: new metric.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I of RAND study complete. Started Phase II. 	Published Phase 1 report.
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description: Objective 3.4 of the Military Personnel Human Resources Strategic Plan is to “conduct studies on officer career and promotion management that will extend time in job and service tenure.” Consequently, we commissioned a study to assess the management and policy implication of potential changes in officer career management, given officer requirements. We expect legislative changes will be required to implement such changes.

Ongoing Research: RAND is currently conducting a study to develop alternative management processes, plans, and policies that consider:

- The cap on officer career lengths
- The feasibility and advisability of longer assignments
- The effects of different grade and position tenures on retention or performance
- Past officer assignment length patterns
- Patterns of promotion and career tenure
- Existing system dynamics military manpower models to reflect selected changes to current officer management
- The implications of selected changes to policy for officers' career paths
- The need for different or additional compensation and incentives to support any changes in existing personnel practices.

Phase I of the study addressed General and Flag Officer careers; Phase II is addressing careers of officers in the grade of Colonel and below.

After Phase II is complete, an implementation plan will be developed. This plan may depend on legislative requests and policy changes. We will begin metric development, as appropriate, after approval of the implementation plan.

Timeline for Completion: The Phase I study was completed in July 2003; the Phase I report was published in January 2004. The Phase II study began at the end of FY 2003; the final report, “Future Officer Force Modeling and Analysis,” is expected by the end FY 2005. As appropriate, policy or legislative changes will be compiled in FY 2005 and FY 2006, and metrics developed in FY 2006. The timeline has slipped by approximately one year, because the scope of the project was increased to include at least one Air Force community, in addition to Army and Navy communities.

Performance Results for FY 2004: The Phase I RAND report was published in January 2004. So far this year, two Phase II communities have been modeled: Navy Surface Warfare Officers and Army Infantry. Progress reports were completed in January and June 2004 and subsequently passed to the Army and Navy.

Future Challenges Quadrant

Define and Develop Transformational Capabilities

Activity Metric: Deny enemy advantages and exploit weaknesses			
End-state Metric	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Explicit strategic outcomes and effectiveness measures for DoD counterintelligence activities	Established the Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity	Established an Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed, managed and executed the polygraph program in support of Joint Task Force Guantánamo Bay, Cuba Identified 22 directives and instructions related to counterintelligence for revision Implemented common DoD policy for special access programs, industrial security, and safeguarding of biological select agents and toxins. Developed developmental standards for horizontal integration activities that were subsequently included in the national space policy for space support missions, planning guidance issued by the Secretary of Defense, and plans and architectures under development by the combat support agencies. Established an Intelligence Campaign Plan concept and timeline for implementation.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.			

Metric Description. Denying enemy advantages and exploiting weaknesses is at the core of the work by the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence. Our long-term goal is to establish strategic outcomes and efficiency measures to help us gauge the effectiveness of our intelligence activities, and thus our training and associated program structures. However, intelligence is a vast enterprise. Many domestic, international, and organizational variables contribute to the success of the overall program. Thus, the task of developing enduring outcome goals and measures involves a significant amount of developmental research and analysis.

There are four fundamental areas that contribute to the success of any counterintelligence program: (1) ensuring that the defense intelligence security, strategy, policy and processes are aligned for maximum effectiveness and efficiency; (2) ensuring the horizontal integration of defense intelligence activities – that is, the communication among and within agencies— promotes increased information sharing; (3) aligning counterintelligence plans and architectures with the goals of military operations and overall national security, and (4) supporting the warfighter in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

Our horizontal integration roadmap attempts to rationalize all these activities within a single framework. Specifically, horizontal integration describes the processes and capabilities to acquire, synchronize, correlate, and deliver to the National Security Community (defense, intelligence, and homeland security) the kind of timely, comprehensive, and integrated information needed to improve decision-making and subsequently operational effectiveness. The kinds of data integrated within the horizontal integration framework extend across all missions, all disciplines, and all domains. However, the full effect and potential of such integration will be realized only when there is a mission-centric construct focused on outcomes, and data “usability” maximizes value to consumers across the national security enterprise. We

also must ensure all consumable data meet network-centric standards and are broadly available to all users. This means providing end-to-end management and integration of information and intelligence functions.

The centerpiece of our ongoing initiative to remodeling defense intelligence is a new intelligence concept known as Intelligence Campaign Planning or ICP. ICP is a comprehensive methodology for integrating intelligence into a combatant commander's adaptive planning and operations process. The ICP will enable intelligence as an operational and shaping tool for the commander, not just a supporting staff function. Accordingly, this approach will help integrate intelligence into the commander's adaptive planning process by:

- Producing a complete ICP that can be used by a Theater Director of Intelligence (J2) for campaign design, operational plan(s), operational sequencing, and operational synchronization.
- Enabling intelligence estimates to flow dynamically and continuously throughout all phases of an operation;
- Creating a global ISR (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance) process that is scaleable (adaptable, agile, flexible) in terms of echelon, function, and geo-spatial reference, such as reach back and trans-national operations;
- Establishing a network-centric approach to collection, analysis, and dissemination.

Ongoing Research: The cornerstone of horizontal integration efforts is a common lexicon and understanding of the problem. Therefore, the first priority for this overall suite of activities is to complete a definitive review of all existing policies or directives relating to counterintelligence. The review is being conducted within the collaborative framework for intelligence activities provided by our recently established horizontal integration roadmap.

Timeline for Completion: The policy review and final approval of the horizontal integration roadmap will be completed by the end of FY 2005.

Performance Results for 2004: Results under each of our four main areas of counterintelligence activity are:

- *Ensuring that the defense intelligence security, strategy, policy, and processes are aligned.* Over the last year, identified 22 directives and instructions related to counterintelligence that need to be revised or rewritten. We also worked with various agencies to address policy shortfalls and develop consistent, defense-wide intelligence policy for special access programs, industrial security, and for safeguarding select biological agents and toxins. The goals and standards for successful horizontal integration were reflected in the Secretary's annual planning guidance, in our national space policy for space support missions, and in the strategic plans and architectures of the combat support agencies. Through the end of this fiscal year, we will extend these goals and standards into other policy documents, including personnel evaluations and congressional responses.
- *Ensuring the horizontal integration of defense intelligence activities.* During FY 2004, and in response to a congressionally directed action, we developed an ISR Roadmap; it is. That is now in mid-level coordination, and should be issued in early FY 2005. This roadmap cuts across the defense intelligence community and synchronizes a large number of ISR platforms and capabilities that require integration. In addition, the Under Secretary for Intelligence now chairs an ISR Integration Council that oversees integration policy for of defense ISR activities. We also launched the Demonstration and Exercise Project, designed to champion or sponsor Advanced Technology Demonstrations that could enhance intelligence horizontal

integration. A series of tabletop “war games” were conducted to identify issues and explore cross-functional insights, ideas and for innovation.

- *Aligning counterintelligence plans and architectures with the goals of military operations and overall national security.* During the past fiscal year, we began a study of Pentagon counterintelligence needs, are working closely with Pentagon security officials to complete the study and resolve any shortfalls. The early findings of another study of the DoD counterintelligence polygraph program provided insights when we were asked to develop, manage, and execute the polygraph program in support of the Joint Task Force Guantánamo Bay.
- *Support to the warfighter.* During FY 2004, we directed the U.S. Joint Forces Command to provide a fielded ICP capability within 2 years. We also developed the Joint Intelligence Operations Center organizational concept, which is designed to integrate the intelligence function of the combatant commander’s theater intelligence and the operations staffs. Finally, we initiated a study of insider threats, using a model developed by one of the national labs.

Activity Metric: Make information available on a network that people depend on and trust

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004 ^a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of systems that support the Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) • Number of systems that meet information assurance standards 	No historical data: new metric			Begun transition of selected systems and weapons to IPv6
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Moving information securely, quickly, and accurately, is a vital combat multiplier. Our ability to build a worldwide information net, populate it with information needed by military commanders, and then use the network for command and control has been limited by the amount of information that can flow through the network and be processed at any given time. In response, we have set the goal of building a Global Information Grid (GIG) to:

- Achieve an ubiquitous, secure, and robust network.
- Eliminate bandwidth, frequency, and computing capability limitations.
- Deploy collaborative capabilities and other performance support tools.
- Secure and assure the network and the information.

Ongoing Research: The Director, Strategic Resource Planning for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration is currently working with the Deputy CIO and the MITRE Corporation to develop outcome and output metrics to measure progress toward achieving the strategic planning goals of DoD’s Information Technology (IT) Plan.

Timeline for Completion. Metric development should be complete by the end of FY 2005.

- **Performance Results for FY 2004.** In March 2004, the Secretary of Defense issued guidance for the implementation of measures for building the GIG transport. Components were directed to use the Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Transition Plan to ensure IPv6 is implemented on appropriate IT, C4ISR (command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance), and weapons systems, with a goal of transitioning all defense systems to IPv6 by CY 2008.

Performance Metric: Monitor the status of defense technology objectives

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^e
Percentage of defense technology objectives (DTOs) evaluated as progressing satisfactorily toward goals ^a	96	97	96	>70/94
DTO evaluated in biannual review ^b	180	149 ^c	163 ^c	180
Total number of DTOs ^{b,c,d}	326	401	386	404
^a "Progressing satisfactorily" includes DTOs rated as "green" or "yellow."				
^b The number of DTOs evaluated and the total number of DTOs are provided for information only ;no targets are established.				
^c The numbers for DTOs evaluated in FY 2002 and FY 2003 were transposed in the FY 2003 PAR.				
^d The total number of DTOs is the sum of all DTOs contained in the Joint Warfighting Science and Technology Plan and the Defense Technology Area Plan, dated February of the calendar year prior to the fiscal year the reviews are conducted.				
^e The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Technological superiority has been, and continues to be, a cornerstone of our national military strategy. Technologies such as radar, jet engines, nuclear weapons, night vision, smart weapons, stealth, the Global Positioning System, and vastly more capable information management systems have changed warfare dramatically. Today’s technological edge allows us to decisively prevail across a broad spectrum of conflicts and with relatively few casualties. Maintaining this technological edge has become even more important as the size of U.S. forces decreases and high-technology weapons are now readily available on the world market. Future warfighting capabilities will be substantially determined by today’s investment in science and technology (S&T).

Our S&T investments are focused and guided through a series of defense technology objectives (DTOs) developed by the senior planners working for the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Military Departments, and defense agencies. Each of these objectives highlights a specific technological advancement that will be developed or demonstrated, the anticipated date the technology will be available, the specific benefits that should result from the technological advance, and the funding required (and funding sources) to achieve the new capability. These objectives also specify milestones to be reached and approaches to be used, quantitative metrics that will indicate progress, and the customers who will benefit when the new technology is eventually fielded. This metric measures the percentage of DTOs that are progressing satisfactorily toward the goals established for them.

V&V Method. Technology Area Review and Assessment (TARA) teams—independent peer review panels composed of approximately six experts in relevant technical fields from U.S. government agencies, private industry, and academia—assess the DTOs for each program every two years. The reviews are conducted openly; observation by stakeholders (typically, senior S&T officials, members of the joint staff, and technology customers) is welcomed.

The TARA teams assess the objectives in terms of three factors—budget, schedule, and technical performance—and rate the programs as follows:

- Green—progressing satisfactorily toward goals.
- Yellow—generally progressing satisfactorily, but some aspects of the program are proceeding more slowly than expected.
- Red—doubtful that any of the goals will be attained.

The benefits of these ratings are many. Not only do they reflect the opinions of independent experts, but also they are accepted and endorsed by stakeholders. These reviews result in near real-time adjustments being made to program plans and budgets based on the ratings awarded.

The TARA Chairman's findings are briefed to the Defense S&T Advisory Group (DSTAG) for further resolution of programmatic and technical issues. Adjustments are made to program plans and budgets based on the ratings and recommendations from the DSTAG. The DTO ratings are semi-quantitative metrics.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Department met its performance target and no shortfall is projected for FY 2005. Although actual performance continues well above target, the target will be maintained at 70% due to the inherent high risk of failure in technology development.

Activity Metric: Populate the network with new, dynamic sources of information to defeat the enemy

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004 ^a
Percentage of DoD information available via net-centric solutions.	No historical data: new metric.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published net-centric checklist. • Began portfolio management.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description: Our military commanders use information of all kinds—not only intelligence data—to “see” the battle space, and thus outwit and overcome our adversaries. The net-centric enterprise architecture we are building will allow commanders to engage the network at anytime from anywhere using a military version of the Internet search engine, without needing cumbersome base support. Data will be posted and ready for download and analysis as soon as it arrives, anywhere on the network. The metric being developed will ultimately measure progress toward this goal we can use to inform our strategic plans for and DoD information technology as it relates to achieving net-centricity.

The mission of DoD’s Chief Information Officer (CIO) is to support the Secretary’s transformation goals by advancing net-centric operation through policies, program oversight, and resource allocations. The key attributes of the CIO’s strategy are:

- Ensuring data are visible, available, and usable when needed and where needed to accelerate decision-making.
- “Tagging” all data (intelligence, non-intelligence, raw, and processed) with metadata to enable discovery of data by users.
- Posting all data to shared spaces to provide access to all users except when limited by security, policy, or regulations.
- Advancing from defining interoperability through point-to-point interfaces to enabling “many-to-many” exchanges typical of a network environment.

Ongoing Research: The CIO for the Department is the Assistant Secretary for Network Information and Integration. The CIO heads a defense-wide effort to define processes for assessing a program’s transition to a net-centric environment. The CIO also helps Services, defense agencies, and program managers incorporate net-centric attributes, implement data information assurance strategies, and align programs with the Joint Technical Architecture and the Net-Centric Operations Warfare Reference Model. This will ensure priorities and transition plans of all defense activities are in line with Global Information Grid (GIG) enterprise services within their respective programs. The Director, Strategic Resource Planning is responsible for developing this metric, working with the Deputy CIO and the MITRE Corporation.

Timeline for Completion. This metric will be completed in FY 2005.

- **Performance Results for FY 2004.** The July 2003 CIO memorandum, “Joint Net Centric Capabilities,” directed the review of any C4ISR (command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) programs affecting one of 13 specific activities. In February 2004, the Net-Centric Checklist was issued to assist program managers in understanding net-centric attributes required for programs to move into the GIG net-centric environment.
- In March 2004, the Secretary of Defense approved DoD-wide guidance for populating the GIG with data, and directed compliance with the CIO net-centric data strategy, the GIG architecture, and the Net-Centric Operations and Warfare Reference Model. Services and defense agencies were directed to apply the business rules established by the Department’s common enterprise domains, and to integrate Net-Centric Enterprise Services to avoid duplicating capabilities.
- In March, the Deputy Secretary issued “Information Technology Portfolio Management,” which institutionalized portfolio management for information technology. This will ensure information technology solutions are analyzed, selected, controlled, and evaluated consistent with the GIG Integrated Architecture.

Define Skills and Competencies for the Future

Activity Metric: Attract, recruit, retain, and reward high quality people from government, industry, and academia

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruiting and retention targets for specific skills Percentage fill by skill category 	No historical data: new metric			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designation as a Defense for Intelligence as a Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System organization Developed an interim policy for common human resources system for DoD intelligence community.
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. To accomplish our ambitious goals, the defense intelligence community needs the best people we can find. Because we have a relatively small staff given the tasks at hand, we need to bring in people with broad and varied experiences who are agile problem solvers and can operate in an environment that changes as the threat changes.

Legislation such as the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) will give us with the ability to hire the people we need. Accordingly, on May 2, 2004, the Deputy Secretary of Defense designated the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence as a Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) organization, dedicated to attracting the best and brightest to careers in defense intelligence. The authorities granted by the NSPS and DCIPS will allow us to tie performance to the defense intelligence strategy, and strive to improve job satisfaction by providing clear direction and quantitative objectives against which an employee can measure his or her progress.

A key first step – and an ongoing effort – is the development of an overarching directive establishing a common human resources system for the DoD intelligence community.

Ongoing Research: Develop community goals and standards for subcomponents of the DCIPS common human resource program.

Timeline for Completion: Development work will continue through the end of FY 2005, with initial fielding slated for FY 2006.

Performance Results for 2004: The DCIPS covers the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial Agency, the National Reconnaissance Agency, the Military departments, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, the Counterintelligence Field Activity, and the General Counsel. During FY 2004, a working group from all of these agencies and components completed 11 subchapters of an overarching policy plan. This plan will serve as interim authority to implement the process pending formal coordination and publishing of the subsequent chapters.

Performance Metric: Strategic transformation appraisal

Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Assessment of “gaps” or adjustments needed to remain on track	No historical data: new metric		Published first Transformational Planning Guidance	Completed first strategic transformation appraisal

^a The FY 2004 data are as of the 4th Quarter (estimate)

Metric Description. The Department’s overall transformation roadmaps address activities, processes, resources, and incentives to foster and promote innovation and transformational activities, including concept-based experimentation processes, education and training programs, and the use of operational prototypes. Each Service also prepares an individual roadmap, which is updated annually; defense agencies submit their annual roadmap updates to the U.S. Joint Forces Command, which develops a consolidated “joint” roadmap. Each year, the Office of Force Transformation evaluates the progress and plans reported in the individual and joint roadmaps, and produces an assessment of “gaps” or adjustments indicated for future action. These roadmaps point to a shared future vision and provide actionable language for implementation. They complement the program and budget process, ensuring coherence between resource allocation decisions and future concept development and experimentation and provide a baseline for managing transformational change within the force. Additionally, they articulate the Service and defense agency strategies for implementing and managing the “risk” embodied in transformation.

V&V Methodology. Resource profiles for each program included on roadmaps are submitted annually via the Defense Data Warehouse.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Office of Force Transformation completed its first of Strategic Transformation Appraisal in January 2004. The appraisal assesses defense-wide trends in transformation and recommends plan or resource adjustments to maintain progress toward the Secretary’s transformation priorities. The January 2004 appraisal indicated where information-age trends are taking the Department:

FY 2004 Strategic Appraisal

FY 2003	FY 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More expeditionary • More networked • Designed to leverage the exterior positions • Leverage increasingly persistent intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance • Tighter sensor-shooter timelines • Value information superiority • Joint interoperability at the operational level • Focus on unmanned capabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighter, more agile, easily deployable units • Knowledge-enabled warfare • Improve vertical / horizontal intelligence distribution • Strengthen intelligence capabilities for the 21st century • Joint force synergy • Demand-centered intelligence • Jointness to the lowest appropriate level • Substitution of capital for labor

Beginning in FY 2005, this classified report will be submitted each November to the Secretary of Defense.

Develop More Effective Organizations

Activity Metric: Enhance homeland defense and consequence management

End-state Metric (New baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Strategy and an associated resource and technology roadmap.	No historical data: new metric		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established an Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense. Established U.S. Northern Command. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Began developing first homeland defense strategy. Developed initial resource and technology roadmaps.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Our highest priority is protecting the U.S. homeland from attack—we must be able to succeed at the full range of tasks associated with an active defense-in-depth, including military missions in the forward regions, approaches to the United States, the U.S. homeland, and the global commons. Specifically, we must be able to:

- Conduct military missions to prevent, deter, defend, and defeat attacks on the United States, our population, and our defense critical infrastructure (homeland defense).
- Support civil authorities directed by the President or Secretary of Defense as part of a comprehensive national response to prevent and protect against terrorist incidents or manage the consequences of attack or disaster (homeland security).
- Enhance contributions of domestic and foreign partners to homeland security and homeland defense.

Ongoing Research: To guide our efforts to meet the challenges of the post-9/11 threat environment, the Secretary of Defense directed the development of the first comprehensive, defense-wide strategy for homeland defense and civil support. This new strategy will rely on an integrated threat assessment to define DoD’s strategic goals, key objectives, and core capabilities for homeland defense and civil support. The strategy also will describe associated force structure, technology, and resource implications.

By providing an overarching suite of strategic goals aligned with resource and technology plans, we will add coherence and direction to the disparate activities across the Department that currently deter and prevent attacks, protect critical defense and designated civilian infrastructure, provide situational understanding, and prepare for and respond to incidents.

The completed strategy will articulate a number of actions for immediate implementation to transform DoD’s capabilities for homeland defense and civil support in each of the core capability areas, including providing maximum threat awareness, the interdiction and defeat of threats at safe distance, mission assurance, improved interagency and international capabilities,

and managing the consequences of a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive incident.

Timeline for Completion. We expect to complete the strategy by the first quarter of FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The initial research and writing of a comprehensive homeland defense strategy is ongoing. Real world events such as the G-8 Summit at Sea Island, Georgia, the national political conventions, and the period of heightened threat during August 2004 have delayed coordination of the document. The completion of the strategy is set for the early part of FY 2005.

Activity Metric: Establish a standing joint force headquarters

End-state Metric (New baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
The ability to rapidly execute transformational command and control functions for joint force operations.	Development of Standing Joint Force Headquarters (SJFHQ) directed in 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review	Concept released.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiments conducted Implementation guidelines developed 	SJFHQ established and staffed
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. In 2003, the Secretary of Defense directed Geographic Combatant Commands (GCC) to establish Standing Joint Force Headquarters (SJFHQ) by FY 2005. These SJFHQs reflect standards established by U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) and incorporate the lessons learned from the Millennium Challenge '02 joint exercises. Each GCC has a 58-person core SJFHQ that serves as a planning staff during day-to-day operations. In the event of a crisis, the in-place SJFHQ is immediately prepared to execute command and control functions for the integrated employment of air, land, maritime, and information forces. The SJFHQ is made up of joint-trained personnel skilled in using computer-based analysis tools and joint information and processes. To operate in the field, each deployable SJFHQ must have a Deployable Joint Command and Control (DJC2) capability.

Ongoing Research. USJFCOM is continuing an extensive program of research, development, and experimentation to advance the key enabling concepts of knowledge management, effects-based planning and operations, and a collaborative information environment.

Timeline For Completion. All the regional combatant commands will have SJFHQ organizations established in FY 2005; the exception is the U.S. Central Command, where participation has been delayed by the ongoing contingency. As an operational reserve to the GCCs, USJFCOM will establish a deployable surge-capable SJFHQ during FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Secretary of Defense approved an exemption to the 15% major headquarters personnel reduction for the GCCs that allowed them to retain 58 personnel to man their SJFHQ organization. Subsequently, the Department approved \$1.6M per GCC for the operations and maintenance of their SJFHQs. The GCCs conducted initial training, procured appropriate facilities, and installed garrison equipment for their SJFHQs. The GCCs have completed plans to conduct a full-scale joint training event in FY 2005 that will serve as the “graduation” event for their new joint command and control capability. The DJC2 program delivered an initial concept and procedures development set to USJFCOM in September 2004 and is on schedule to deliver the first operational set to U.S. Pacific Command in FY 2005. USJFCOM developed draft Standard Operating Procedures and Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for the 58-person core element.

Performance Indicator: Transforming DoD training (new FY 2004)

Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Percentage of military officers in critical positions certified as joint-trained or educated	No historical data: new metric.			50% / 52%
^a The FY 2004 data are as of the 3rd quarter.				

Metric Description. Our vision for training transformation is to provide dynamic, capabilities-based training in support of national security requirements across the full spectrum of service, joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational operations. In 2003, the Secretary of Defense tasked the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness with overseeing initiative across the Department. When the initiative was launched in FY 2003, our metrics were activity-based and measured progress toward milestone tasks. Starting in FY 2004, we began transitioning to outcome-based measures.

Our long-term goal is to be able to measure training “value” by evaluating the (1) throughput, (2) innovation, and (3) transparency of training. These three performance indicators align with the Department’s risk management scorecard, and provide a framework for a possible DoD-wide reporting.

One of the leading indicators of training transformation is the overall percentage of the force that have received joint-certified training or had joint education. A higher percentage correlates to increased performance in jobs that require knowledge of joint capabilities, such as joint or combined command and control and tactics. Although the entire force is not measurable at this time, the critical positions filled by officers at combatant command staffs are currently being measured.

To be joint-certified, an officer must complete a two-year joint duty assignment. An officer is considered to have received joint education if he or she graduates from a course certified as Joint Professional Military Education Phase 2.

Our goal for FY 2009 is to ensure that all deployable units are trained at Joint National Training Center-certified events, and that all individual personnel received relevant and certified joint education. We also are developing specific outcome measures of training value to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of primary sources of joint education and training for both individual and unit based training evolutions. Measures are being developed for each of the three leading initiatives of training transformation:

- *Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability (JKDDC)*- metrics will focus on the ability to think intuitively joint and to create a “reach back” capability, and subsequently to assess the associated effect on the forces’ readiness.
- *Joint National Training Center (JNTC)* measures will evaluate the live, virtual, and constructive joint training environment and its ability to increase unit readiness prior to arrival at the combatant commands.

- *Joint Assessment and Enabling Capability* (JAEC) metrics will consider the overall outputs of the JNTC, JKDDC, and transformation as a whole. They will use the JAEC architecture to assess throughput, innovation, and transparency of training, education, and experience in individual and unit categories.

V&V Method. The Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness is responsible for overseeing and reporting the status of the training transformation initiative. The JAEC Director is responsible for coordinating, evaluating, and independently conducting training transformation-related assessments. The JAEC Office will use a combination of forums ranging from existing working groups, workshops, and online collaboration to collect, assess, verify and validate data associated with training transformation performance outcomes. Results will be reviewed by the Deputy Under Secretary for Readiness, and then reported quarterly to the Under Secretary.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The JAEC had planned on shifting exclusively toward outcome-based metrics in 2004, but the policies and infrastructure required to measure outcomes against their associated standards do not yet exist. By the end of FY 2005, the JAEC will have performed its first block assessment of training transformation, and expects to have a complete set of outcome-based measures and assessments by that time. Currently, the JAEC is using a combination of activity-based (milestone) measures and outcome-based measures where they are available. The completion of the Defense Integrated Manpower and Human Resources System and Defense Readiness Reporting System databases will be the primary data sources for JAEC assessments.

The JKDDC is on track to receive initial operating capability by January 2005. During FY 2004, we verified the JKDDC requirement and created a distribution federation.

The JNTC is on track to achieve initial operating capability by October 2004. At that time, the U.S. Joint Forces Command will have certified that the types of training we are doing are appropriate and responsive to the needs of the combatant commanders. In the long term, after the JNTC has achieved its initial operating capability and we have a validated ability to provide an appropriate level of joint context, The Joint Warfighting Center will work with the combatant commands and Services to identify and qualify organizations that can conduct JNTC-accredited events. This effort will require the continued close cooperation between JNTC-accreditation representatives at Joint Warfighting Center and their combatant command and Service counterparts. The JNTC accreditation process is expected to continue through full operational capability in FY 2009.

Drive Innovative Joint Operations

Activity Metric: Experiment with new warfare concepts

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Percentage of goals met	No historical data: new metric	Developed guidance	Released guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted four major experimentation exercises Submitted joint experimentation plan for approval Fielded Standing Joint Force Headquarters prototypes
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. The goal of the Department's experimentation program is to rapidly convert innovative warfighting concepts to prototypes to fielded capabilities. Accordingly, the April 2003 Transformation Planning Guidance directed the development of the Joint Concept Development and Experimentation Campaign (JCDE) Plan to describe the role of joint experimentation as a major generator of transformational change.

The JCDE follows two paths: the joint concept development and the joint prototyping.

- The joint concept development program explores innovative concepts for improving future joint warfighting. These concepts result from an iterative experimentation program that relies on frequent, small-scale sets of experiments conducted in a joint wargaming environment. Once concepts prove viable through continuous refinement and experimentation, they are transferred to the prototype team
- The joint prototype program improves current warfighting capabilities and matures new capabilities through continuous experimentation in which are part of Combatant Command joint exercise programs. The JCDE will identify capabilities proposals for rapid prototyping and provide actionable recommendations for future resource investments based on experimentation results.

Ongoing Research. The Joint Operations Concept is the overarching concept of how the joint force intends to operate in the next 10-20 years; it is currently being developed with associated functional and integrating concepts. The primary prototype under development is the Standing Joint Force Headquarters, with associated prototypes for a collaborative information environment, an operational net assessment, effects-based operations, a Joint Interagency Coordination Group, a joint fires initiative, and a common relevant operating picture. Other prototype efforts are the joint deployment process and joint intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

Timeline for Completion. The Secretary is expected to sign the JCDE Plan in FY 2005. The concepts development schedule is contained in the Joint Operations Concepts activity metric description. Prototypes are at various stages of development.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The JCDE Plan was approved by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and submitted to the Secretary of Defense. As of the end of the 3rd quarter of FY 2004, the U.S. Joint Forces Command co-sponsored four major exercises with each of the

Services that included multi-national partners. We have substantially improved experimentation results by increasing the participation of combatant commands and inter-agency representatives. Standing Joint Force Headquarters prototypes were introduced at each of the regional combatant commands; the exception is the U.S. Central Command, where participation has been delayed due to ongoing contingency operations. The results from Unified Course 04, Thor's Hammer, Multinational Experiment 3, and Unified Engagement 04 exercises will be incorporated into developing concepts, further experiments, or introduced as prototypes.

Performance Metric: Maintain balanced and focused science and technology

Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
	Percentage of S&T budget			
Basic research	16%	14.8%	14%	12.8%
Applied research	42.7%	42%	38%	35.9%
Advanced technology development	41.3%	43.2%	48%	51.3%

^a The FY 2004 data are final

Metric Description. The DoD science and technology (S&T) program consists of research and development investments in Basic Research (Budget Activity (BA) 1), Applied Research (BA 2), and Advanced Technology Development (BA 3).

This metric is designed to ensure a balanced and focused investment by funding Basic Research, Applied Research, and Advanced Technology Development to 15%, 35%, and 50% respectively, of the total annual S&T budget.

V&V Method. The Director of Plans and Programs in the Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering is responsible for tracking S&T investments made by the Military Services and defense agencies, and for recommending annual funding goals. Each year, after the President’s Budget it is sent to Congress with, we calculate the aggregate percentages actually invested in each S&T category and compare actual investment to those recommended goals. Determining the right level of investment is not a precise science; rather it is a strategic decision. Our ultimate objective is to fund S&T at a level adequate to ensure our technological superiority—specifically, sufficient to provide the technology foundation we need to modernize our forces, and to develop the “leap ahead” technologies that produce transformational capabilities. Accordingly, we must continue to invest broadly in defense-relevant technologies, because it is not possible to predict in which areas the next breakthroughs will occur or what specific capabilities will be required to meet the challenges of the uncertain future.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The balance achieved between the funding levels for FY 2005 in BA 1, BA 2, and BA 3 is sufficiently close to the DoD goals.

Institutional Quadrant

Improve the Readiness and Quality of Key Facilities

Activity Metric: Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in FY 2005

End-state Metric (New Baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
A new DoD facility footprint	BRAC cited as a key element of DoD transformation	Legislative authority for BRAC established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 BRAC authorized by the Secretary of Defense • Management structure and seven joint cross-service groups established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final selection criteria established • Data collection and certification begun
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. One of the Secretary of Defense’s early priorities was to transform America’s defense for the 21st century by shifting defense planning from the "threat-based" model that had dominated thinking in the past to a "capabilities-based" model for the future. Our transformation charter reinforced our long-standing commitment to streamlining and upgrading of defense infrastructure by explicitly calling for “...another round of infrastructure reductions to reduce unneeded facilities.” Accordingly, we were able to persuade Congress to grant authority in the FY 2002 National Defense Authorization Act for a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in 2005.

On November 15, 2002, the Secretary signed a memorandum entitled, “Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure,” that officially established the process for BRAC 2005. The document outlines the expectations and importance of reshaping DoD’s infrastructure to better support future force structure. It established two senior level groups to manage and oversee the process, provided for the analysis of common business-oriented functions separate from service-unique functions, and required specific functional recommendations to undergo joint analysis within 150 days.

An Infrastructure Executive Council, headed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense and including the secretaries and chiefs of staff of the Military Department, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, provide policy and oversight. A lower-level Infrastructure Steering Group is headed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and includes the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; assistant secretaries for installations and environment for the Army, Navy, and Air Force; the Service vice chiefs of staff; and the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. This board oversees joint analysis of common military functions and ensures those efforts are coordinated with Service reviews of specific operations.

Each of the Services and defense agencies have established procedures and designated appropriate personnel to certify that data and information collected for use in the BRAC 2005 analyses are accurate and complete. These certification procedures are to be incorporated within

the required internal control plan, and must be consistent with DoD certification procedures. Both are subject to audit by the Government Accountability Office and DoD auditors.

Ongoing Research: The Secretary, in his memo kicking off the 2005 BRAC process, directed that joint teams be created to review common business-oriented functions. Subsequently, the Secretary approved seven Joint Cross-Service Groups and associated functions for joint review.

Timeline for Completion: We will provide any needed revisions to the 20-year force structure plan to Congress with the FY 2006 President's Budget. By May 16, 2005, we will send closure and realignment recommendations to the BRAC Commission and congressional defense committees.

Performance Results for FY 2004: We met our milestones for the fiscal year by providing the final BRAC base selection criteria to Congress; we also began collecting and certifying facility data. Our projection of the Department's 20-year force structure and the necessary associated infrastructure and excess capacity was provided to Congress with the FY 2005 President's Budget. This report also certified projected BRAC future savings. In February, we sent the final selection criteria.

We also developed an Internal Control Plan and a data certification process to satisfy statutory requirements for use of certified data in developing closure and realignment recommendations. The Military Departments and Joint Cross-Service Groups also completed development of their respective Internal Control Plans. Military Department and auditors from the DoD Inspector General reviewed these plans.

Performance Metric: Eliminate inadequate family housing by 2007

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual ^c	FY 2004 Target ^b /Actual
Number of inadequate family housing units	170,314	143,608	119,980	93,294/NA ^d
Percentage of total family housing units ^a	59	53	47	NA ^d
^a Targets are not established for the percentage of total family housing units. ^b Targets were based on Service military construction and family housing budget estimates for FY 2005. ^c Changes reported reflect final budget numbers ^d FY 2004 results not available until after the FY 2006 President's Budget is submitted.				

Metric Description. Our goal is to eliminate all inadequate family housing in the continental United States by the end of FY 2007 (and by FY 2009 for overseas bases). In general, inadequate housing is any unit that requires a major repair, component upgrade, component replacement, or total upgrade. Each Service has evaluated its housing and identified inadequate units. Each Service has then developed a plan to eliminate this inadequate housing through a combination of traditional military construction, operations and maintenance support, and privatization. The plans are updated annually with the President's Budget.

V&V Method. The Military Construction and Family Housing Program Budget Estimate Submissions provide Service details including actual numbers of inadequate housing units eliminated during the past year and requirements through FY 2007. Service Family Housing Master Plans are updated annually to reflect the budget plan. Prior to the start of the budget review, senior Service leadership present their respective budget execution plans to senior leadership in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, confirm prior-year performance and describe how each will meet the Secretary's goal. If unable to meet the goal, senior leadership will explain why.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Through the end of FY 2003, we reduced inadequate family housing by 23,628 units through revitalization, demolition, and privatization. The total number of inadequate housing eliminated through privatization from the start of the program through FY 2003 is 44,961. Results for FY 2004 will not be available until the President's Budget for FY 2006 is submitted to Congress in February 2005.

Performance Metric: Fund to a 67-year recapitalization rate

Metrics	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Facilities recapitalization metric–FRM (years)	192	101	149 ^c	136 ^d
Facilities sustainment model–FSM	70% ^b	89% ^b	93%	94%

^a Three defense agencies (Defense Logistics Agency, DoD Education Activity, and Tri-Care Medical Activity) included beginning in FY 2004, but excluded in previous years.
^b Estimated (FSM was first fielded in FY 2003).
^c The FY 2003 data are as of the FY 2003 President’s Budget.
^d The FY 2004 data are as of the FY 2004 President’s Budget.

Metric Description. The facilities recapitalization metric (FRM) measures the rate at which an inventory of facilities is being recapitalized. The term “recapitalization” means to restore or modernize facilities. Recapitalization may (or may not) involve total replacement of individual facilities; recapitalization often occurs incrementally over time without a complete replacement.

The performance goal for FRM equals the average expected service life (ESL) of the facilities inventory (estimated to be 67 years, based on benchmarks developed by a panel of Defense engineers – see the installations portion of the 1997 *Quadrennial Defense Review*). The ESL, in turn, is a function of facilities sustainment. “Sustainment” means routine maintenance and repair necessary to achieve the ESL. To compute a normal ESL, full sustainment levels must be assumed. A reduced ESL results from less than full sustainment. For this reason, the metrics for facilities recapitalization and facilities sustainment are unavoidably linked and should be considered together.

Sustainment levels required to achieve a normal ESL are benchmarked to commercial per unit costs; for example, \$1.94 per square foot annually is needed to properly sustain the aircraft maintenance hangar inventory for a 50-year life cycle. The facilities sustainment model (FSM) adjusts these costs to local areas and assigns the costs to DoD components and funding sources.

The recapitalization rate—measured by FRM in years—is compared to service life benchmarks for various types of facilities. For example, the ESL of a pier is 75 years, and the ESL of a dental clinic is 50 years (provided the facilities are fully sustained during that time). The average of all the ESL benchmarks, weighted by the value of the facilities represented by each benchmark, is 67 years. Weighting is required to normalize the ESL. For example, without weighting, 50 years is the ESL of a hypothetical inventory consisting of administrative buildings (75-year ESL) and fences (25-year ESL). But fences are insignificant compared to administrative buildings—DoD has \$22 billion worth of administrative buildings, but only \$3 billion worth of fences and related structures—and should not have equal weight. The ESL of this hypothetical inventory when weighted by plant replacement value is 68 years, not 50 years.

For evaluating planned performance, both metrics (FSM and FRM) are converted to dollars (annual funding requirements) and compared to funded programs in the DoD Future Years Defense Program (FYDP). The sustainment rate can be measured through execution; the recapitalization rate, which is primarily—but not exclusively—a function of multi-year military construction appropriations, is not tracked for execution on an annual basis.

V&V Method. Recapitalization rates are computed according to set procedures for transmitting program and budget data to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and set rules as described in the August 2002 document, *Facilities Recapitalization Front End Assessment*. Data collection procedures are quite complex and are derived from multiple sources to include several hundred FYDP program elements, multiple funding appropriations and resources from outside DoD, and hundreds of thousands of real property records. The various data elements are summarized and merged in the Defense Programming Database (DPD) Warehouse, where the recapitalization rate is computed from the data. All the data submitted to the DPD Warehouse are audited for accuracy by multiple DoD offices, led by the Secretary's Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation and the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment.

Sustainment rates are computed in a similar manner. Approximately 400 benchmarks for sustainment are contained in the DoD Facilities Pricing Guide and are each documented for source and estimated quality. These individual cost factors are combined with real property inventory databases by the DoD FSM, which is maintained under contract by R&K Engineering of Roanoke, VA. FSM outputs are merged with programming and budget data contained in the DoD FYDP; merging is done in the DPD Warehouse, where sustainment rates are computed.

There are several layers of business rules and verification processes in place for these models and metrics. Some examples:

- Real property assets are screened for anomalies and “set back” filters are applied automatically (with notification to components)
- Sustainment and construction cost factors are reviewed by independent contractors, as well as DoD-wide working groups, to include the Facilities Sustainment Model Configuration and Support Panel as well as the Tri-Service Working Group (see the latest version of the DoD Facilities Pricing Guide for more information on the review and validation of cost factors).

Budget and programming data are reviewed by the Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation for discrepancies and returned to components for update if needed.

Performance Results for FY 2004. These metrics do not capture “actual” expenditures, as the term “actual” is normally understood. For recapitalization, there is no reporting process for determining the “actual” (i.e., executed) recapitalization rate in a given year, and there is little reason to do so. Appropriations for military construction projects—which make up the bulk of the recapitalization investment—are good for five years and are typically executed over more than one year. Additionally, Congressional adds, rescissions, reprogrammings, and late project adjustments all alter the “actual” recapitalization rate. There is no system as yet to capture these changes at the DoD level, and an annual rate of execution for military construction appropriations has little meaning.

For sustainment, a system is in place to capture the “actual” sustainment expenditure at the DoD level. However, FY 2003 was the first year for the system and the initial results are unreliable. In FY 2003, and continuing into FY 2004, the Global War on Terrorism has skewed execution results such that they are presently not useful. The DoD-level execution tracking system as currently used is unable to properly distinguish sustainment expenses for the normal DoD facilities inventory from sustainment expenses strictly related to contingency operations. For example, the system cannot tell the difference between sustaining facilities at Langley Air Force Base (AFB) and sustaining palaces in Iraq. The facilities at Langley AFB are part of the computed DoD sustainment requirement, but the palaces in Iraq are not; hence, the reported execution totals cannot be properly compared to the budgeted or targeted rates. This issue has impacted heavily on the Air Force. On the other hand, the war has also drawn off sustainment

funding for other non-sustainment purposes, making the estimated execution rate somewhat anomalous. This issue has impacted most heavily on the Army. These issues are presently being worked so that in the future, perhaps as early as FY 2005 or 2006, execution results for sustainment will be more reliable. For this report, the table above continues to show budgeted rates, not executed rates.

The results shown for FY 2004—136 years recap rate and 94% sustainment rate—demonstrate continuing improvement from FY 2003. However, since these metrics are showing budgeted rates, the most important results for FY 2004 will be found in the FY 2005 budget. At the DoD level, the recapitalization rate was accelerated to 105 years in FY 2005 and the sustainment rate was increased to 95%. The 95% sustainment rate resulted from the direct and personal intervention of the Secretary of Defense. One of the most notable accomplishments, which is not visible in the table, is that all the military services and major defense agencies are funded equally at 95% of standard, DoD-wide benchmarks. The only exception remains Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), which is funded via working capital funds. Special studies are underway to determine a solution for DLA and especially for the fuels infrastructure that is under DLA's purview.

Although performance, as measured by the budgeted recapitalization and sustainment rates, continued to improve from FY 2001 levels, the targets (67-year recapitalization rate and full sustainment) were not achieved in either budget. As a result of not achieving full sustainment levels, the estimated service life of the inventories (67 years) suffered another incremental reduction. As a result of not achieving a 67-year recapitalization rate, obsolescence in the facilities inventories increased incrementally. The cumulative and compounding effect of these shortfalls is measured by the number of deteriorated, obsolete, or otherwise inadequate facilities (referred to as C-3 or C-4 facilities in DoD readiness terminology) reported in the Department's readiness reports (two thirds of facility classes are reported as having serious deficiencies that adversely impact mission performance).

Because of the way these metrics are constructed, the underperforming results in earlier years do not directly affect the sustainment and recapitalization performance targets for FY 2005 and FY 2006. The goal for sustainment remains full sustainment. For example, a 6% shortfall in programmed sustainment in FY 2004 cannot be offset with 6% overage in FY 2005. The interim goal for recapitalization remains 67 years, even though past performance has already reduced the service life of the facilities inventory. The direct effect of undersustainment and underrecapitalization is captured in an accelerated recapitalization rate that is required to restore readiness to adequate levels (C-2 equivalency in DoD readiness terms) by 2010.

Activity Metric: Restore readiness of key facilities by 2010

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Percentage of DoD facilities restored to a high state of military readiness	No historical data: new metric.		Chartered effort to standardize facility records and improve Installations Readiness Report (IRR) summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented revised condition reporting process • Began IRR re-engineering • Conducted a special study to determine whether the FY 2010 goal is still achievable.
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. Our goal, first articulated with the 1997 update to the defense strategy, is to restore facilities readiness as currently measured by the Installations Readiness Report (IRR) to a readiness rating of at least C-2 (defined as adequate condition), such that the sum of all necessary restoration and modernization costs is ≥ 10 but $\leq 20\%$ of the average replacement value of the facility by the end of FY 2010.

The existing IRR is a summary of ratings by facility class. While serving as a good indicator of general conditions, the IRR does not itself provide a way to determine appropriate investment levels or to target investments. There is no relationship between the official real property inventories and the IRR, which limits confidence in the IRR ratings. In addition, the IRR, with its emphasis on readiness rather than solely condition, may skew the costs needed to restore facilities to adequate conditions. The goal is to eliminate the most adverse ratings (readiness ratings of either C-3 or C-4, which are defined as deteriorated, obsolete, or otherwise inadequate facilities) through accelerated recapitalization rates and to restore readiness of key facilities to at least C-2. An earlier estimate based only on summary IRR ratings indicates that the FY 2010 goal might be achievable for most of the military Services with a full sustainment program coupled with an accelerated recapitalization rate. However, a more precise and auditable condition assessment mechanism is needed to assess the overall funding requirements and track progress toward the goal.

Ongoing Research: The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment is conducting a special study of facilities restoration. A revised condition reporting process, similar to a facilities condition index commonly found in other government agencies, has been developed by a cross-Department working group under the Installations Policy Board, and is in the process of being implemented. However, this will require coding of more than 500,000 individual facility records and will be addressed in phases over about two years. This process will standardize reporting by individual facility record in the real property inventories, which will provide improved data quality and better support readiness ratings. Draft policy has been developed in the financial management regulations and in an updated DoD Instruction 4165.14 on real property reporting. The first round of new data is expected to be available in October 2004 from the Department of the Navy. Additional data will follow from the Departments of the Army and Air Force.

Timeline for Completion: A standard for common condition reporting was completed in November 2002. The first common condition reports are released in October 2004. During 2005, we will develop a concept for mission-impact rating (M-ratings), and complete an initial validation and verification of the new condition factor (Q-rating). A complete submission of

common conditions reports is scheduled for October 2005. The first report under the new system is planned for January 2006.

Performance Results for FY 2004: During FY 2004, we began:

- Adding a mission impact factor (so called M-rating) to the new condition factor (Q-rating), so that the readiness of facilities to support various missions at specific locations can be computed in a less subjective and more standardized, auditable, and automated way.
- Incorporating facilities and installation information into the Defense Readiness Reporting System (which is simultaneously being re-engineered), such that facilities will be more closely integrated with other readiness reporting methodologies.
- Reporting Q-ratings for Navy and Marine Corps inventories; the first reports are expected at the close of the fiscal year. The Army and Air Force are re-designing their systems during FY 2004 to accommodate Q-ratings and will report to the Office of Secretary of Defense within 12 months following the close of the fiscal year.

We also awarded a contract to upgrade the facilities recapitalization metric, which assists in forecasting funding requirements to restore readiness from a simple metric to a more robust web-based model. New benchmarks are under development that may impact the timeline for achieving the FY 2010 goal.

Finally, we re-initiated a DoD-level facilities demolition and disposal program, which will assist in accelerating achievement of the C-2 equivalency goal.

Manage Overhead and Indirect Costs

Performance Metric: Reduce percentage of DoD budget spent on infrastructure (lagged indicator)

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Target/Actual	FY 2004 Target
Percentage of DoD budget spent on infrastructure	46	44	42/42	41
Note: This is a lagged indicator. Projections are based on the FY 2005 President's Budget Future Years Defense Program.				

Metric Description. The share of the defense budget devoted to infrastructure is one of the principal measures the Department uses to gauge progress toward achieving its infrastructure reduction goals. A downward trend in this metric indicates that the balance is shifting toward less infrastructure and more mission programs. In tracking annual resource allocations, we use mission and infrastructure definitions that support macro-level comparisons of DoD resources. The definitions are based on the 2001 *Quadrennial Defense Review* (QDR), the Future Years Defense Program (FYDP), and an Institute for Defense Analyses report (*DoD Force and Infrastructure Categories: A FYDP-Based Conceptual Model of Department of Defense Programs and Resources, September 2002*) prepared for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The definitions are consistent with the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-433). This act requires that combat units, and their organic support, be routinely assigned to the combatant commanders and that the Military Departments retain the activities that create and sustain those forces. This feature of U.S. law provides the demarcation line between forces (military units assigned to combatant commanders) and infrastructure (activities retained by the Military Departments). In addition to more precisely distinguishing forces from infrastructure, the force subcategories have been updated to reflect current operational concepts. The infrastructure subcategories, likewise, have been updated and streamlined.

V&V Method. The Department updates the percentage of the budget spent on infrastructure each time the President's budget FYDP database is revised. The Institute for Defense Analyses reviews and normalizes the data to adjust for the effect of definitional changes in the database that mask true content changes. Prior-year data are normalized to permit accurate comparisons with current-year data. Because of these adjustments, there may be slight shifts upward or downward in the targets established for past-year infrastructure expenditures.

Performance Results for FY 2003. We allocated about 42% of total obligational authority to infrastructure activities in FY 2003, down from about 44% in the preceding year. The reduction in percentage terms stems from two sources. First, the Department continued to increase its allocation of resources to forces in fighting the Global War On Terrorism and meeting other operational requirements. Second, efficiencies have resulted from QDR and defense reform initiatives, including savings from previous base realignment and closure rounds, strategic and competitive sourcing initiatives, and privatization and reengineering efforts. We expect to continue progressing toward reducing its expenditures on infrastructure as a share of the defense budget in FY 2004 and FY 2005.

**Department of Defense
TOA by Force and Infrastructure Category
Constant FY 2005 \$ (Billions)**

	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Expeditionary Forces	135	141	151	197
Deterrence & Protection Forces	8	9	13	14
Other Forces	30	32	34	49
Defense Emergency Response Fund	0	0	14	1
Forces Total	173	183	213	261
Force Installations	24	24	27	34
Communications & Information	5	5	6	8
Science & Technology Program	9	9	10	11
Acquisition	9	9	9	9
Central Logistics	21	19	20	27
Defense Health Program	20	18	26	23
Central Personnel Administration	11	11	8	12
Central Personnel Benefits Programs	8	8	9	9
Central Training	27	27	30	34
Departmental Management	15	16	17	20
Other Infrastructure	3	8	3	4
Infrastructure Total	151	154	166	190
Grand Total	324	337	379	451
Infrastructure as a Percentage of Total	47%	46%	44%	42%

Source: FY 2005 President's Budget and associated FYDP with Institute for Defense Analyses FYDP normalization adjustments.

Note: TOA = Total Obligational Authority

Mission and Infrastructure Categories Used for Tracking the Portion of the DoD Budget Spent on Infrastructure
Mission Categories
<i>Expeditionary forces.</i> Operating forces designed primarily for non-nuclear operations outside the United States. Includes combat units (and their organic support) such as divisions, tactical aircraft squadrons, and aircraft carriers.
<i>Deterrence and Protection Forces.</i> Operating forces designed primarily to deter or defeat direct attacks on the United States and its territories. Also includes agencies engaged in U.S. international policy activities under the direct supervision of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
<i>Other forces.</i> Includes most intelligence, space, and combat-related command, control, and communications programs, such as cryptologic activities, satellite communications, and airborne command posts.
Infrastructure Categories
<i>Force installations.</i> Installations at which combat units are based. Includes the Services and organizations at these installations necessary to house and sustain the units and support their daily operations. Also includes programs to sustain, restore, and modernize buildings at the installations and protect the environment.
<i>Communications and information infrastructure.</i> Programs that provide secure information distribution, processing, storage, and display. Major elements include long-haul communication systems, base computing systems, Defense Enterprise Computing Centers and detachments, and information assurance programs.
<i>Science and technology program.</i> The program of scientific research and experimentation within the Department of Defense that seeks to advance fundamental science relevant to military needs and determine if the results can successfully be applied to military use.
<i>Acquisition.</i> Activities that develop, test, evaluate, and manage the acquisition of military equipment and supporting systems. These activities also provide technical oversight throughout a system's useful life.
<i>Central logistics.</i> Programs that provide supplies, depot-level maintenance of military equipment and supporting systems, transportation of material, and other products and services to customers throughout DoD.
<i>Defense health program.</i> Medical infrastructure and systems, managed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, that provide health care to military personnel, dependents, and retirees.
<i>Central personnel administration.</i> Programs that acquire and administer the DoD workforce. Includes acquisition of new DoD personnel, station assignments, provisions of the appropriate number of skilled people for each career field, and miscellaneous personnel management support functions, such as personnel transient and holding accounts.
<i>Central personnel benefit programs.</i> Programs that provide benefits to Service members. Includes family housing programs; commissaries and military exchanges; dependent schools in the United States and abroad; community, youth, and family centers; child development activities; off-duty and voluntary education programs; and a variety of ceremonial and morale-boosting activities.
<i>Central training.</i> Programs that provide formal training to personnel at central locations away from their duty stations (non-unit training). Includes training of new personnel, officer training and Service academies, aviation and flight training, and military professional and skill training. Also includes miscellaneous other training-related support functions.
<i>Departmental management.</i> Headquarters whose primary mission is to manage the overall programs and operations of DoD and its Components. Includes administrative, force, and international management headquarters, and defense-wide support activities that are centrally managed. Excludes headquarters elements exercising operational command (which are assigned to the "other forces" category) and management headquarters associated with other infrastructure categories.
<i>Other infrastructure.</i> Programs that do not fit well into other categories. They include programs that (1) provide management, basing, and operating support for DoD intelligence activities; (2) conduct navigation, meteorological, and oceanographic activities; (3) manage and upgrade DoD-operated air traffic control activities; (4) support warfighting, war-gaming, battle centers, and major modeling and simulation programs; (5) conduct medical contingency preparedness activities not part of the defense health program; and (6) fund joint exercises sponsored by the Combatant Commanders (COCOMs) or JCS directed. Also included in this category are centralized resource adjustments that are not allocated among the programs affected (e.g., foreign currency fluctuations, commissary resale stocks, and force structure deviations).

Activity Metric: Link defense resources to key performance goals

End-state Metric	FY 2003	FY 2003	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Common resource data lexicon	No historical data: new metric			Developed draft data framework and common business rules
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. In FY 2003 we opened a program office dedicated to combining or aligning program and budget databases that previously had been managed separately. We are now engaged in a major review of the Department’s program and budget data structure. This review, to be completed during FY 2005, will ensure our common resource management database:

- More directly aligns with Congressional and other external reporting requirements,
- Better supports internal business and policy decisions by allowing an overlay of issue taxonomies that support strategy development and reviews, and
- More easily manages data structures and improves our ability to validate data.

This review covers almost 4,000 areas. We will modernize or replace outdated activity definitions, and consolidate or create others. Already we are seeing that today’s new strategic approach is merging and blurring the traditional lines between tooth (deployable operational units) and tail (non-deploying units and central support). When the study is complete, we will have a more flexible analysis interface with defense data, allowing us to build alternative ways of mapping our programming data structure and making it easier to crosswalk performance results to resource investments:

Ongoing Research. Two working groups comprising representatives from each Service, a lead policy office, and select defense agencies are reviewing the data structures and definitions for DoD’s program data and acquisition resource data.

Timeline for Completion. By the end of FY 2006, we will develop standard data definitions to be used throughout the Department and implement a revised data framework which allows a unified program and budget data architecture.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, we conducted extensive line-by-line reviews of the existing data structure, and developed:

- A draft programming and budget framework based upon the four quadrants of the DoD risk management framework: force management, operational, institutional, and future challenges
- Draft business rules for using the program and budget framework
- A common set of DoD business definitions and assigned each to one of the four quadrants within the DoD risk management framework.

Realign Support to the Warfighter

Performance Metric: Reduce customer wait time (days)

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target/Actual ^a
Customer wait time (in days)	18	16	19	15/24

^aThe FY 2004 data are as of the 2nd quarter.

Metric Description. Customer wait time (CWT) measures the elapsed time from order to receipt when a customer orders an item of material. The customer's order may be filled from assets on hand at the customer's military installation or naval vessel, or through the DoD wholesale logistics system. For purposes of this enterprise-level metric, CWT includes orders for spare and repair parts ordered by organizational maintenance activities. CWT-captured orders considered below enterprise level are maintained by each of the military Services and the Defense Logistics Agency.

V&V Method. Data on transaction volume and order-receipt times are collected monthly from various military Service systems. The military Services roll the inputs from their respective systems into a single Service report in spreadsheet format that they submit to the Defense Automatic Addressing System (DAAS). DAAS then calculates a weighted average (based on the relative volume of transactions) for the entire DoD, which is the figure reported above. All military Service inputs are based on an agreed-upon set of business rules. This methodology helps to ensure consistent treatment of data and valid comparisons across DoD. Each of the military Services is responsible for ensuring data accuracy prior to submission.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Through the second quarter of FY 2004, we experienced an average CWT of 24 days. We do not expect to realize much reduction in CWT until the conclusion of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Performance Metric: Reduce Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP) annual rate of acquisition cost growth

Metric	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target ^b
Percentage annual growth	+13.9 ^a	+6.4	+5.0	Downward trend toward 0%

^aThe December Selected Acquisition Report (SAR), which reflects the President's budget, is used for calculating acquisition cost growth. There were no December 2000 SARs, because a Future Years Defense Program was not included in the FY 2002 President's Budget. Thus, the FY 2001 actual reflects acquisition cost growth for a two-year period (FY 2000 and FY 2001).

^cResults for FY 2004 will be available in April 2005.

Metric Description. Acquisition cost growth measures the amount that acquisition costs grow from year to year. It is computed by taking the difference between the acquisition costs in the current-year's President's Budget and the previous-year's budget, divided by the acquisition costs for the previous-year's budget, expressed as a percentage. The population is all Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) common to both current-year and previous-year budgets. A dollar-weighted average is calculated for the common MDAPs and adjusted for changes in quantity or inflation. Acquisition cost growth can occur for various reasons, including technical risk, schedule slips, programmatic changes, or overly optimistic cost estimates. The Department's reform initiatives seek to reduce cost growth from all sources, providing an output target for procurement managers of individual systems, as well as for the aggregate procurement programs of the individual Services. The objective is to be on a downward trend toward the ultimate goal of no (0%) acquisition cost growth. Managerial responses are expected to include both specific cost-control initiatives and process changes.

V&V Method. Data on acquisition cost growth for MDAPs are collected from Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs), which the Department submits to the Congress pursuant to Section 2432, Title 10, U.S. Code. SARs summarize the latest estimates of cost, schedule, and technical status. These reports are in annually in December and released with in conjunction with the President's Budget. Subsequent quarterly exception reports are required only for those programs experiencing unit cost increases of at least 15% or schedule delays of at least six months. Quarterly SARs are also submitted for initial reports, final reports, and for programs that are re-baselined at major milestone decisions.

SARs and the underlying data, which are maintained in the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS), are used to verify and validate the measured values. There are no known SAR data deficiencies. The December SAR, which reflects the next President's Budget, is used for calculating cost growth for the previous fiscal year. If annual acquisition cost growth does not decrease, the SARs provide data useful in isolating specific causes.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Results for FY 2004 will be available with the release of the SARs in April 2005.

Performance Metric: Reduce Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP) acquisition cycle time

Metric (months)	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Target ^a
Acquisition cycle time (for new starts from FY 1992 through FY 2001)	102	103	102	<99
Acquisition cycle time (for new starts after FY 2001)	Not applicable		76	<66
^a Results for FY 2004 will be available in April 2005.				

Metric Description. Acquisition cycle time is the elapsed time, in months, from program initiation—when the Department makes a commitment to develop and produce a weapon system—until the system attains initial operational capability (IOC). This metric measures the average cycle time across all Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs). During the 1960s, a typical defense acquisition took seven years (84 months) to complete. By 1996, a similar acquisition required 11 years (132 months) to complete. To reverse this trend, the Department established an objective to reduce the average acquisition cycle time for MDAPs started since 1992 to less than 99 months, a reduction of 25%. DoD achieved that initial objective through rapid acquisition with demonstrated technology, time-phased requirements and evolutionary development, and integrated test and evaluation. To continue to improve, the Department now seeks to reduce the average cycle time to less than 66 months for all MDAPs started after FY 2001. To achieve that objective, the Department is introducing improvements to development and production schedules similar to those it initiated for managing system performance and cost. Rapid development and fielding of weapon systems—leveraging new technologies faster—will enable U.S. forces to stay ahead of potential adversaries.

V&V Method. The key measure for this objective is the average elapsed time from program start to IOC, measured in months. Average acquisition cycle time is computed using schedule estimates from the Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs). SARs summarize the latest estimates of cost, schedule, and technical status. These report data as of December each year and released with in conjunction with the President's Budget—usually in April. Subsequent quarterly exception reports are required only for those programs experiencing unit cost increases of at least 15% or schedule delays of at least six months. Quarterly SARs are also submitted for initial reports, final reports, and for programs that are re-baselined at major milestone decisions.

SARs and the underlying data, which are maintained in the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS), are used to verify and validate the measured values. The Department also monitors MDAPs through the Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) reporting system and the Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) review process. For the FY 2003 actual, there are 55 MDAPs in the post-FY 1992 calculation, but only eight MDAPs in the post-FY 2001 calculation.

Performance Results for FY 2004. FY 2004 results will not be available until the release of the SARs with the FY 2006 President's Budget in April of 2005.

Activity Metric: Reduce Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP) Operating and Support (O&S) Cost growth

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Percentage of annual cost growth	No historical data: new metric		Established metric baseline by collecting data to establish the first data point	Collecting data to establish the second data point on which to determine growth
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. Operating and support (O&S) costs are those resources required to operate and support a system, subsystem, or major component during its useful life in the operational inventory. This metric measures the amount (O&S) costs for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) grow from year to year. It is computed by taking the difference between the total O&S cost estimates reported in the current-year Selected Acquisition Report (SAR) against the previous-year SAR, then dividing by the total O&S cost estimates reported in the previous-year SAR, expressed as a percentage. The population is all MDAPs common to both current-year and previous-year budgets that report O&S cost estimates in the SAR. A dollar-weighted average is calculated for the common MDAPs.

Estimated O&S cost growth can occur for various reasons, including technical or programmatic changes, changes in the support strategy/concept, or overly optimistic cost estimates. The objective is no (0%) O&S cost growth. Managerial responses are expected to include both specific cost-control initiatives and process changes.

Ongoing Research/V&V Method. Data on MDAP O&S cost growth estimates are collected from SARs submitted by the Department to the Congress pursuant to Section 2432, Title 10, U.S. Code. SARs summarize the latest estimates of cost, schedule, and technical status. These reports are in annually in December and released with in conjunction with the President's Budget. Subsequent quarterly exception reports are required only for those programs experiencing unit cost increases of at least 15% or schedule delays of at least six months. Quarterly SARs are also submitted for initial reports, final reports, and for programs that are re-baselined at major milestone decisions.

SARs and the underlying data, which are maintained in the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS), are used to verify and validate the measured values. There are no known SAR data deficiencies. However, the data upon which the O&S cost growth metric is based are estimates of O&S for weapon systems that are for the most part not yet fielded. The SAR s is used for calculating O&S cost growth for the previous fiscal year. If the annual change in O&S cost growth is unfavorable, the SARs provide data useful in isolating specific causes.

To further develop this metric, the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS) was modified to produce a new data table in the SAR. This new table contains the data needed to measure the O&S cost growth metric.

Timeline for Development. The data to populate this table is collected from the December SARs. This data is being reported for the first time in FY 2004.

Performance Results for FY 2004. FY 2004 results will not be available until the release of SARs in April 2005.

Streamline the Decision Process, Improve Financial Management, and Drive

Performance Metric: Support acquisition excellence goals				
Metric (Excellence Goal)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Acquisition Excellence with Integrity	Progress demonstrated via the following DoD scorecard metrics: Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP) Cycle Time, MDAP Acquisition Cost Growth, and MDAP operations and sustainment (O&S) Cost Growth.			
Logistics: Integrated and Efficient	Progress demonstrated via the following DoD scorecard metric: Customer Wait Time			
Systems Integration & Engineering for Mission Success	No historical data for FY 2001-2002; established goal but did not measure data for FY 2003		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established senior- level forum • Established framework and formal plan • Developed 3 continuous-learning courses 	
Technology Dominance	No historical data for FY 2001-2002. Progress FY 2003 to present demonstrated via the following DoD scorecard metrics: Balanced and Focused Science and Technology and Status of Defense Technology Objectives			
Resources Rationalized	No historical data for FY 2001-2002. Progress FY 2003 to present demonstrated via the following DoD scorecard metric: Base Realignment and Closure 2005			
Industrial Base Strengthened	No historical data for FY 2001-2002. In FY 2003, increased competition by relieving contractors from covering government shortfalls in research and development.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified industrial base issues in battle space awareness and command and control. • Published roadmap for Transforming the Industrial Base. 	
Motivated, Agile Workforce	No historical data for FY 2001-2002. In FY 2003, supported Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration (AcqDemo) Project.		Transitioned from the AcqDemo Project to the National Security Personnel System.	

^aThe FY 2004 data are preliminary.

Metric Description. The focus of the Department in the area of acquisition, technology and logistics has changed from one of “reform” to “excellence.” “Excellence” stresses making the current system function better, and then institutionalizing the improved process. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics faces many challenges in identifying, retailoring, and institutionalizing the system’s strengths to perform better.

We are working toward achieving three primary outcomes:

- Leveling the playing field for all contractors, giving us greater exposure to new ideas.
- Invigorating the fiscal well being of the defense industry by rewarding good performance.
- Encouraging the strong competition vital to maintaining a healthy industrial base.

V&V Method. Reviews and reporting occur periodically (bi-annually) to describe efforts on the seven excellence goals. The goals serve to focus daily efforts of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Service acquisition, technology, and logistics staffs. Methods will vary by goal and metric. Metrics, and therefore their V&V methods, are yet to be developed for some goals.

Performance Results for FY 2004: Our results for this fiscal year include:

1. *Acquisition Excellence with Integrity* – Our long-term objective is to shorten the system acquisition cycle by using evolutionary acquisition and spiral development, maximizing the use of mature and commercial technology, and expanding the use of technology demonstrations. At the same time, we are working to increase the accuracy and credibility of cost estimates and thus fund all Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) at the Cost Analysis Improvement Group (CAIG) estimate, if appropriate. We plan to bring a joint capabilities perspective to acquisition, and will conduct senior leadership reviews of each functional capability area (force protection, battle space awareness, command & control, focused logistics, net-centric, force management, joint training, and force application). Next, we will enforce the results of senior leadership reviews in the resource process as we transition from a “systems-focused” to “capabilities-based” Defense Acquisition Executive Summary reviews. The metrics we are using to measure progress against this goal are MDAP Cycle Time, MDAP Acquisition Cost Growth, and MDAP Operations and Support (O&S) Cost Growth. They are described in detail elsewhere in this report.
2. *Logistics: Integrated and Efficient* -- The Department is striving for integrated and efficient logistics. We will adopt initiatives that reduce logistics handoffs and ensure reliable delivery of products and services; develop weapon-system support strategies based on performance-based logistics; design logistics requirements using high-reliability systems; reduce the deployable logistics footprint of operational and support forces; and reduce logistics costs of operations. The Customer Wait Time metric is used to measure progress against this goal; it is described in detail elsewhere in this document
3. *Systems Integration and Engineering for Mission Success* – We need to focus our systems integration and engineering activities on mission success. To do this, we need to employ integrated architectures, plans, and roadmaps, and establish a clear mission context for Defense Acquisition Board reviews. It is important that we continue to foster interoperability, enhancements to joint and coalition capabilities, and improve the systems engineering environment. We need to sustain a professional systems engineering workforce, and give them the policies and analytic tools they need to assess system readiness. We must continue to conduct high-standard operational tests and evaluations. Finally, we need to aggressively work to reduce life-cycle costs. The metric we will use to measure progress for this goal has not yet been established.
4. *Technology Dominance* -- To dominate in future conflicts, we must have technologically superior military systems. To achieve this dominance, we will employ activities such as fully leveraging Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations, closely linking high pay off science and technology efforts to enhance joint warfighting capabilities and align with strategic defense initiatives. We need to establish a new science and technology career field to better focus human capital resources. The metrics used to measure progress against this goal are Maintain a Balanced and Focused Science and Technology Program and Monitor the Status of Defense Technology Objectives. They are described in detail elsewhere in this report.
5. *Resources Rationalized* – We are working to enhance the performance we achieve from our joint warfighting capabilities by funding key programs sufficiently, rationalizing infrastructure, and pursuing fundamental business process improvements, and business process streamlining, as well as outsourcing and competitive sourcing. The final result will be a re-sized and configured facilities footprint. BRAC 2005 is the measure of our progress toward this goal; it is described in detail elsewhere in this report.

6. *Industrial Base Strengthened* – One of our enduring goals is to ensure a defense industrial base that is focused on and capable of supporting 21st century warfighting. To do this, we are establishing cross-feed mechanisms for major industrial base assessments, evaluating industrial sufficiency for key capabilities, developing industrial policy that creates and retains surge capacity for essential materials, and accessing emerging suppliers for innovative solutions. The metric for this goal has not yet been established.

7. *Motivated, Agile Workforce* – We are continuing the Congressionally mandated DoD Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration (AcqDemo) project. AcqDemo is designed to give employees a flexible, responsive personnel system that rewards contributions and provides line managers with greater authority over personnel actions. Key features of the demonstration project include streamlined hiring, broad banding, a simplified classification system, and a personnel system that links compensation to employees' contributions to the mission through annual performance appraisals. The Department will be transitioning personnel from the AcqDemo Project into the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) in FY 2005. During this transition, we will be integrating best practices from the AcqDemo into the NSPS. Additional information on the AcqDemo initiatives is at www.acq.osd.mil/acqdemo.

Activity Metric: Improve the transparency of component submissions for alignment of program review to strategic trades

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
A DoD-wide transactional data collection process	No historical data: new metric		Established initial database integration criteria	Established single collection point for operation and maintenance data
Streamlined Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) process			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamlined and combined the program and budget review. Instituted streamlined process for developing the FY 2005 budget 	Continued with streamlining effort, placing more emphasis on planning and less on resourcing decisions
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Improving the transparency of component submissions will help us align our resource plans comply with the Secretary’s strategic guidance, and thus provide our senior-level decision makers with the insight they need to make better-informed decisions. This is because transparency fosters an agreement of facts. Accordingly, alternatives and the associated trade space can be bounded by the agreed-upon facts. This, in turn, provides a consistent baseline that serves as a common point of departure for making resource trades.

To achieve a consistent baseline, we must first streamline the flow of data. Each data element should be collected once by a single authoritative source collection system and reused as needed. The agreement of all parties on the accuracy, validity of the number—and of the authority of the source that provided it—would facilitate our ability to reuse data collected once to support multiple decisions.

Our efforts to improve transparency have been under way for several years. However, we have never documented or quantified metrics we can use to monitor our progress. Accordingly, evidence of our success to date is mostly anecdotal. However, one area where we can measure progress is in our Programming Data Requirements (PDR) data collection and reuse initiative, which we hope will serve as the pilot for the development of measures to be applied more broadly.

To determine how accurate our resource data are, we will rely on fiscal and budgetary controls, combined with assessments of whether the data comply with strategic guidance. Where possible, we have established business rules to ensure existing data structures are used appropriately. We also will validate data by having analysts and subject-matter experts monitor particular groups of resources or programs. (A major tenet of the Streamline Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process is the disciplined review of component programs to ensure resource compliance with strategic guidance.)

Ongoing Research. Refining the submission of programming and budgeting data are tasks in progress with the Services, defense agencies, and the DoD Comptroller. Streamlining the data flow to eliminate dual submissions between budget and programming systems will reduce workload and improve data quality. Requirements will be standardized and reduced. PDR data requirements have been reduced from 139 distinct formats in FY 2000 to 39 distinct formats in the FY 2003 cycle. This degree of reduction needs to be achieved in other areas as allowed for by legal and external agency reporting requirements.

Evaluating, validating, and improving the current program and budget data structures will significantly contribute to the alignment of programming and budgeting, and the analytic use of common data. The data structures must:

- Facilitate compliance with reporting requirements.
- Better support business and policy decisions.
- Allow for easier management of the structures to ensure validity of the data.
- Support the overlay of taxonomies for specific analytic purposes in support of strategic reviews.

Connections to the lower-level, component-maintained source data would provide further transparency as issues arise. The end-state solution should provide the ability for analysts supporting a decision maker to find data at a finer level of detail maintained by the components.

Criteria that measure the improvement of transparency might include:

- Data requirements: the reduction in the number of distinct data requirements requested at each point in the cycle.
- Data structure management: the level of human effort required annually to keep the structure accurate; the amount of time and effort to create a new element.
- Consistency of program reporting: the degree to which resource plans provide a non-ambiguous result when viewed from different perspectives; the time to create new mappings and the accuracy of the mappings to emerging requirements.

Timeline for Completion. The DoD Business Management Modernization Program (BMMP) has set a target of full deployment of the systems supporting this metric by 2010; a unified information architecture will be implemented by FY 2008.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Database integration efforts are ongoing. For example, we now have a single collection system for operations and maintenance data that feeds decisions for both the program and budget development.

Activity Metric: Increase visibility of trade space

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Estimates of the cost of trade guidance within the context of the overall Defense Program.	No historical data: new metric.		Conducted Joint Defense Capabilities Study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published strategic planning guidance. • Initiated enhanced planning process. • Issued joint programming guidance using initial analytical findings.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. The Secretary of Defense’s annual planning guidance is primary tool for directing how defense programs and budgets should be shaped. Too often in the past, the guidance was simply a laundry list of pet projects. Although it sometimes set priorities across the defense program, it did so with little fidelity. The result was a fiscally unsound planning guidance that lacked the clear direction needed to police compliance. Therefore, Services and defense agencies were typically left to pick and chose from the guidance those priorities that best fit their own program and budget goals, often ignoring guidance that did not fit with those goals.

In FY 2003, we dramatically increased the Secretary’s ability to influence Service and agency programs and budgets directly by restructuring the annual guidance update to clarify where more risk or less risk should be taken across the defense program. This revised structure directed the Services and agencies to apply explicit criteria for risk management, and to align their resource plans accordingly. Then, during the annual program and budget review, any resource proposal that varied from guidance was corrected in the President’s Budget.

During the next planning cycle, we further strengthened the guidance as a resource decision tool by adding more details on how Services and defense agencies were expected to meet the Secretary’s intent within fiscal constraints. The guidance—renamed Strategic Planning Guidance or SPG—marked the first attempt to estimate the direct cost of program priorities with the context of the overall defense program. However, shortfalls still exist. It is still difficult to develop a truly independent cost estimate of planning priorities, or to accurately assess all the variables associated with estimating the potential trade space created by accepting increased risk in some areas of the defense program. The SPG replaces the policy and strategy sections of the old consolidated defense guidance.

The newly initiated Enhanced Planning Process (EPP) aids the restructure of the Secretary’s guidance. The EPP will provide a continuous, open and collaborative analytic forum to closely examine issues of the greatest interest to the Secretary. The EPP is intended to produce programmatic recommendations that will be documented in a new annual publication—the Joint Programming Guidance (JPG). The JPG replaces the programmatic elements of the old consolidated defense guidance.

Ongoing Research: The Department continues working to improve this performance metric, although the time required to jump-start a revised planning process has delayed work, even as it enhances overall performance results. Some factors weighing in developing this metric is:

- Defining “visibility” and its gradations. We would like to be able to accurately estimate the cost of trade guidance given in the SPG, the dollars associated with those trades, and the ability to frame the trade space discussion in the guidance within the context of the overall defense program. We must also ensure there we are clear about the need and terms of making trades within and among the four risk management areas of the defense strategy.
- Developing an index for measuring compliance. One approach to measuring increased visibility is measuring its effect (output)—that is, the degree of greater compliance. This metric might be measured in dollars failing to conform to guidance or in the number of issues of noncompliance that are raised in the program and budget review. Either index ought to demonstrate a downward trend to show progress in achieving visibility of the trade space.
- Classification and the pre-decisional nature of document. The Secretary’s planning guidance is pre-decisional, and thus not releasable. In addition, much of the guidance is classified. It is likely that some or portions of any trade-space metric would also be subject to these restrictions.

Timeline for Completion: Proposed metrics developed by December 31, 2004.

Performance Results for FY2004. The inaugural SPG dramatically improved the Secretary’s ability to shape the investment choices made by the Services and defense agencies by assigning specific priorities that have to be achieved within fiscal constraints and identifying areas for accepting increased risk or divestiture, as required to stay within those constraints. It also directed several analytic efforts be undertaken during the remainder of FY 2004 and in FY 2005 to gain insight into how programs must be structured to achieve synergy in joint operations, and how performance metrics can be better defined to help evaluate programs in a joint context. The JPG used the initial findings of the EPP studies to describe specific program changes and priorities to guide the FY 2006 President’s Budget and FY 2006- 2011 Future Years Defense Program.

Activity Metric: Provide explicit guidance for program and budget development

End-state Metric (New Baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Revised planning, programming, and budgeting decision process	No historical data: new metric.		Conducted DoD-wide study of joint defense capabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined the program/budget review process. • Implemented new joint perspective in planning and program guidance. • Added execution reviews to formal process.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Section 113 of Title 10, U.S. Code, requires the Secretary of Defense to give the heads of the Military Departments and defense agencies the resource levels projected to be available for the period of time for which national security objectives and policies and military missions established as priorities under the defense strategy are to be effective. In March 2003, the Secretary of Defense chartered a broad review of our planning and resource decision process. A study team chaired by the Honorable E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, former Under Secretary of Defense, explored ways to make the existing defense decision process less cumbersome, more responsive, and more helpful to the Secretary's attempt to focus on managing and enhancing joint capabilities.

The Joint Defense Capabilities Study was completed in November 2003. It recommended focusing the Secretary's annual planning and programming guidance on high-level strategic issues, and framing resource alternatives as capabilities rather than programs. The study also recommended that actual results become a formal part of the overall assessment process. Accordingly, the DoD Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System (PPBS) added a final "Execution" phase to the overall process – to become the PPB—"E"—S.

Ongoing Research: We have enhanced our planning process to focus on issues that are strategic, and joint and address core military capabilities. Our goal is to use disciplined, joint analysis to propose programmatic alternatives and subsequently formulate joint program and budget guidance.

Timeline for Completion. The revised process will have its first full proof-of-concept for the next quadrennial defense review cycle, which will begin in FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, we published our revised planning guidance—the Strategic Planning Guidance, which documented the key resource planning assumptions to be used to formulate resource plans. We also released the first Joint Programming Guidance, which described program areas where planners should either accept or decrease risk, as defined under the Department's risk management framework. Finally, we combined the program and budget review, and increased our emphasis on integrating lessons-learned into the overall decision process. For example, Services and defense agencies could not make major changes from the approved FY 2004 defense baseline for FY 2005 absent an explicit rationale that considered actual performance results.

Operational Quadrant

Are Our Force Currently Ready?

Activity Metric: Adaptive planning

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Percentage of deliberate and crisis plans networked as “living plans” in a collaborative joint command and control environment	No historical data: new metric.		Tested prototype of adaptive planning tool	Approved adaptive planning concept and matured operational prototype

^a The FY 2004 data are final.

Metric Description. As a result of a Combatant Commander’s conference, the Secretary of Defense directed the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to develop a new system to replace existing deliberate and crisis planning methods. The goal is to produce plans that are more timely, adaptive, and responsive to the current security environment, providing relevant options to the President and Secretary of Defense. Our long-term goal is to have a networked capability to produce plans on demand via the global information grid by 2008.

Adaptive planning will be implemented in three phases. The initiation phase (now through FY 2006) will deploy new tools and exercise portions of the adaptive planning construct on select priority plans. The implementation phase (FY 2006 - 2008) will produce electronic plans for all contingencies in a collaborative joint command and control (JC2) environment. The integration phase (beyond FY 2008) will produce and continually update “living” plans in a collaborative JC2 environment.

Ongoing Research: The Chairman has established an implementation working group to provide direction to adaptive planning activities, actions, and procedures. We continue to test and refine the web-based Collaborative Force Sustainment and Transportation (CFAST) tool to build campaign plans. We are also developing other tools to enable a collaborative planning environment. Adaptive planning efforts continue to be synchronized with numerous other Department transformational initiatives such as Global Force Management, the Standing Joint Force Headquarters, and the Defense Readiness Reporting System.

Timeline for Completion: Implementation plan, initial tools assessment, and CFAST version 3.0 should be complete by FY 2005. CFAST version 3.0 is a key component to successful testing of adaptive planning in its initiation phase.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The Department made significant progress advancing the adaptive planning concept. The Secretary approved the concept and we established a team to ensure successful implementation throughout the Department. The U.S. Joint Forces Command conducted a formal test and evaluation of CFAST that resulted in modifications, improvements, and corrections to identified flaws. The Joint Staff used adaptive planning to construct force flows for the Operational Availability 2004 simulation models (THUNDER, Integrated Theater

Engagement Model, and Joint Integrated Contingency Model). CFAST significantly decreased the planning time, increased the force flow accuracy and prototyped the collaborative planning environment.

Activity Metric: Analytic baselines				
End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Number and quality of analytic baselines used to support the Quadrennial Defense Review and other major department studies.	No historical data: new metric		Developed two future baselines	Developed two current and two future baselines
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description: In his annual planning guidance, the Secretary of Defense directed that we create a foundation for strategic analyses that relied on common scenarios and data. These analytic baselines are intended to provide senior staff responsive and analytically sound insights to help them make decisions on joint warfighting issues and policy. Analytic baselines support readily available and collaboratively generated analyses, documentation, and results for use throughout the Department. They are a common starting point for the Department’s most important studies: the current-year baselines accelerate the deliberate planning process and are based on existing Combatant Commander war planning efforts and concepts of operation; future-year baselines are primarily developed for use in Department-wide studies such as Operational Availability FY 2005.

Ongoing Research. The Joint Staff is currently conducting Operational Availability FY 2005 (OA 05). To support this study, we will develop two future-year analytic baselines: Major Combat Operation-1 (MCO-1), “Swiftly Defeat the Effort,” and the Baseline Security Posture (BSP). Additionally, other MCO and small-scale contingency studies will use the OA-05-developed BSP baseline for analysis in future studies.

Timeline for Completion. A current-year baseline is under development with a final report due early FY 2005. In mid-FY 2005, a second current-year baseline is tentatively scheduled to support the development of a Combatant Commander’s Concept of Operations Plan (CONPLAN). The OA-05 study will develop two future-year baselines, with the final report due December 2004.

Performance Results for FY 2004. Two Combatant Commanders developed current-year baselines in FY 2004 to support development of their contingency plans. The OA-04 study produced future-year analytic baselines for two separate “Swiftly Defeat the Effort” campaigns.

Activity Metric: Operational lessons learned

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Percentage of lessons-learned captured, analyzed, and implemented to improve joint warfighting capabilities.	No historical data: new metric.	Released lessons learned development concept	Released <i>DoD Training Transformation Implementation Plan</i>	Approved enhanced Joint Lessons Learned Program Study
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have both highlighted the importance of an effective joint lessons-learned program. The *DoD Training Transformation Plan (June 2003)* identifies the need to ensure that lessons-learned are integrated into the development of new training processes and systems (see www.t2net.org). To do this, lessons-learned from operational missions must be systematically captured and injected into the full range of preparatory and planning activities, ongoing experimentation, concept development, doctrine, and joint tactics, techniques, and procedures development. To be effective, lessons-learned must be implemented at the lowest organizational level. When mature, this metric will monitor our progress toward effectively enhancing joint warfighting capability quickly distributing and incorporating relevant operational lessons-learned.

Ongoing Research. The Joint Staff finalized lessons-learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom and introduced the first five, priority lessons-learned into the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System. The Chairman directed the U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) to expand the lessons-learned program by collecting and analyzing lessons-learned data collected by combatant commands, Services, and defense agencies.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, the Enhanced Joint Lessons Learned Program (JLLP) Study was completed; this initiative analyzes existing capabilities to capture lessons-learned and develop alternative courses of action. USJFCOM established the Joint Center for Operational Analysis–Lessons Learned; joint lessons-learned specialists were placed in the individual Services’ lessons-learned centers to assist with the collection, analysis, and distribution processes. The Joint Staff began updating the Joint Lessons-Learned Program instruction to reflect the changes in the collection, analysis, implementation and follow-up procedures to include the replacement of the Remedial Action Program with the institutionalized Doctrine, Organization, Training, Material, Leadership, Personnel and Facilities (DOTMLPF) change processes. The Joint Staff and USJFCOM sponsored the Worldwide Joint Lessons-Learned Conference in July 2004 to shape evolving policies, demonstrate success stories already impacting warfighters, receive input from allies, and promulgate changes to the overall lessons-learned program

Activity Metric: DoD Readiness Reporting System (DRRS) implementation

End-state Metric (New Baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
A new DoD-wide readiness reporting system	No historical data:	new metric	Awarded development contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reached Initial operating capability Conducted technical capability review Provided an operational version
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. The 2001 *Quadrennial Defense Review* directed us to fundamentally change the way force readiness issues are measured, reported, and resolved. DoD Directive 7730.65, *DoD Readiness Reporting System (DRRS)*, signed on June 3, 2002, launched a series of important changes to policy and procedures that will allow us to develop and field a new readiness reporting and assessment system. The Secretary of Defense receives periodic updates on progress toward fully implementing DRRS across the Department.

V&V Method. When mature, DRRS will provide a capabilities-based, adaptive, near-real-time readiness reporting system for all military units. Readiness will be assessed from the perspective of the combatant commanders. This is important because combatant commanders describe their roles and responsibilities in terms of mission essential tasks (METs) and assigned missions or core tasks first, and then assess their ability to conduct these tasks. The DRRS concept has been validated with a proof of concept demonstration; a development team is now in the process of designing and fielding an enhanced version of the Department’s decades-old Status of Resources and Training System (SORTS), called the Enhanced Status of Resources and Training System (ESORTS). We are also using an innovative development spiral approach to develop a DRRS scenario assessment tool.

Ongoing Research: The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness is managing a comprehensive research effort being conducted by several development teams:

- BoozAllenHamilton (development team)
- Camber Corporation (training readiness development team)
- Dynamics Research Corporation (plan-to-task study team)
- Alion Science and Technology (development team)
- Computer Sciences Corporation (functional architecture)
- Northrop Grumman (munitions requirements)

Timeline for Completion. DRRS will achieve initial operational capability by the end of FY 2004; full operational capability is expected by the end of 2007.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In FY 2004, a project office and development team was identified and employed; the team has successfully demonstrated that DRRS 1.0 is operational. They also completed concept of operations, project management, and strategic plans; conducted an initial DRRS functionality test; established an initial DRRS network infrastructure; and developed a readiness markup language (RML) specification. An initial scenario-to-unit METs methodology was completed and the ESORTS prototype was fielded. The team also successfully conducted a technical capability review of the “Build MET,” “Assess MET,” “TurboMET,” and

“Portal” applications. Finally, a DRRS Support Center was established at U.S. Pacific Command. Mobile training teams were also deployed.

Are Our Force Postured to Succeed?

Activity Metric: Global force management

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Real-time operational availability and risk assessment to guide decisions on how to source joint force capabilities	No historical data: new metric.		Developed Global Force Management construct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Force Management Functional Capabilities Board established • Tested prototyped process to source FY 2005-2006 commitment.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. In 2003, the Secretary of Defense directed the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to develop an integrated force assignment, apportionment, and allocation methodology. The Secretary also directed the U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) to develop a means for monitoring joint force operational availability. In response, we have initiated the Global Force Management (GFM) process, designed to continuously manage the process that provides forces to conduct operational missions (called “sourcing”) using analytically based availability and readiness management methodologies. GFM provides comprehensive insight into U.S. force postures worldwide, and accounts for ongoing operations and constantly changing unit availability. GFM leverages the most responsive, best-positioned force at the time of need; it forms the basis of Joint Presence Policy that guides the allocating of Service forces that rotate into theater. GFM provides senior decision-makers the means to assess risk in terms of forces available to source Combatant Commanders’ war plans, and predict the likely stress on the force (i.e., personnel tempo) associated with proposed allocation, assignment, and apportionment changes. When mature, this metric will describe our ability to rapidly source joint force capabilities with the right units providing the right capability.

Ongoing Research. There are several ongoing initiatives in support of GFM. The Joint Staff is leading the standardization and web-enabling of Service and combatant command force structure data as a key enabler to reliable, visible, and responsive global force availability information. In another GFM-related initiative, USJFCOM is assuming the role of the primary joint force provider and thus the single voice to source commitments. A final initiative is the codification of the Global Force Management Board – this Joint Staff-led study team is establishing the roles, missions, and functions of this board that will support the GFM process.

Timeline For Completion. The Global Force Management Data Initiative is expected to achieve initial operational capability by FY 2006. By December 2004, USJFCOM requirements in support of the joint force provider functions will be determined and the GFM Board will be codified.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, we made steady, positive progress in establishing GFM. A major development was the decision by the Secretary to establish USJFCOM as the primary joint force provider. USJFCOM is now responsible for developing global, joint sourcing solutions for conventional forces in support of combatant commander requirements – independent of unit assignment to a specific combatant command. We also integrated the previously stove-piped assignment, allocation and apportionment processes under a single integrated document entitled *Global Force Management*. This document is a critical step in attaining the GFM goals of ensuring the most available, best positioned force supports Combatant Commander requirements, while measuring risk incurred to standing contingencies and plans based on sourcing recommendations. A final development this year was the establishment of the Force Management Functional Capabilities Board under the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System process. This board oversees a myriad of GFM actions to ensure validated operational requirements are supported, and to provide the military advice to the Secretary on force management issues.

Activity Metric: Theater security cooperation

End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Annual assessment of how theater security cooperation plans are contributing to DoD strategic goals	No historical data: new metric.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial security cooperation guidance developed and approved. Combatant commands and Services developed strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 2005 plans completed. FY 2004 strategies successfully completed.
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Recently, we initiated a comprehensive security cooperation strategy review that focused the activities of combatant commands, the Services, and defense agencies on the common goals that we need to achieve if we are to build the right defense partnerships with friends and allies. Security cooperation embraces all defense interactions with foreign defense establishments, and is our primary means of building relationships that promote specific U.S. security interests. Security cooperation activities help our allies develop military capabilities for self-defense and coalition operations. They also provide information, intelligence, and peacetime access to enroute infrastructure and other access in the event of a contingency. Theater security cooperation is a subset of defense security cooperation and encompasses the activities conducted by combatant commands to further our national goals and priorities.

Ongoing Research. We are currently researching appropriate assessment metrics to determine effectiveness of the security cooperation program, and evaluating the capabilities required for security cooperation. This analysis will help us shape an associated Joint Operating Concept.

Timeline for Completion. Initial metrics are slated for completion during FY 2005, in time to be used to develop the FY 2006 plans.

Performance Results for FY 2004. In FY 2004, we continued to focus efforts on the six major defense policy themes: combating terrorism, influencing the direction of key powers, transforming the relationships with key powers, cooperating with parties to regional disputes, supporting realignment, and strengthening alliances for the future. Combatant Commands successfully executed the first generation set of theater security cooperation plans. A detailed assessment of the completed FY 2004 strategies was used as a point of departure for updating FY 2005 plans. The most important result from FY 2004 is that the Services, functional and geographic combatant commands, and defense agencies are coordinating their security cooperation efforts. This has created a collaborative planning environment and improved the quality of the overall security cooperation program.

Are Our Forces Employed Consistently With Our Strategic Priorities?

Activity Metric: Joint concepts				
End-state Metric	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Number of concepts approved to link strategic guidance to warfighting capabilities	No historical data: new metric		Joint Operations Concepts construct approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed 2 of 4 Joint Operating Concepts • Approved 5 functional concepts
^a The FY 2004 data are final.				

Metric Description. Joint concepts guide the transformation of the joint force so that it is prepared to operate successfully over the next 10-20 years. The Joint Operations Concepts (JOpsC) document describes how the future military will operate as we transition from a threat-based to a capabilities-based force. It provides the operational context for the transformation of the U.S. Armed Forces by bridging the gap between strategic guidance and the Department's resourcing strategy for capabilities. JOpsC also assists in structuring joint force experimentation and assessment activities that we use to validate the capabilities-based requirements. It is the overarching framework that defines the construct for the development of subordinate Joint Operating Concepts, Joint Functional Concepts, and Joint Integrating Concepts.

There are four Joint Operating Concepts (JOCs): major combat operations, stability operations, homeland security, and strategic deterrence. They describe how a Joint Force Commander will plan, prepare, deploy, employ, and sustain a joint force to accomplish a strategic objective for a given operation. Each concept identifies broad principles and essential capabilities and provides the operational context for JFC and JIC development and experimentation.

The Joint Functional Concepts (JFCs) are joint command and control, battlespace awareness, force application, focused logistics, and protection. They describe how a Joint Force Commander will integrate a set of related military tasks to attain required capabilities.

Finally, the eight Joint Integrating Concepts (JICs) are undersea superiority, joint forcible entry, joint urban operations, global strike, sea basing, joint command and control, integrated air and missile defense, and joint logistics. They describe how a Joint Force Commander integrates functional means to achieve operational objectives. They integrate essential battlespace effects with concepts of operations to transition from what needs to be done to how to actually do it.

Ongoing Research. The Joint Staff is revising the JOpsC with stakeholders from across the Department. The JOCs, JFCs, and JICs are being either developed or revised by various working groups Joint Staff and U.S. Joint Forces Command are introducing a process to schedule experimentation on approved JICs.

Timeline For Completion. The JOpsC, JOCs, and JFCs are planned to be on a two-year update cycle. The Chairman approved a plan to revise the JOpsC for Secretary of Defense approval by March 2005, and to revise the JOCs by early FY 2006. The current JFCs and three new JFCs (net-centric warfare, force management, and training management) are scheduled to be complete

by early FY 2005, with an update scheduled by the end of FY 2006. The JICs are in various stages of development.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, two of four JOCs (homeland security and strategic deterrence) were endorsed by the Chairman and forwarded to the Secretary for approval. The remaining two JOCs (major combat operations, stability operations) are being staffed for the Chairman's endorsement. The Joint Requirements Oversight Council approved all five JFCs. Work began on the eight JICs in FY 2004.

Activity Metric: Enhanced Planning Process (EPP)

End-state Metric (New baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
An annual assessment of issues and alternatives for providing the Department's highest priority joint capabilities.	No historical data: new metric			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPP chartered by Secretary of Defense. Resource guidance captures EPP results.

^a The FY 2004 data are final.

Metric Description. For the first time in FY 2004, major planning and resource issues presented for decision to the Secretary of Defense were formulated and asses via an enhanced collaborative joint planning process—called the Enhanced Planning Process or EPP. By considering needs and costs simultaneously, the EPP was able to propose cost-effective programmatic options for achieving the Department's strategic policy objectives. Accordingly, the EPP underpins the framework of an executable Joint Programming Guidance (JPG), which provides the shared planning and resource assumptions used in the annual updates to the defense program and budget.

Ongoing Research: An analytic baseline is being developed in concert with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. This baseline will establish common planning assumptions to be used in warfighting models, acquisition analysis, and other shared analysis tools.

Timeline for Completion. The first EPP was completed in May 2004 as a proof-of-concept. The full test of the EPP will occur during the next quadrennial defense review cycle, scheduled to begin during FY 2005.

Performance Results for FY 2004. The EPP supported the FY 2004 combined program and budget review. Twelve major issues (defined as program changes of interest to the Secretary of Defense), plus 15 issues consolidated from the Combatant Commanders Integrated Priority Lists (IPLs), were examined by means of the new process. Given the timeline and scope of the major issues, only two of the 12 were resolved in the President's Budget; the remainder have been carried over to the FY 2005 cycle. However, all IPL issues were resolved and solutions directed in the JPG.

Do we Have the Right Forces Available?

Activity Metric: Operational Availability

End-state Metric (New Baseline)	FY 2001	FY 2003	FY 2003	FY 2004 ^a
Integrated data and management systems that can be used to assess percentage of force ready for specific joint tasks	No historical data: new metric.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tested prototype process for Global Force Management system. • Approved adaptive planning concept and prototype. • Developed two current and two future analytic baselines.
^a The FY 2004 data are preliminary.				

Metric Description. Today we increasingly rely on forces that are capable of both symmetric and asymmetric responses to current and potential threats. We must prevent terrorists from doing harm to our people, our country, and our friends and allies. We must be able to rapidly transition our military forces to post-hostilities operations, and identify and deter threats to the United States while standing ready to assist civil authorities in mitigating the consequences of a terrorist attack or other catastrophic event. These diverse requirements will demand that we integrate and leverage other elements of national power, such as strengthened international alliances and partnerships.

To meet these new missions, and to hedge against an uncertain future, we are developing a broader portfolio of capabilities, and realigning our forces using a building-block approach to match those capability portfolios with mission goals. Among the most important are:

- *Global Force Management.* This initiative will provide a database and management system that can be used to monitor U.S. force postures worldwide. It will account for ongoing operations and constantly changing unit availability, and will allow us to do the kinds of analysis needed to ensure we allocate the right force for specific missions, at the right place and time.
- *Adaptive Planning.* Our goal is to produce war and contingency plans that are more timely, adaptive, and responsive to the current security environment, thus providing relevant options to the President and Secretary of Defense. We are working toward having a networked capability to produce plans on demand via the global information grid by 2008.
- *Analytic Baselines.* To guide analysis for both the near- and far-term, we are creating a set of common scenarios and data. These analytic baselines will underpin our strategic assessments, and guide decisions on joint warfighting issues and policy.

Ongoing Research. See the discussion of these activities elsewhere in this document.

Timeline for Completion. These and related initiatives, including the Defense Readiness Reporting System, are slated to complete development and enter fielding during FY 2005 through FY 2008.

Performance Results for FY 2004. During FY 2004, we made steady, positive progress in establishing Global Force Management, notably by making the U.S. Joint Forces Command responsible for developing global, joint sourcing solutions for conventional forces in support of combatant commander requirements – independent of unit assignment to a specific combatant command. We also made progress toward our adaptive planning goals by using the concept to construct force flows for the Operational Availability 2004 simulation models (THUNDER, Integrated Theater Engagement Model, and Joint Integrated Contingency Model). Finally, we began work on a study entitled, “Operational Availability FY 2005 (OA 05).” To support this study, we will develop two future-year analytic baselines: Major Combat Operation-1 and the Baseline Security Posture. In addition, other major combat operations studies, as well as small-scale contingency studies, will use the OA-05-developed Baseline Security Posture for analysis in future studies.

A more detailed discussion of each of these initiatives is available elsewhere in this document.