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Leveraging Public-Private Collaboration to Augment the Department of Defense's Mission

Task Group Update

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Introduction

Terms of Reference (Signed by VCJCS on December 12, 2011)

- Identify existing authorities to develop Public-Private Collaborations (PPCs)
- Evaluate DoD's existing PPCs and identify their merits and risks
- Identify where and how DoD is using PPCs to augment its capabilities and suggest how these processes or models might be applied across DoD
- Evaluate organizational opportunities and propose options for oversight and management
- Outline criteria to help prioritize PPC initiatives

Deliverables (July 2012)

Provide recommendations on how the Department should more fully exploit the benefits of PPCs

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Background on PPCs

- Definition of PPC: A voluntary interaction between public and private sector through which both parties leverage the expertise, resources and interests of the other in order to address an issue or opportunity
 - No direct financial benefit or monetary transaction is involved
 - Goals, structure and governance may vary - from more formal shared decision-making (such as an MOU) to less formal collaboration
 - “Private sector” includes businesses, NGOs, foundations, academic and research institutes, community groups and other entities
- PPCs are “critical to U.S. success at home and abroad” – President’s 2010 National Security Strategy
- PPCs allow DoD to increase its mission effectiveness by accessing or introducing non-public sector capabilities, knowledge, and processes
- PPCs also provide opportunities for cost reductions and efficiencies
- PPCs offer an essential alternative for pursuing whole-of-government or whole-of-society strategies



Progress to Date

- Conducted 35 interviews to date:
 - With OSD, Joint Staff, COCOMs, and Services
 - With NGOs, non-DoD agencies, and other private sector entities
- Developed extensive questionnaire sent to the Services, COCOMs, and selected Defense Agencies:
 - Received responses from 48 components
 - 41 of the 48 components are conducting Public Private Collaborations
 - Conducted data analysis of survey responses
- Ongoing Task Group activities:
 - Reviewing current DoD organizational structures for PPCs
 - Identifying successes and obstacles in previous Departmental PPCs
 - Developing potential alternatives for organizing and overseeing PPC activities within DoD
 - Evaluating the legal framework within which DoD PPCs operate

Observations

- PPCs have been utilized most effectively in the geographic Commands
- Collaborations are well suited to the following functional areas:
 - Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR)
 - Cyber security
 - Space
 - Support of warriors and families
- PPCs also may support critical defense strategies which cannot be achieved with DoD resources alone
- There is a lack of familiarity and clarity within DoD on what constitutes a desirable and permissible Public Private Collaboration. There is no overarching legal, programmatic or budgetary guidance
- OSD does not have an organizational element with overarching responsibility to encourage, support, leverage, and evaluate PPCs

PPC Lessons Learned - Examples

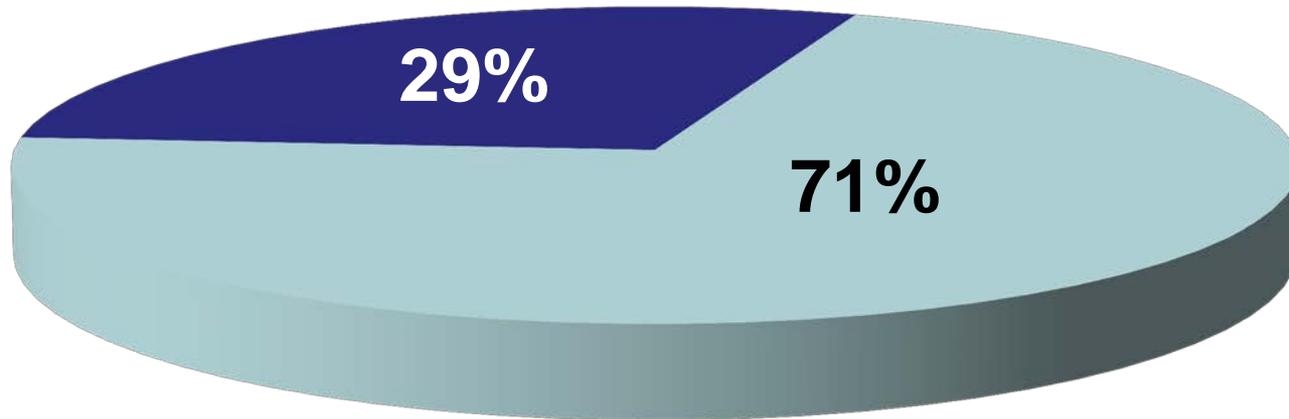
- Successful PPCs have shared vision between partners
- Each brings a unique value proposition and cannot achieve mission without the other
- Each partner's role is clearly identified
- Requires ongoing monitoring to ensure success



Findings

Did the component encounter obstacles to implementing PPCs?

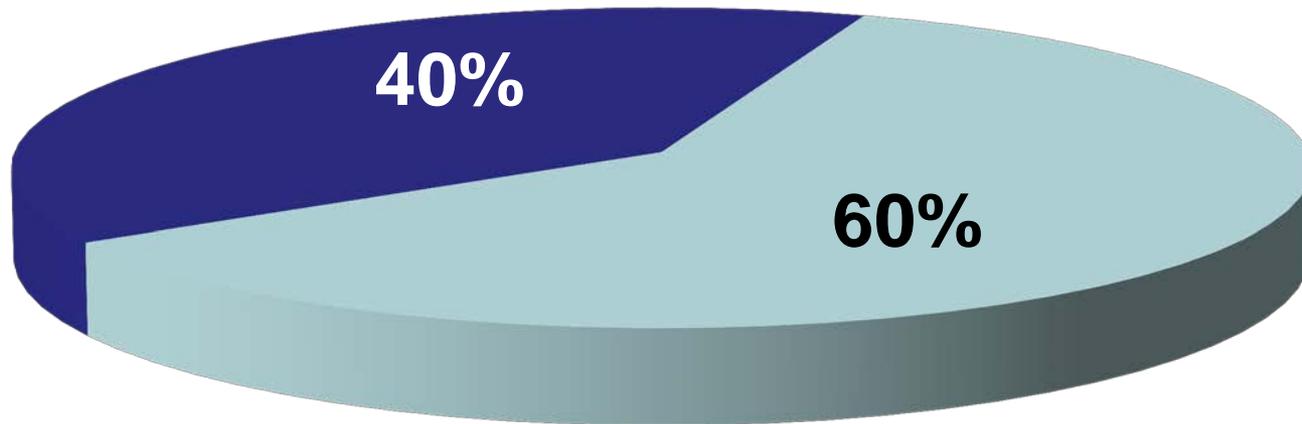
□ Yes ■ No



Findings

Is the Component staffed to manage PPCs?

□ Yes ■ No



Next Steps

- Continue interviews with successful PPC practitioners
- Continue review of leading edge and high value PPC opportunities
- Consider alternatives to reduce actual or perceived legal impediments
- Evaluate alternatives for centralized nurturing, but decentralized execution of Public Private Collaborations



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Questions?

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