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Cybersecurity Evaluations of Army Robotic and Autonomous Systems

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Opportunity

❖ Big picture: Smart systems continue to be emphasized as force enablers and protection measures in strategic plans.

- Testable measures for Robotic and Autonomous System (RAS) survivability against cyberspace-based threats.
- * "Autonomous and Robotic Systems Cybersecurity and Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA) Test and Evaluation Planning Guide".
 - Published: 8 Aug 2018. Distributed: Army ALT Magazine Oct Dec 2018.
 - Army funded quarterly updates.

Measure Examples

Cybersecurity:

- How well do the system's cybersecurity capabilities protect the user's required data and information?
 - · Adequacy of disk and file level encryption used for Data-at-Rest.
 - Security of data transfer and processing design.
- How will cybersecurity detection measures support the user's ability to identify specific attacks?
 - Adequacy of system produced audit trails and logs.
 - Effective of system responses to an intrusion or incident and timeliness of user notification.
- How is the mission impacted by cybersecurity vulnerability?
 - Impact to the mission by loss of data or inability to access the system.
 - Ability of the user to perform mission tasks if the system does not receive requested information.

Electronic Warfare:

- How well does the system survive an Electronic Attack?
 - Capability of the system to survive threat jammer effects long enough to complete the mission.
 - Message completion rate and speed of service in benign versus contest environments.
- How effective is the system's Electronic Protection?
 - Mean time to recover.
 - Signature management and reduction.
- What capabilities do the users gain for Electronic Warfare Support?
 - Location accuracy.
 - Probability of intercept.

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- ❖ Adversarial Assessment (AA) Intent:
 - Conduct <u>non-cooperative</u> AA with a threatrepresentative cyber adversary.
 - Document operational impacts.

❖ RAS?:

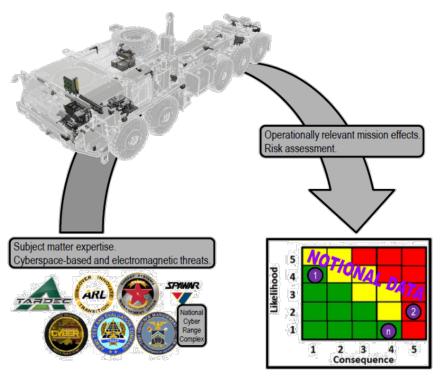
Baseline.

Effectiveness enhancements.

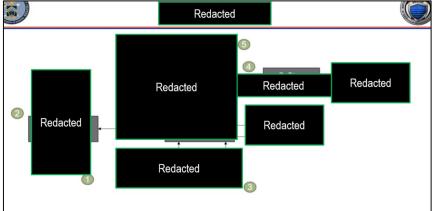


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- ❖ Survivability Critical Operational Issue: "Does TWV LF provide robustness and resiliency in threat contested environments in order to enable increased throughput of Line Haul and Local Haul missions?"
- Cybersecurity Test Efforts:
 - Risk Management Framework (Program Office Led).
 - "Developmental Testing" (NCRC Led & SLAD support).
 - Operational Technical Demonstrations (TBD).



 NCRC Benefits: Use Cases, Dependencies, & Timeframe.

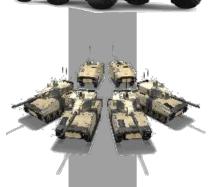


Robotic Combat Vehicle



NDAA FY16 Section 804 Middle Tier Acquisition Next Generation Combat Vehicle – RCV: Company-sized element augmented with unmanned ground combat vehicles.





- Spiral Development and Prototyping.
- CEMA Resilience:
 - Unmanned systems are hardened to meet the operational requirements to survive in a CEMAcontested environment and maintain resilience through redundant low-probability of detection and low-probability of intercept defense mechanisms.
 - Unity of Effort.
 - Artificial Intelligence as force multiplier.

Notional pictures for representative vehicle characteristics only, not to be considered an endorsement or preference for any specific system or subsystem.

Conclusion

Guidance Provides Flexibility:

- •Middle Tier Acquisitions and Cross Functional Teams will speed assessment schedules and broaden test community.
- New technology is opening new avenues.

Open Communication:

- •Reviewing future iterations of CEMA Guide.
- Funding future analysis.
- Continued outreach.

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