



Department of Defense Information Analysis Centers

The Mission

Collect, analyze, synthesize, produce, and disseminate worldwide Scientific and Technical Information (STI).

The Vision

Drive Innovation and technology developments by anticipating and responding to the information needs of the defense and broader community, while enhancing collaboration through integrated STI development and dissemination.

About the DoD IACs Enterprise

The DoD IACs receive policy oversight from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (ASD(R&E)) and act as knowledge base centers to help researchers, engineers, scientists, and program managers use and build upon existing STI to encourage problem solutions and innovation. It is the scientific and technology policies and priorities of the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) that drive the focus of the DoD IACs enterprise. The DoD IACs enterprise builds upon that foundational knowledge and applies it to operational research in support of the Warfighter.

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to the Battlespace**



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Facts About the DoD IACs Enterprise:

- Composed of more than 7,000 scientists and engineers in 49 states.
- Provides support to all 9 Combatant Commands (COCOMs).
- Total investment of \$1.5 billion in Fiscal Year 2013.
- Serves as a bridge between the acquisition community and the Warfighter.

How the DoD IACs Enterprise Works: The DoD IACs enterprise executes its mission via two distinct functions: (1) the Basic Centers of Operation (BCOs): CSIAC, DSIAC, and HDIAC and (2) Technical Area Tasks (TATs). The BCOs focus on serving as the knowledge management centers and provide the basic services and core analysis tasks (CATs), whereas the TATs are much larger mechanisms by which the DoD IACs enterprise builds upon and applies that knowledge to operational research within Communities of Interest.

DoD IACs Focus Areas and Communities of Interest:

Cyber Security & Information Systems	Defense Systems	Homeland Defense & Security
Information Assurance (IA)	Advanced Materials	Alternative Energy
Knowledge Management & Information Sharing	Autonomous Systems	Biometrics
Modeling & Simulation (M&S)	Directed Energy	CBRN Defense
Software Data & Analysis	Energetics	Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)
	Military Sensing	Cultural Studies
	Non-lethal Weapons	Homeland Defense & Security
	Reliability, Maintainability, Quality, Supportability & Interoperability (RMQSI)	Medical
	Survivability & Vulnerability	Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
	Weapons Systems	

BASIC SERVICES

The DoD IACs provide a wide range of services, including:

- Responding to technical inquiries in focus areas, including literature searches, document requests, answers to technical questions, and expert referrals. The first 4 hours of every project are free of charge.
- Collecting, analyzing, synthesizing, and disseminating STI.
- Fostering and supporting the DoD IACs Communities of Practice.
- Building and maintaining a network of subject matter experts (SMEs).
- Participating in key conferences and technical forums to engage and network with the S&T community.

CORE ANALYSIS TASKS (CATs)

A distinct customer-funded project that is performed by one of the three BCOs: CSIAC, DSIAC, or HDIAC. The criteria is as follows:

- **Duration:** The Period of Performance is limited to 12 months with no recurring tasks.
- **Funding Maximum:** Each CAT is limited to a \$500,000 or \$1 M ceiling depending on scope area and can be incrementally funded.
- **Lead Time:** IACs are usually able to commence work on a modified contract within 4-6 weeks (sometimes sooner).

TECHNICAL AREA TASKS (TATs)

Separately funded task orders over and above basic IAC products and services. They provide valuable analysis and R&D solutions under a Multiple Award Contract (MAC) structure using the following criteria:

- **Duration:** The Period of Performance is typically one base year with up to four option years.
- **Funding Minimum:** The TAT minimum task order amount is \$2,500 for SNIM and HDTAT; no minimum for DSTAT task orders.
- **Lead Time:** TATs are typically placed on contract within 6-7 months from the date the cost proposal is received—following approval of the Performance Work Statement (PWS).