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Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration

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What is CWID?

The Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (CWID) is a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) premier annual event that enables U.S. Combatant Commands, national civil authorities and the international community to investigate and assess command and control (C2), communications systems, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) solutions.

How do we do it?

The CWID event cycle and process runs on an overlapping annual basis. Around April, an announcement is posted at the Federal Business Opportunity (FBO) website www.fedbizopps.gov outlining the objectives for that year's event. Interoperability Trials (IT's) submit proposals via the website through September, and are selected in October for participation according to how well they address the capability gaps and objective criteria.

Three planning conferences are held during the year. The Initial Planning Conference (IPC) takes place in November, and involves coordination between prospective trials, all the sites and the working groups. The Mid Planning Conference (MPC) occurs in February with a concentration on the review of security capabilities, the Master Scenario Event Lists (MSEL's) and trial integration at the CWID sites. The Final Planning Conference (FPC) begins in March or April and involves finalizing the plans necessary for Demonstration in June.

Leadership Groups

The CWID program draws support from many organizations and agencies to put together this event each year. U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) J8 provides management oversight and the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Joint Management Office (JMO) manages day-to-day operations of CWID. The Senior Management Group (SMG) is the governing body responsible for planning, execution and funding allocation decisions. The CWID Advisory Combatant Commands provide overarching warfighter guidance and priority for CWID objectives. USNORTHCOM is the lead for Homeland Security/Homeland Defense trials. The Military services also provide guidance, leadership, and funding for the event. In addition, there are established working groups within this leadership that specialize in certain aspects of the execution of the event.

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Working Groups:

ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP (AWG)

Implements CWID assessment process; IT's may be assessed in one or more of the following areas: Warfighter Utility, Technical/Interoperability, and Information Assurance

COALITION COORDINATION GROUP (CCG)

Participating nation leads working with all other groups

CWID EXECUTIVE GROUP (CEG)

Coordinates site related activities with other CWID Working Groups and trials; identifies and addresses technical, security, and engineering issues prior to execution

HOMELAND SECURITY/HOMELAND DEFENSE COORDINATION GROUP (HS/HD)

Plans, designs and coordinates the CWID scenario, Battle Rhythm, scenarios and trial event development and simulation pertaining to HS/HD

NETWORK OPERATIONS AND SECURITY WORKING GROUP (NoSWG)

Engineers and designs all CWID networks according to data security requirements; provides guidance on how and where IT's integrate into the CWID network; coordinates network security accreditation and determines security policies

PUBLIC AFFAIRS WORKING GROUP (PAWG)

Provides planning guidance and assistance for managing CWID public affairs, media relations and visitor activities; provides numerous products to relay CWID messages

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP (SCWG)

Continuously plans, executes and assesses communication strategies that synchronizes information capabilities and ensures integration of actions, imagery and words in support of CWID plans, goals and objectives. Aligns themes, messages and information to all audiences both internal and external

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND INTEGRATION WORKING GROUP (SEIWG)

Conducts trial proposal process and monitors trial progress through CWID program; determines integration and information infrastructure requirements; monitors trial execution; authors trial engineering evaluation reports supporting the assessment process

SCENARIO WORKING GROUP (SWG)

Plans, designs and coordinates the CWID scenario; supports event development and simulation

TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION INFORMATION WORKING GROUP (T2IWG)

Captures and documents the data necessary to conduct a critical review of technologies as they relate to the CWID objectives and their potential for acquisition. Responsible for providing the Top Performing Technologies (TPT) input to the CWID Final Report. Evaluates sponsor answers in trial survey to determine acquisition status.

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