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Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration

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The Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (CWID) consists of five main U.S. network locations and more than 20 coalition partners around the world. U.S. Government, Department of Defense, first response agencies and multinational counterparts all sponsor technologies, called Interoperability Trials (IT) into CWID. U.S. CWID sites include the Joint Systems Integration Center (JSIC) at U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Suffolk, Va.; Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Dahlgren Division, Naval Support Facility, Dahlgren, Va.; North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific (SSC Pacific), San Diego, Calif. and Electronic Systems Center (ESC) at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. International sites include Norway, Canada and the United Kingdom.

- CWID is the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's premier annual event.
- The CWID Enterprise consists of multiple venues hosted by the United States, NATO, the United Kingdom, and Canada, all designed to improve and enhance Command and Control (C2), Communications Systems, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.
- CWID enables U.S. combatant commands, U.S. military Services, coalition partners, DOD agencies (C/C/S/As), and Homeland Security/Homeland Defense (HS/HD) organizations to explore and assess products that provide relevant solutions to identified capability gaps.
- The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) manages CWID's day-to-day operations.
- CWID focuses on leader-centric, net-enabled solutions to fill Command and Control (C2), Communications Systems, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) gaps. CWID's objectives are published annually in a Federal Business Opportunity (FBO) announcement, reflecting immediate and near-term capability needs. These operational shortfalls are identified by U.S. combatant commands, U.S. military services, coalition partners and DOD agencies. USJFCOM consolidates these gaps into objectives with input from U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) which addresses HS/HD requirements.
- Industry responds to the published FBO objectives with solutions that could potentially become CWID Interoperability Trials, which are demonstrated annually in June.
- CWID Execution is conducted in a simulated operational environment that is influenced by the advisory combatant command(s) and USNORTHCOM. This provides the platform for technical interoperability, information assurance, and warfighter assessments of the selected ITs.



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- CWID consists of a U.S.- led coalition operation with a coalition task force (CTF) staff conducting simulated operations superimposed over actual geographic terrain. This simulated environment includes elements of HS/HD mission scenarios that can be assessed across multiple intergovernmental and nongovernmental boundaries.
- In June during the first two weeks of CWID, sites set up their facilities and warfighters are trained on the demonstration technology and equipment. In the second two weeks, warfighters integrate the technology in simulated, operational scenarios and conduct assessments.
- CWID supports the acquisition process by providing industry the opportunity to demonstrate potential solutions to warfighter/agency-identified capability gaps. It allows sponsors to assess key performance parameters and key system attributes leading to informed acquisition decisions.

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