

NAWCTSD TSIS 2015 Question and Answers

1. Q: On page 6 of the briefing there was a discussion of focusing down to adaptable and standards based technologies to help facilitate a “cheaper/faster” solution set. Who is the “owner” of that collective technology base within the PMA205 organization? If there is a discussion to be had about that technology would that discussion be better held with that person/group or through the program chains?

A: The TRACE effort within PMA-205 is currently led by Joe Janus on program management and Lou Fabian for engineering. They are the POCs for any questions or future discussions.
2. Q: Recently efforts have been moved to manned flight. It is rumored that MH60 Saudi Trainer may be as well. Can you describe how these decisions are made? Is MFS competing with industry? Is there a process (make/buy) that industry can engage to assist?

A: In the case of MH-60, that effort was given to MFS due to schedule constraints, e.g. the length of time required to award a competitive contract exceeded the requirement for training requested by the Saudi’s. Unless a government effort can demonstrate a significant cost advantage or there is a schedule constraint as with the MH-60 effort, we don’t intend to move work away from industry.
3. Q: RE: TRACE – how do you plan to solicit industry input?

Comment- PEO STRI has held numerous workshops with Industry to develop common standards for live training devices

A. NAWCTSD was unaware of the PEO STRI efforts. NAWCTSD will engage with PEO STRI to determine if any of that work can be leveraged before starting a new effort. If feasible, NAWCTSD will set up a similar workshop with industry to develop TRACE standards
4. Q: Is there a future plan to turn NADTC into a program of record versus a modest RCD effort?

A: The Fleet NADTC will be a formal Abbreviated Acquisition Program (AAP) with a kickoff in 2016.
5. Q: For which specific programs would you like to see more international competition?

A: Like to see the international community participate in any program unless there are some security restrictions.
6. Q: Please resolve conflicting info regarding TCTS II RFP release date. Mr. Hicks indicated a final RFP by 31 July. CAPT Dorrans stated a “draft 25-30 days” and a “final 60-90 days”.

A: Latest TCTS II schedule:
Draft RFP release will be released ASAP with section L&M going out NLT 15 Aug. Expect final RFP release in Sep 2015.
7. Q: There was a Saudi MH60 simulator opportunity briefed at the last PALT. It seems to be missing from recent charts. Why?

A: See answer provided in number 2 above.

8. Q: Do you envision ever getting to similar alignment with NAVSEA (Surface/Undersea) as you now have with NAVAIR PMA-205? Will the N1 initiative drive in that direction?
A: As PMS-339 matures so will our alignment.
9. Q: Why did the original LPTA RFP get changed to best value?
A. Based on industry feedback and a review of other program factors, the decision was made to change the acquisition strategy.
10. Q: What are the preferred programming languages? Environment Editors? LVC networking architecture?
A: The preferred programming language depends on the application. The Government is always looking for new open and reusable editors. The LVC networking architecture is one of our current challenges.
11. Q: Cyber Security was identified as a top focus area, however no specific cyber training opportunities were mentioned. How will this support be acquired and are specific acquisitions being planned?
A: NAWCTSD continues to work multiple Cyber related efforts with the focus on individual and team training. For example, we support fleet Cyber training exercises with our Cyber Operational Architecture Training Systems (COATS) and Cyber Emulators - Network Effects Emulation System (NE2S) projects. In addition, we have several courseware projects with the Center for Information Dominance (Digital Tutor, Intelligent Tutor, POInT-SKL). These Cyber programs are a mix of in-house development and contracted support.
12. Q: Where does modeling and simulation acquisition and support for NAVY EOD take place?
A: TSD currently supports some NSW curriculum and analysis. They also have other suppliers.
13. Q: Within the international programs, is there ever an opportunity to provide English as a second language training (ESL to trainees, supervisors in country)?
A: The Government has provided English Language Labs for a few of our GPOI customers as well as a Rosetta Stone type application to assist them in the performance of their cooperative mission with the UN.
14. Q: What was the facilities decision reached last week on the TH-57 program (GFE available or contractor provided?) Will the Navy define the equipment requirements?
A: The facilities decision is to have the TH -57 programs on one base. The requirements will be defined in the RFP, which is currently being developed.
15. Q: You have a large number of FMS Programs now. What are your projections for growth in FMS opportunities for the next 3 – 5 years?
A: As new countries come in and sign LOA's for new FMS platforms (i.e. P-8, V-22, H-60) additional countries will expedite their request and expect additional FMS opportunities. NAWCTSD also expects growth in the Global Peace Operations Initiatives (GPOI).

16. Q: Any update on Saudi SNEP II interest in leveraging USN Surface warfare training technology?
A: Yes, The Saudi version of LCS, which is the Multi Mission Combat Ship (MMCS) has 3 to 5 ships, and the current understanding is that they want the same training equipment the US uses to train our own crews.
17. Q: Who is the right person for contract at NAWCTSD to discuss LVC with Industry?
A: The NAWCTSD Points of Contact for LVC are Mr. Kent Gritton (kent.gritton@navy.mil 408-380-4449 and Mr. John Owen (john.owen@navy.mil 407-380-8591)
18. Q: CAPT Naylor spoke about the Government owing the MRTS technology. Will NAWCTSD be publishing the “code” of MRTS so industry can build and publish training “Apps”?
A: NAWCTSD is currently in the planning stages on how and what will be distributed to industry.
19. Q: Is the NAWCTSD website being used.
A: Please see answer to question 20 below
20. Q: The NAWC website states that MAC Task Orders will now be on Fed Biz Ops/NECO. How will MAC Contractors on FTSS III be notified?
A: All acquisitions will be publicized utilizing the Navy Electric Commerce Online (NECO) and Federal Business Opportunities (FEDBIZOPPS) to include NAWCTSD MAC contracts. Please review NECO periodically for RFP information. At this time no separate notifications will be provided to MAC holders.
21. Q: Please explain when Seaport-E would be selected as an acquisition strategy, as it was not identified in any slides.
A: Acquisition strategies are based on requirements, risks and business efficiency. SeaPortE is a contractual approach that can be used for procurement of services. However, the advantages/disadvantages must be analyzed based on specific program requirements.