U.S. ARMY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING COMMAND

Fact Sheet: RDECOM

- RDECOM conducts and sponsors scientific research into areas important to the Army. It develops scientific discoveries into new technologies, and engineers technologies into new equipment and capabilities for Soldiers.

- RDECOM accomplishes this with a world-class workforce of more than 13,000 scientists, engineers, technicians and support personnel, more than 1,000 partners around the world, and in cooperation with the Soldiers who are the command's ultimate stakeholders.

- RDECOM's research laboratory and six research, development and engineering centers develop technologies and capabilities to empower the Army to dominate the current and future battlefields.

- Technology is a competitive advantage for the American Soldier. RDECOM provides the Army leap-ahead technologies that give our Soldiers the tactical overmatch they need to dominate.

- RDECOM is well positioned to support Force 2025 and Beyond because it works across the full RD&E spectrum, starting with scientific discoveries it can use to create leap-ahead technologies.

- RDECOM uses its Forward Element Commands, scientist exchanges and other international partnerships and programs to understand the global state of the art in science and technology and ensure the Army will have the best technology for 2025 and beyond.

- RDECOM is focused on developing future technologies that make Soldiers safer and more effective by giving them integrated capabilities that adapt to their needs, instead of bolt-on solutions that force the Soldier to adapt to engineering or acquisition compromises.

- RDECOM is more than its engineering centers and laboratories. It is at the heart of a global science and technology network that starts with our workforce and reaches out to more than a thousand domestic and international partners in industry, academia and other government agencies.

- RDECOM works with Training and Doctrine Command requirements writers to help them define future needs.

- RDECOM's core technical competencies give the Army a diverse set of capabilities to unburden, empower, protect and sustain the Soldier.

- RDECOM's investments in research and direction in development drive the nation's science and technology agenda for the Army.