

## **SIPET Mission Brief**

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## **SIPET Briefing Purpose and Objectives**

SIPET's purpose and background are part of the goals and objectives set by leadership.



### What is the Purpose of this Briefing?

- 1. Review SIPET's mission, structure, and priorities :
  - Missions and Objectives
  - Priorities and I-Plan execution
  - SIPET Key Functions
- 2. Review SIPET's strategic initiatives and successes



What are the Objectives of this Briefing?

- 1. Summarize SIPET's mission, priorities, and organizational structure
- 2. Define SIPET's key functions and products to increase engagement with the organization
- 3. Provide examples of SIPET products and deliverables

## **SIPET History and Mission**

In 2021, DOT&E established a new Deputate to focus on identifying and resolving emerging T&E challenges.



Drive continuous innovation to meet the T&E demands of the future. Support the development of a workforce prepared to meet the toughest T&E challenges. Nurture a culture of information exchange across the enterprise and update policy and guidance.



## **SIPET History**

- DOT&E was created by Congress in 1983.
- DOT&E executed an organizational realignment and established the SIPET Deputate in 2021.
- DOT&E created SIPET to codify and implement the Director's strategic vision and keep pace with science and technology to modernize T&E tools, processes, infrastructure and workforce.

## **SIPET Key Functions**

SIPET's main focus is on executing strategic initiatives, communications and automation, policy and training, and emerging technologies.



#### Strategy I-Plan Execution

SIPET manages I- Plan strategic initiatives to address T&E gaps and transform T&E infrastructure, processes, tools and workforce. SIPET manages I-Plan metrics and identifies project goals to meet the strategic intent.

#### Data Management

SIPET includes the DOT&E Chief Data Officer focused on implementing the DOD Data Strategy and T&E data management.



SIPET includes the Chief Learning Officer to prioritize the training of new DOT&E staff and set out guidance for talent acquisition and training through competency modeling and coordination of training materials and activities.

#### Portfolio Management

SIPET oversees progress tracking of portfolios for all SIPET field activities, SIPET staff, and partnerships, which requires data management and project management tools and processes.



**Report Generation** 

SIPET inclusion in the

Annual Report, it is

generation, such as

SIPET reviews T&E

quality control and

of T&E processes

and challenges.

increase awareness

documents to support

T&E resources or

In addition to the

responsible for

special report

response to

taskers.

Congressional

Peer Review

#### Policy and Governance

SIPET develops policy for OT&E and LFT&E, generates and reviews supplementary training courses, and participates in strategic planning for future months, quarters, years.



#### **Market Research**

SIPET includes the Science Advisor to identify, research and conduct sensing to discover cutting edge technology for use in T&E.

#### Communications

SIPET drafts and implements communication strategy and plans to increase transparency and clarity on DOT&E initiatives, actions, and policy.

## **SIPET FY23 Priorities and Objectives**

SIPET's high level priorities for FY23 to create a safer and more agile vision for DOT&E.



#### COORDINATE & EXECUTE DOT&E STRATEGY I-PLAN

The DOT&E Strategy Update and resulting Implementation Plan are intended to set a course for transformative changes to T&E infrastructure, tools, processes, and workforce. The I-Plan stipulates DOT&E funded FY23 activities and provides an approach to develop a T&E enterprise-wide I-Plan in FY24.

#### COLLABORATE ON UPDATES TO POLICIES

Update **requisite DODIs** (e.g., 5000.89, 5141.02) and **DODMs** (e.g., cyber T&E) and **communicate out impact of changes** to relevant stakeholder groups.

#### STAND UP SOFTWARE & CYBER INNOVATION CENTER

Aligned to the **Congressional mandate** to support a T&E Software and Cyber Center of Excellence. The Innovation Center will provide a scalable, one-stopshop of on-demand resources for cutting edge R&D, thought leadership, and collaboration across the T&E enterprise.

## **Implementation Plan Pillars**

The I-Plan is centered around five key pillars and associated lines of effort to reach desired end states to move the T&E community forward.



- Standardize the development of a scalable and adaptive representation of the multi-domain operating environment
- Implement measures, tools, and processes to efficiently evaluate kill webs and system-ofsystems performance

- Develop and implement an enterprise-level T&E data management solution
- Integrate T&E in modelbased engineering to operationalize and optimize the Shift Left approach
- Standardize and automate mission-based risk assessments
- Emphasize cyber and electromagnetic spectrum survivability
- Evaluate operational performance in a contested space environment

- Increase the use of credible digital twins in T&E
- Evaluate the operational and ethical performance of Al-based systems
- Advance the evaluation of software-reliant systems' operational performance

- Identify and track T&E workforce competencies and capabilities
- Assess and address critical T&E workforce professional development needs

## **SIPET Org Chart**

SIPET reports directly to the Director and Principal Deputy Director and is comprised of Action Officers and Scientific/Senior Level Staff who are advisors in function areas, as well as six Field Activities who report to the Deputy Director, SIPET.



## **Deep Dive: SIPET Field Activities (FA)**

SIPET Field Activities have unique DOD functions that indirectly support the DOT&E mission and Strategy.

	Joint Live Fire Program	Joint Aircraft Survivability Program	Joint Technical Program and Munitions Effectiveness	
Description		Description	Description	
	The Joint Live Fire (JLF) advances tools, methods and processes to test and evaluate U.S. systems (across all domains) and U.S. weapons against full spectrum of actual adversary threats and targets encountered in combat.	The Joint Aircraft Survivability Program (JASP) develops cross-Service aircraft survivability solutions and evaluation methods needed to dominate the multi-domain battlefield and mitigate U.S. aircraft losses in combat.	The Joint Technical Coordinating Group for Munitions Effectiveness (JTCG/ME) program develops validated weaponeering tools derived from the policy-approved Joint Munition Effectiveness Manuals (JMEMs) in support of Combatant Command strike authorities.	
	Tasks	Tasks	Tasks	
	<ol> <li>Advance lethality evaluations of kinetic weapons including hypersonic weapons</li> <li>Advance survivability and lethality assessment for maritime targets</li> <li>Improve assessment of combat induced traumatic brain injuries</li> <li>Enable full-spectrum survivability and lethality evaluations.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Advance the capability and credibility of joint aircraft combat effectiveness tools and enterprise level modeling and simulation used in combat mission planning, training, weapon schools and operational and live fire T&amp;E.</li> <li>Support the Joint Combat Assessment Team to develop the requirements for joint aircraft survivability solutions that provide force protection and remedy operational shortfalls.</li> <li>Leverages advances in science and technology to develop solutions to aircraft survivability gaps.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Develop the Digital Imagery Exploitation Engine (DIEE) tool, used to geographically locate and characterize the target, weaponeer the target using JMEM Weaponeering Software, and estimate collateral damage effects using the Digital Precision Strike Suite Collateral Damage Estimation (DCiDE) tool</li> <li>Develop weaponeering tools capable of estimating lethal effects for directed energy weapons (DEW), cyber, and electromagnetic spectrum (EMS) fires.</li> </ol>	

## **Deep Dive: SIPET Field Activities**

SIPET Field Activities assist with DOT&E testing, data analysis, report production, and the development of testing procedures.

Center For Countermeasures	T&E Threat Resource Activity	Joint Test and Evaluation Program	
Description	Description	Description	
The Center for Countermeasures (CCM) operates and deploys specialized mobile test instrumentation capable of simulating an array of threats to measures and evaluate operational effectiveness of countermeasures employed by US. DOD and foreign weapon systems.	Test and Evaluation Threat Resource Activity (TETRA) is a joint duty activity between DOT&E and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) focused on confirming that OT&E and LFT&E plans and warfighter training are adequately informed by the latest and emerging intelligence data.	The Joint Test and Evaluation (JT&E) Program considers emerging technologies and the dynamic, joint, multi-domain operational environment to plan and execute joint tests intended to deliver non-materiel solutions (TTPs, CONOPS. CONEMP) and enhance the United States' operational effectiveness, suitability, and survivability in combat.	
Tasks	Tasks	Tasks	
<ol> <li>Expedite the development and fielding of countermeasure systems.</li> <li>Pioneer credible testing and evaluation of directed energy-based countermeasures.</li> <li>Enable credible testing and evaluation of counter small unmanned aerial systems.</li> <li>Provides threat environments for pre- deployment training.</li> <li>Leverages Allies' support to advance testing and evaluation of aircraft survivability equipment.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Generate products that include intelligence-based analysis of current and emerging threats</li> <li>Facilitate the acquisition of foreign materiel needed for testing or development of threat surrogates</li> <li>Oversee threat and target surrogate development include the verification and validation process.</li> <li>Leverage science and technologies to stay ahead of emerging threats and targets.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Develop products that have implications beyond TTP. Products from JT&amp;E projects have been incorporated into joint and multi- Service documents through the Joint Requirements Oversight Council process, Joint Staff doctrine updates, Service training centers, and coordination with the Air Land Sea Application Center.</li> <li>Develop operational testing methods that have joint application.</li> </ol>	

## **SIPET Products**

SIPET's main products that are leveraged to bring meaningful change and guidance across the entire DOT&E organization.

#### **SIPET Products**

AO Course Materials	DoD Instructions and Manuals	AO Feedback and Communications	Congressional Reports	Annual Report	Field Activity Reports	I-Plan Products
Updates to AO Course agenda and materials and develops courses to support the DOT&E continuous learning agenda.	Development and coordination of DOD instructions and Manuals for OT&E and LFT&E to increase T&E efficiency, rigor and to respond to advanced emerging technologies and threats.	Surveys to generate consistent feedback from DOT&E staff. Creation of DOT&E newsletters, journal articles, and conference briefings.	Collaboration with the DOT&E to produce congressional reports on T&E test trends, resources, funding and innovations. SIPET generates products in support of T&E Staffer Day and similar engagements.	Summary of DOT&E's funding, progress, shortfalls, and changes within the fiscal year. SIPET helps to provide the executive summary, the status of T&E resources, and updates on field activities.	Status updates for the FA directors to provide insight into testing results, findings, advancements, and challenges facing their activity.	25 key actions and a range of use cases, pilots, prototypes, concepts to support the desired end-state outlined in the Strategy.
Key Audiences						
<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> </ul>	SecDef	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> </ul>	SecDef	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>T&amp;E community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T&amp;E Community</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Congressional Defense Committees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>T&amp;E Community</li> <li>Congressional Defense</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Staff</li> <li>T&amp;E Community</li> </ul>	

Committees

## **SIPET Field Activity Products**

SIPET's Field Activity main products that are leveraged to bring meaningful change and guidance across the entire DOT&E organization.

#### Field Activity Products

Weaponeering & Mission Planning Tools	Reports on Updates to TTPs, CONOPS	M&S Management and Support	<ul> <li>Threat and Target Intelligence Support</li> <li>Latest threat intelligence updates and</li> </ul>	Testing & Data Analysis Distribution
<ul> <li>Strike authorities with predictive capabilities in multi-domain operations including collateral damage effect estimates. Underlying analytical tools are beneficial to T&amp;E.</li> <li>Database of target vulnerability data for use in T&amp;E and mission planning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Joint tests and quick reaction test reports offer new solutions for testing mission threads, emerging technologies, multi-domain operations, TTPs, CONOPS, CONEMP.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Updates to survivability and lethality M&amp;S tools</li> <li>Updates to M&amp;S in support of hypersonic T&amp;E</li> <li>Full spectrum survivability and lethality solutions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>their effect on T&amp;E strategy and plans across warfare domains</li> <li>Delivery of threat and target surrogates and their VV&amp;A reports critical to upcoming T&amp;E strategy and plans</li> <li>Adversary TTP reports that may affect T&amp;E strategy and plans</li> <li>Detailed assessment of existing and emerging threat capabilities as a function of different theaters of operations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advanced capabilities to support T&amp;E of countermeasure effectiveness</li> <li>Testing capabilities and methods to support T&amp;E of Directed Energy Weapons</li> <li>Testing capabilities to counter counter-small unmanned aerial systems</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Combatant Commands</li> <li>Joint Staff</li> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership and Staff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Combatant Commands</li> <li>Joint Staff</li> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership</li> <li>Congressional Defense</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership and Staff</li> <li>T&amp;E community</li> <li>Defense Intelligence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DOT&amp;E Leadership and Staff</li> <li>T&amp;E community</li> <li>Congressional</li> </ul>
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## **Requesting SIPET Support**

SIPET has a variety of avenues to support the T&E community and key partners depending on the need and request, including:



#### **Policy Engagement**

SIPET helps develop policy and guidance for OT&E and LFT&E in conjunction with DOT&E leadership and USD(R&E).



#### **Testing Guidance**

SIPET works to develop innovative and effective testing tools, methods and processes in collaboration with Field Activity Directors and Action Officers.



#### **Data Analytics**

SIPET delivers analytics, reviews test plans and reports, and provides summaries of key findings made by SIPET Field Activities and test results

**Resources for Use** 



#### Workforce Engagement

SIPET delivers products to help engage with and train DOT&E employees by creating trainings and materials to onboard and update the workforce.



#### Innovation

SIPET staff engages with the DOT&E community to drive innovation and push the limits of our testing and warfare capabilities.

# DOT&E Annual Report Testing Procedures Implementation Plan AO Course Innovation Center Special Topic Reports FA & AO Reports Competency Model Market Sensing Published Research

## **SIPET Example Deliverables**

SIPET's high level accomplishments after being established within the DOT&E.

# Published and Executed Implementation Plan

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Initiated and Supported a Soft Launch of the T&E Innovation Center

Conducted DOT&E Workforce Assessment

Increase test capabilities acceleration in advanced technologies SIPET published the <u>DOT&E Strategy Update 2022</u> and DOT&E Strategy Implementation Plan 2023 to transform test & evaluation to enable delivery of the world's most advanced warfighting capabilities at the speed of need. SIPET initiated 25 Key Actions to make progress against the Strategic Intent and began tracking progress within an Enterprise Performance Dashboard to improve visibility and transparency of initiatives.

DOT&E responded to the HASC task by providing an implementation plan for a Cyber and Software Test and Evaluation Center of Excellence. The plan provides a strategy for a scalable, one-stop shop for cutting edge research and development, thought leadership, and collaboration across the T&E enterprise with three major objectives: 1) nurture a culture of information exchange across the T&E enterprise; 2) drive continuous innovation across cyber and software T&E; and 3) build a pipeline for talent acquisition, training, and retention through multiple key actions.

DOT&E conducted an internal workforce assessment to better prepare and position its T&E professionals to execute its mission as the T&E landscape and DoD weapon systems evolve. During the assessment, DOT&E developed a clear picture of its workforce's T&E and technical skills proficiencies, defined seven DOT&E-specific competencies comprised of 149 knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs), and detailed how DOT&E should develop and deploy its T&E professionals to build their collective KSAs

Outputs from the workforce assessment serve as the foundation for future DOT&E workforce development and talent management activities, allowing DOT&E leadership to focus on recruiting, developing, and promoting the right KSAs within its workforce given emerging mission requirements.

DOT&E received additional funds across operational T&E, LFT&E, and operational test activities and analysis for test capabilities acceleration in advanced technologies, which include electromagnetic spectrum, hypersonic, directed energy, space, data management, Artificial Intelligence (AI), autonomy, software, cyber, and next generation threats.

## **SIPET Example Deliverables**

SIPET's high level accomplishments after being established within the DOT&E.



#### Identified Process Automation for Key DOT&E Functions

After working collaboratively with DOT&E process owners across Deputates on a process automation assessment, findings identified 12 high-impact processes that can be reallocated annually through automation. Prioritized processes will be improved through business process improvement, new process implementation, robotic process automation, and intelligent optical character recognition.

Completed the Naval Aviation OT Congressional Study

Established DOT&E Communications Plan At the direction of the FY22 NDAA, DOT&E submitted an assessment of proposed cuts to Naval Aviation Operational Test workforce and infrastructure. Calculating the current and future capacity and infrastructure with the proposed reductions, the report found 22 impacts on cost, schedule, and efficacy of OT by tasking other nontest designated units, units whose primary mission is not operational test, to conduct OT. DOT&E evaluated six courses of action based on the ability of the OT squadrons to meet FY23 test requirements and provided a recommendation to Congress and CAPE on the path forward.

In 2022, DOT&E developed an enterprise-wide communications plan to better engage with the DOT&E workforce, T&E community, and key public and private stakeholders. DOT&E thoroughly reviewed its communications channels and vehicles, discussed communications gaps and needs with staff and partners, and determined 16 possible new or changes to existing communications channels or vehicles. DOT&E will use these means to build awareness and understanding among the DOT&E workforce, provide progress on current initiatives, establish two-way feedback mechanisms, share success stories, further DOT&E'S brand, and enhance Partnerships

## **DOT&E Org Chart**

The organizational chart of the DOT&E and SIPET structures shows where SIPET falls under the DOT&E umbrella.



## **SIPET Key Messages**

SIPET key messages are essential for explaining the background to SIPET's strategy.

Mission	Drive continuous innovation to meet the T&E demands of the future. Support the development of a workforce prepared to meet the toughest T&E challenges. Nurture a culture of information exchange across the enterprise and update policy and guidance.	
Linkage to DOT&E Mission	SIPET strives to provide policy, strategic planning, and oversight to the T&E community as emerging technologies are acquired by the DoD.	
What does SIPET do?	SIPET identifies and helps resolves gaps in OT&E and LFT&E and documents them in the I- Plan. As new T&E methods, processes, tools are uncovered – SIPET updates policy and guidance to update. SIPET delivers products to increase communication and transparency internally and externally. SIPET reviews T&E documents to support standardization across Deputates and increase awareness of common T&E challenges. SIPET delivers training courses for the organization and new capabilities to improve business processes.	
How does SIPET do it?	<ul> <li>SIPET proactively looks forward to identify OT&amp;E/LFT&amp;E needs, gaps, and potential solutions; craft new ways of doing business; and help Service and agency operational test organizations solve problems.</li> <li>Working with stakeholders across the department, SIPET develops and refines operational test policy guidance in the areas of T&amp;E including cyber, EMSO, hypersonics, directed energy, interoperability, software, modeling and simulation, Artificial Intelligence.</li> <li>SIPET also identifies the skillsets needed for the T&amp;E workforce in the future and helps to connect them to trainings, rotation programs, and conferences that will build those competencies for success in the future.</li> </ul>	
Where to find more information on SIPET?	DOT&E Website DOT&E Annual Report Action Officer Course	

## **SIPET I-Plan Pillar Products**

These are the pillars of critical SIPET initiatives and the organizations responsible each activity.



#### Test the Way We Fight

- **T&E Report** (Collecting and prioritizing range capability requirements and costs)
- Range Capability Dashboard (T&E requirement dashboard)
- GAP (concept requirements for a credible M&S domain architecture for virtual, live, and constructive testing)
- JT&E Project (DOD manuals with key measures and methodologies to evaluate missions)
- Threat Systems Program
   TSP Portal (Data
   Dashboard for comparing
   threats)



#### Accelerate Weapons that Work

- Guidehouse Data
   Standards (Standard
   setting for data storage)
- Enterprise T&E Data Management (Pilot activities to set data standards)
- Edaptive Smart Word
   Processing (Document
   discovery tool)
- Develop a Process for OTE Testing process for ZTA
- Metron Bayesian
   Decision Support
   System (retrospective
   Exemplar
- **Develop T&E Concepts** (digital model prototype)



#### lmprove Survivability

- NDAA Task (Concept prototype for facing kinetic and non kinetic threats)
- **TSP Portal** (Infrastructure concept for agile threats)
- ECRAM (integrated test evaluation system)
- Space EW Task (Space representation in testing and training. Report of requirements and capabilities for the space environment)



#### Pioneer Continuous T&E

- Al Enabled Systems (T&E research material display tool)
- OT&E xBom Pipeline Pilot (Updates to the T&E companion guide)
- Software Pipeline Government Software Test Survey (Guidance for advanced tools in OT test generation)
- CEEF & CLEF (Metric characterization, procedures, and assessment of offensive cyber capabilities)



#### Foster an Agile T&E Workforce

- Competency Model
   (Professional competency
   model for knowledge and
   skills)
- PCD Recommendations (T&E functions database and capabilities)
- DOT&E Learning
   Strategy (Learning needs
   assessment for to discover
   T&E learning style)
- DOT&E Course Catalog (Training and education courses)
- DOT&E Architecture (Recommendations for making education delivery more agile)
- T&E Initial Software& Cyber Standup (KM solutions to enhance knowledge)