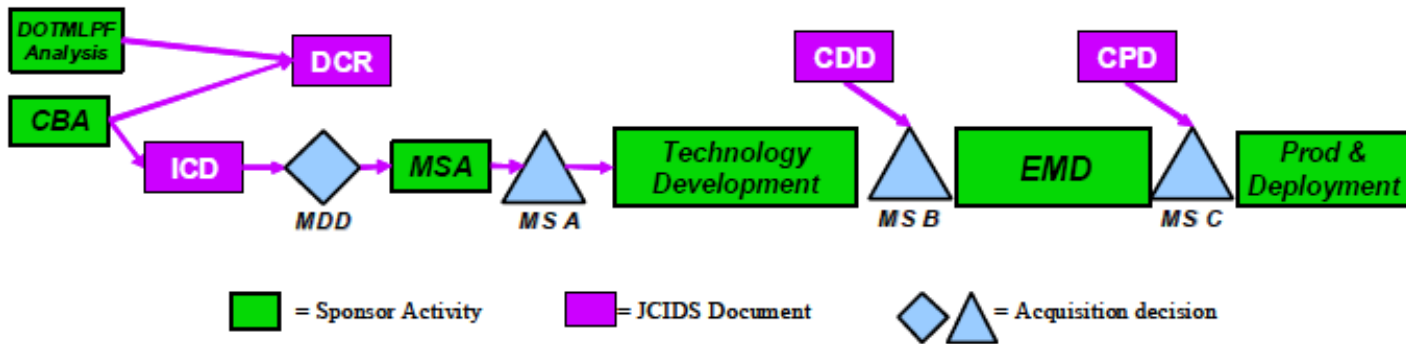


Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) Process Quick Sheet

The Defense Acquisition System is made up of three (3) processes; Acquisition Process, Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) Process, and Planning, Programming, Budget and Execution (PPBE) Process. The system is governed by DoD Instruction 5000.02 "Operation of the Defense Acquisition System" that provides the policies and principles and forms the management foundation for all defense programs. All three processes must work together to insure a successful defense program.



The JCIDS process is focused on the development of requirements. It was created to support the statutory responsibility of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) to validate joint warfighting requirements. It plays a key role in identifying the capabilities required by the warfighters to support the National Defense Strategy (NDS), the National Military Strategy (NMS), and the National Strategy for Homeland Defense.

The primary objective of the JCIDS process is to ensure the capabilities required by the joint warfighter are identified, along with their associated operational performance criteria (requirements), in order to successfully execute the missions assigned. This is done through an open process that provides the JROC the information needed and supports the Acquisition Process and Planning, Programming, Budget and Execution (PPBE) Process.

The process consists of four (4) steps.

- 1. Capabilities Base Assessment (CBA):** validate capability gaps thru mission identification, operational characteristics, non-materiel viability and recommended solution types. The JROC may direct three (3) courses of action to address capability gaps:
 1. Accept operational risk and take no further action;
 2. Seek a non-materiel approach (changes to doctrine, organization, etc.) to address the capability gap as an alternative or adjunct to a new materiel solution;
 3. Recommend a materiel solution.
- 2. Approval of the Initial Capabilities Document (ICD) and Courses of Action:** validate capabilities required to perform the mission as defined; the gap in capabilities along with their priorities and operational risks; and the need to address the capability gaps.
- 3. Approval of the Capability Development Document (CDD):** validate the Key Performance Parameters (KPP) and their associated threshold and objective values; assesses the risks in meeting those KPPs in terms of cost, schedule and technological maturity; and assesses the affordability of the system as compared to the operational capability being delivered.
- 4. Approval of the Capabilities Production Document (CPD):** ensure the system being delivered meets the needs originally defined in the ICD at an affordable cost.

JCIDS Main Documents

- CJCS Instruction 3170.01 "Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System"
- Manual for the Operations of the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System