United States Department of Defense

Executive Agent for Maritime Domain Awareness

DoD EA for MDA Data Call

Background

In 2006, prior to the establishment of the Office of the DoD EA for MDA, a preliminary MDA data call was conducted within DoD and throughout the remainder of the interagency MDA community. Critical capability gaps were identified and depicted in the Interagency Investment Strategy (IAIS).

During 2008, the DoD Directive 2005.02E, *Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) in the Department of Defense* established new guidance for policy and assigned responsibilities within the DoD MDA community. The directive mandated that DoD entities determine:

- Resource priorities
- Awareness levels necessary to monitor maritime vessels, people, cargo, and infrastructure
- Architecture required to persistently monitor the maritime domain

The Secretary of the Navy, as the DoD Executive Agent (EA) for MDA, is responsible for identifying MDA requirements and resources. In order to determine the scope of DoD's MDA effort, a compilation of existing MDA-related programs is required, as well as a catalog of the MDA-related products produced.

Implementation

This data call is intended to establish a new baseline of programs, and additionally collect associated products, information sharing details, and related programmatic and budget information.

Respondents provide their input directly to the website, allowing instant user access, visibility, and data management. To support this effort, data is collected and maintained at the Unclassified, Secret, and TS/SCI levels as applicable. The website identified at the following address serves as the NIPRnet interface for submission of unclassified inputs, and functions as the primary information exchange for the data call.

http://www.dodeaformda.navy.mil/DataCall/

Moving Forward

This DoD data call provides significant value not only to DoD, but to the remainder of the interagency MDA efforts as well. Once collected data has been normalized and consolidated as applicable, data results and coding utilized will help meet numerous MDA needs.

- Results will serve as a basis for a DoD repository of MDA technologies enabling more accurate assessment of the state of MDA, prioritization of MDA efforts, and more focused replies to MDA inquiries to meet congressional interest.
- Analysis of the data will help define capability and resource gaps, identify and implement materiel/non-materiel solutions, and facilitate improved coordination with interagency and multinational organizations.
- Web collection tool coding and lessons learned have been provided to the Information Sharing Subcommittee to pave the road for interagency data call efforts to meet inventory and catalog needs for the enterprise hubs.

In the future, the DoD data collection tool will function as a mechanism for connecting program managers. Leveraging the efforts of the DoD EA MDA data call, the interagency collection tool, once created, will be populated with shareable DoD results.

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