Defense Threat Reduction Agency Overview Brief
Our History

An Agency defined by 80 years of evolution...

that continues to evolve...

...to address the most consequential threats to our national security
DTRA Mission

As both a *Defense Agency* and *Combat Support Agency*, DTRA provides cross-cutting solutions to enable DoD, USG, and international partners to:

- **Deter** strategic attacks against the United States and its Allies
- **Prevent**, reduce, and counter WMD and emerging threats
- **Prevail** against WMD-armed adversaries in crisis and conflict

**DEFENSE AGENCY**

In this more *strategic role*, we reduce global WMD and emerging threats by deterring adversaries’ acquisition and use of such materials.

We support key DoD policy and priorities through cross-service, DoD-wide programs such as nuclear assurance, treaty support, and building partner capacity.

**COMBAT SUPPORT AGENCY**

In this more *operational role*, we work to identify, develop, and field solutions to counter WMD and emerging threats, leveraging unique capabilities and expertise in direct support of Joint Staff and Combatant Command requirements.
Alignment within DoD
Our Core Values

Team Oriented
Though complex and dispersed, we are a single cohesive Agency

People Centric
Our most valuable resource to counter WMD

Mission Focused
United in purpose that our work matters
DTRA Core Functions

1. Ensure a reliable, resilient strategic deterrent through nuclear surety, mission assurance, and crisis response activities

2. Develop and deliver innovative capabilities to the warfighter across the threat spectrum

3. Prevent, reduce, and eliminate CBRN threats through risk reduction, arms control, partner capacity building, and warfighter support

4. Provide strategic and operational support through subject matter expertise, technical reach-back, tailored analysis, and exercise support

5. Support the Joint Force with plans, concepts, exercises, and materiel solutions to address CBRN operational and strategic risks
Essential Approaches

- **Campaigning** - DTRA activities coordinated to maximize impact against most pressing challenges, with China as central focus

- **Integrating** - Collaborative culture overcomes functional boundaries & synchronized processes maximize DTRA resources

- **Partnering** - Enduring partnerships leveraged to strengthen whole-of-nation and international CWMD efforts

- **Posturing** - Forward-leaning approach that anticipates future threats and requirements
Agency-wide China Campaign

Prioritize, connect, and synchronize all PRC-focused activities within the DTRA portfolio to maximize impact against #1 NDS competitor

Focus Areas:

- Agency-wide analysis of PRC-related operations, activities, and investments
- Evaluate where, how DTRA (internally focused) must evolve to address PRC threat
- Identify organizational, geopolitical, resource and authority constraints and ways to mitigate
- Develop risk mitigation approaches within distinct lines of effort that bridge Agency Core Functions

Note: DTRA will develop similar campaigns to synchronize Agency efforts against other NDS priority competitors

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DTRA Resources

DTRA FY 2023 Appropriation Request: $2.0B

- Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
- Procurement (P, DW)
- Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E)
Leadership

Director
Ms. Rebecca Hersman, SES

Acting Deputy Director
Brig. Gen Peter Bonetti, USAF

Executive Director
Dr. Rhys Williams, SES

Command Senior Enlisted Leader
CSM Brant Shyrigh, USA
Budgeted FTE’s: 2,173
(803 Military & 1370 Civilian)
Contractor personnel: ~ 3000

Total DTRA Workforce: 5,173

1,095 located outside the NCR
406 spread across 54 countries
Our People

A team composed of highly diverse skillsets...

... providing expertise throughout the CWMD enterprise
Delivering Solutions Around the World

- Force protection & vulnerability assessments of national and allied infrastructure
- Consolidation & security of WMD-related systems and materials
- Understanding the nexus between strategic competition and WMD threats
- CWMD capability development for partner nations
- WMD stockpile elimination
- Tailored CBRN education & training
- 24/7 technical reachback support
- PPE to laboratory technicians & healthcare workers on the COVID frontlines
- Development of global biosurveillance networks
- Border surveillance & CBRN interdiction

Deter. Prevent. Prevail.

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DTRA will adapt to meet the challenges of an evolving security environment through 4 DTRA-wide initiatives:

- Strengthen Future Arms Control
- Prepare for WMD Crisis Events
- Adapt to the Information Environment
- Build the Workforce of the Future