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Battling Emerging Threats: New DTRA Strategy 2022-2027 keeps counter-WMD agency aligned with national, DOD priorities

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FORT BELVOIR, Va. -- In keeping its missions, priorities and values aligned with the most recent higher-level guidance, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) has published the 2022-2027 Agency Strategy.
The new document is a timely strategic blueprint that ensures DTRA addresses the challenges posed by weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and emerging threats. When referring to WMD, the Agency is specifically focused on nuclear, chemical, and/or biological weapons.

DTRA's Acting Director Dr. Rhys Williams, Ph.D. approved the new strategy and shared it with the agency workforce by emphasizing how this document can keep all of the agency's individual missions, projects and programs in synch with national priorities.

"As both a Defense Agency and a Combat Support Agency, DTRA plays a vitally important role to the services, the combatant commands, and many other DoD and interagency partners," said Williams. "DTRA's mission is complex and dynamic, in large part because of the multifaceted nature of WMD themselves. This strategic guidance is unclassified, so we can share it widely, not just within the U.S. government but with academia, industry and our international partners."

The 2022-2027 DTRA Strategy highlights the administration's theater, national, and multinational objectives. The strategy also focuses on DTRA's core functions (DTRA's unique instruments of national power) and aligns those unique instruments with four agency-level goals which are:

FUNCTIONS:

- DTRA Enables Strategic Deterrence
- DTRA Supports U.S. Treaty Implementation and Verification
- DTRA Partners to Reduce Global WMD Threats
- DTRA Identifies Vulnerabilities and Mitigation Strategies
- DTRA Develops and Delivers Rapid Capabilities

GOALS:

- Ensure a Safe, Secure, and Effective Nuclear Deterrent
- Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emerging Threats
- Enable the Joint Force and Allies/Partners to Compete and Win Against Adversaries
- Build and Adaptive and Resilient Agency

"DTRA is already known as the pre-eminent counter-WMD agency within the U.S. government," adds Williams. "This strategy will elevate our presence as we stand ready to support our warfighters, the interagency, and our international partners in their efforts to detect, deter, and defeat current and emerging WMD threats."

You can find a copy of the DTRA Strategy 2022-2027 on the DTRA website here. For more information on DTRA's mission and programs, visit www.dtra.mil.

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