

For Consideration Basis for a Rationale Defense: Acquiring the Right Capability

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Why?

Quick History of Military Planning In Nine Steps

1. **Christmas 1991 – Golden Hammer and sickle Raised Above Kremlin for Last Time – BIG TURNING POINT**
2. **Who's the Enemy Now?**
3. **Feeding Frenzy Over "Peace Dividend" as Defense Budget Reduced**
4. **Gave Rise to Reduced Size of Military - "Base Force"**
5. **DESERT SHIELD/STORM – Yikes Can't Reduce Military Too Much**
6. **Have to Admit that there is a Threat Out There**
7. **Can't Predict the Threat – Not Like the Soviet Union**
8. **National Security Environment Best Described as Uncertain**
9. **Need to Bypass Threat and Go Directly to Capabilities-Based Planning**

Rational Defense Made Simple

Defining "Rational" as it Applies to Defense Acquisition

Rational Defense = Achieving National Security by:

Acquiring Capability

Addressing a Requirement

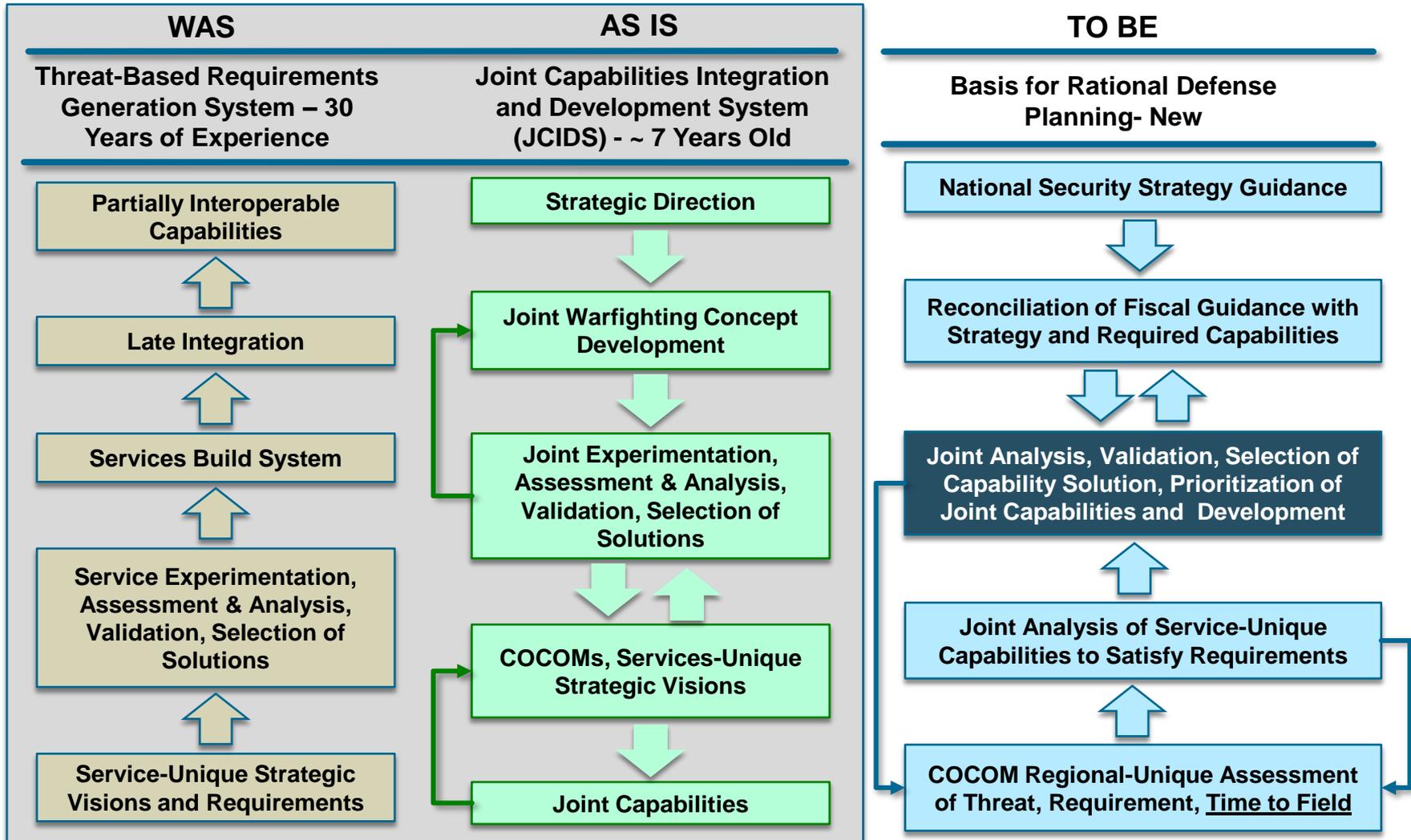
Meeting a Threat

**Supporting National
Security Strategy**

Is This What We Have.....?

Not Exactly

The Journey



Value of Basis for Rational Defense

