



Message from the Assistant Secretary of Defense Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence

Today's technology is causing revolutionary changes in the way we conduct military operations. The Department of Defense's Information Superiority vision recognizes and responds to these changes and enables new operational concepts for dominant maneuver, precision engagement, focused logistics, full dimensional protection and creates a synergy among them, which together results in full spectrum dominance. That is why I am committed to ensuring that the right people, and only the right people, have access to the right information at the right times in the right forms. Whether that person is a decision-maker in Washington or a platoon commander in the heat of battle - timely, relevant and assured information provides the edge for leaders to make decisions that win battles and save lives.

The leaders of the Services, Defense Agencies, and the Joint Commands are making similar long-term commitments to operationalize the Information Superiority vision. Together we must display cohesion and commonality of purpose in developing requirements, acquiring capabilities, and allocating resources for critical Information Superiority enablers. We have made great strides toward jointness, and we need to continue that progress to realize the benefits Information Superiority offers.

Our success in developing technology does not guarantee continued dominance on the battlefield. Competitors are rapidly assimilating and leveraging emerging technologies to exploit our weaknesses. Increasing our research and development efforts and improving our ability to rapidly field and operationalize new capabilities is essential.

Current Information Superiority initiatives designed to ensure secure connectivity and interoperability are beginning to establish the foundation for the future. But this is only a beginning. We need to continue to leverage and exploit innovations to create and evolve capabilities, build and maintain a secure and interoperable infostructure, and invest in our people.

Information Superiority: Making the Joint Vision Happen provides an overview of DoD's vision. Information Superiority enables emerging concepts that will profoundly alter how DoD trains, organizes, and equips the force. The actions necessary to implement the ideas in this brochure are being developed and will be incorporated into an Information Superiority Strategic Plan planned for distribution early in 2001. Our men and women in uniform deserve the best this great nation has to offer and we cannot settle for less.

