



## ***SYNCHRONIZE NETWORK DELIVERY*** Joint Interoperability and Supportability “Foundation of Net Centric Operations & Future Joint Warfighting”



As the link between the warfighter’s C4 requirements and the creation of viable courses of action to deliver Joint Net-Centric Operations capabilities, J-6 focuses its efforts in various directions including Joint Interoperability and Supportability (I&S). We continue to move toward fielding network-ready information technology (IT) and National Security Systems (NSS) to the Warfighter. The I&S certification enforced via the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) detailed in CJCSI 3170 and CJCSI 6212 is the means to achieve this goal. Sound systems engineering based on I&S elements including the **Net-Ready Key Performance Parameter, Integrated Architectures, Key Interface Profiles, Information Assurance** and **spectrum supportability** is critical to the entire process.

Effective coordination with COCOMs Services and Agencies; the Joint Interoperability Test Command; the Defense Information Systems Agency; the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Networks and Information Integration; Program Managers and J-8 enhance the interoperability capabilities of each program through the JCIDS process.

With the goal of making the I&S portion of the JCIDS process more efficient and streamlining acquisition, the J-6 is continually looking for improvements:

- The newly upgraded Joint C4 Program Assessment Tool - Empowered (JCPAT-E) is a recent step toward improving the review process by incorporating database search engines and interactive document review. Plans to increase database linkages with other DoD systems will further improve visibility on existing systems and I&S review of new programs.
- Close coordination with OASD (NII) on improving their Streamlined Information Support Plan (ISP) process, the Enhanced ISP Tool, and focusing on the Tailored ISP, designed for limited resource programs, will benefit future programs, decreasing document creation time and review processing time.
- Regular reviews and updates to the CJCSI 6212 reflect changes in technology and process improvements in other parts of JCIDS
- Our commitment to program oversight is a long term effort and a continuous process occurring through the lifecycle of each program, starting early in development, with sufficient frequency throughout a system’s life to ensure updates keep pace with required changes.

J-6 is committed to supporting the Warfighter by making every effort to **expedite the acquisition process**, supporting the **Chairman’s goal of strengthening joint warfighting** and **ensuring the joint force is equipped** to meet the ever growing demands of the information environment.