AFMC
STRATEGIC PLAN
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FOREWORD

Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) is the most important Major Command (MAJCOM) in the United States Air Force to achieve the National Defense Strategy and create the Air Force We Need. AFMC built the most powerful Air Force in the world and our nation still depends on us to build and power the Air Force of the future. Our adversaries have eroded our technological advantages and have presented us with new challenges and opportunities. These adversaries are rapidly innovating, improving, and developing future technologies with new warfighting expertise. We must operate at the speed of relevance to counter these threats and develop, deliver, support, and sustain the most lethal and ready Air Force in the world.

I am honored to lead AFMC as we deliver and support the Air Force of the future. Together, we will make our joint forces faster and smarter than ever before. Only if this command succeeds can our Air and Space Forces Fly, Fight, and Win. I expect all members of AFMC to execute our wartime missions every day and guided by our vision and focused on our Lines of Efforts (LOE), achieve the objectives described in this plan. We must work in unison to make it happen; our nation is counting on us.

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General, USAF
Commander
PURPOSE

This strategic plan will focus Air Force Materiel Command’s talented Airmen and vast resources around a clear vision, mission, and four lines of effort. Every Airman in our Command should know where we are going, and how we will get there. Together—as one AFMC—we can multiply our effects both to achieve the outcomes to acquire the Air Force We Need and the outcomes to defend our nation. In a rapidly changing world, our nation requires us to enhance our readiness, lethality, and speed—now more than ever. With one team, disciplined in our actions, united in purpose, we will remain indispensable to our nation’s future.

MISSION

“Powering the world’s greatest Air Force...We develop, deliver, support, and sustain war-winning capabilities”

AFMC is charged with the responsibility of arming, equipping, and evolving the capabilities of the joint warfighter. We must retain focus on the fundamental role we play in the fights of today and tomorrow. As warfighters supporting warfighters, we perform our wartime mission every day. Our impact on the efforts of other MAJCOMs and Combatant Commanders demonstrates that we are the most important MAJCOM in the Air Force.

VISION

“One AFMC--Collaborative, innovative, trusted, and empowered...indispensable to our nation, disruptive to our adversaries”

AFMC will be united in our efforts. Our Airmen are trusted and empowered in every arena – collaborating deliberately and innovating at all levels. Our people have always faithfully delivered critical technologies to make our Air Force successful. We must continue to provide the training and resources needed to develop, deliver, support, and sustain the Air Force We Need.

LINES OF EFFORT (LOE)

Joint Doctrine defines lines of effort as the unity of purpose that centralizes multiple tasks and missions behind a desired effect.¹ Our four LOEs will ensure we increase readiness and lethality; deliver with disciplined speed; strengthen our team; and foster trusted connections. The objectives we accomplish in support of these LOEs will put us well on the path to achieving our shared vision. These will not be static and unchanging. At the direction of the AFMC/CC, new LOEs or objectives may be added when necessary to achieve our shared vision.

¹ Joint Publication 5-0, Joint Planning, pg xxiii, para 2.
LINE OF EFFORT #1: Increase Readiness & Lethality

To increase readiness and lethality, we must execute our war-time mission every day to develop, deliver, support, and sustain air, space, and cyberspace dominance, today and tomorrow. Our decision-makers need to be fully threat informed, and the National Defense Strategy (NDS) directs us to rapidly respond with higher-fidelity threat information tailored to our customers’ needs. AFMC is the trusted provider of Air Force resources and systems across our changing domains. By delivering the measured improvements in the below categories, we will ensure that this effort remains successful.

- **Infrastructure** – Invest in ready, resilient, lethal bases.
- **Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-sUAS)** – Develop strategy and deploy systems to protect against this emerging threat.
- **Cybersecurity** – AFMC CONOP development and execution.
- **Aircraft Availability (AA)** – Eliminate, reduce or mitigate obstacles to achieving Operational Aircraft Availability.
- **Priority Program Reviews** – Synchronize AFMC review and support of special interest items & programs.
- **Decision—Tools & Processes** – Analyze resource capability shortfalls relative to Air Force Warfighting Integration Capability.
- **Operational Agility** – Maximize AFMC effectiveness as we support the warfighter.

LINE OF EFFORT #2: Speed with Discipline

Our command needs to accelerate the competitive edge of our Air Force. We will revolutionize our business practices to accelerate delivery of relevant technologies and capabilities to guarantee our joint force competitive advantage. We will rapidly buy, build, and deliver warfighting technologies and capabilities that the warfighter demands. To do this, AFMC will adapt our culture and mindset to create processes with clear and consistent lines of authority that drive speed of decision-making and synchronize efforts across the command. The below objectives will support this LOE:

- **Lines of Authority** – Propose and modify authorities and business rules to increase velocity between and within our organizations.
- **Information Technology** – Provide the infrastructure necessary to execute our mission.
- **Digital Enterprise** – Deliver new strategies for digital operations in logistics & engineering.
- **Science & Technology 2030** – Implement the Air Force’s S&T 2030 strategy.
- **Innovation Partnerships** – Integrate functions within test, innovation, and joint acquisition communities.
LINE OF EFFORT #3: Strengthen Our Team

We will build a culture and climate where Airmen can thrive, winning the war for talent and re-invigorating our competitive edge. AFMC’s Airmen are foundational to everything that we do. Our ability to meet warfighter needs hinges on attracting, developing, and retaining world-class Airmen. The objectives to support this effort include:

- **Talent Management** – Assess our talent requirements to modernize our recruitment and retention strategies.
- **Hiring Timelines** – Improve civilian hiring speed and tracking mechanisms.
- **Supervisory Training** – Improve and standardize AFMC supervisor training.
- **Manpower** – Assess and prioritize manpower requirements
- **Resiliency** – Increase awareness and access to Quality-of-Life enhancement programs.
- **Mission Awareness** – Connect the mission to the member no matter where they work.
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** – Create a diverse and inclusive environment that produces equitable results and supports talent management

LINE OF EFFORT #4: Foster Trusted Partnerships

We will drive toward connectedness with one another and with our customers, with industry, and with our mission partners, to become the trusted command our Air Force needs. AFMC Airmen at all levels should understand their role, value, and connection to AFMC, AF missions, and the operational units they support.

- **Operations Crossflow** – Continue to develop stronger relationships between our materiel enterprise and the operational units we support.
- **We Are AFMC** – Rebrand the Command, reinvigorate unit-community relationships, and restore commercial connections. At all levels, we will institute a culture of pride.
- **Educational Partnerships** – Create educational work-exchange programs.
- **Foreign Partnerships** – Streamline collaborations with allied Air Forces.
- **MAJCOM Partnerships** – Examine and enhance methods of engagement with other MAJCOMs.
- **Internal Partnerships** – Strengthen teamwork and communication
APPENDIX A

LINE OF EFFORT #1: Increase Readiness & Lethality

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Ensure ready, resilient, lethal bases and infrastructure across the AF by increasing built infrastructure maintenance and repair funding in the POM to 2.0% of Plant Replacement Value (PRV) by Sep 23 and 2.3% by Sep 26 and executing the Infrastructure Investment Strategy (IIS).
  - SUSPENSE: September 2023, September 2026
  - OPR: AFIMSC

- Improve the SAF Strategic Basing process by providing an objective enterprise-wide look leveraging authoritative data for Air Force decision makers to understand the value of various candidate locations of MAJCOM basing actions. AFIMSC will provide ten (10) Enterprise-Wide Look (E WL) analytic studies in FY21.
  - SUSPENSE: September 2021
  - OPR: AFIMSC

COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-SUAS)

- Codify the services requirements for a common C2 platform and Kill Chain capabilities in a Rapid Prototyping Requirements Document. This document will ensure the service’s requirements are met as the program moves forward to a Joint C-sUAS Office (JCO)
  - SUSPENSE: May 2021
  - OPR: AFMC/A3/6

- Establish operator assignment of C-sUAS solutions.
  - SUSPENSE: December 2021
  - OPR: AFMC/A3/6

- Establish appropriate funding profile and service advocacy for C-sUAS 3 and 6 year RDT&E goals.
  - SUSPENSE: December 2021
  - OPR: AFMC/A3/6

CYBERSECURITY

- All AFMC systems will be compliant with Public Key Infrastructure/ Two-Factor Authentication enforcement to provide a critical layer of security to the Air Force Information Network.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6

- Draft the AFMC Cyber Squadron Initiative/Mission Defense Team Implementation Plan.
  - SUSPENSE: September 2023 (with FOC expected in 2027)
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6
• Draft Control Systems training METS specific mission defense for CSI. Draft communication and escalation paths for AFMC CDCC.
  o SUSPENSE: September 2023 (with FOC expected in 2027)
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6

OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY (AA)
• Partner with Lead Commands to develop initiatives to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the obstacles to achieving the Operational Aircraft Availability (AA) requirement across the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP).
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A4/10

PRIORITY PROGRAM REVIEWS
• Conduct a study and synchronization review of support of special interest programs (PAR, B-21, KC-46, T-7, Hypersonics, Vanguards, NGAD) at least once in 2021.
  o SUSPENSE: July 2021
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A5/8/9

• Prioritize AFMC acquisition support based on importance to NDS and AF We Need outcomes.
  o SUSPENSE: May 2021
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A5/8/9

• Identify and track Center key mission execution metrics. Each metric will be briefed semi-annually during the AFMC/CC’s Update meeting.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/DS

DECISION – TOOLS AND PROCESSES
• Conduct a gap analysis with respect to AFMC resourcing in support of Cross Functional Team (CFT) and HAF/A5/7 AF Futures focus areas; prioritize AFMC resources to align with AF Futures activities.
  o SUSPENSE: March 2021
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A5/8/9

OPERATIONAL AGILITY
• Develop a Campaign Support Plan to synchronize AFMC in the support of a peer/near-peer fight.
  o SUSPENSE: February 2022
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A5/8/9
  o OCR: HQ AFMC/A3/6

• Expand and accelerate fighting on JWICS (FoJ).
  o SUSPENSE: October 2022
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A2
• Implement measures that will operationally synchronize AFMC to maximize effectiveness and support a peer/near-peer fight. Operationalize the AFMC/CC’s staff meeting to better synchronize HQ Staff & Center wartime mission/warfighter focus. Design an AFMC Ops Cell to include roles, responsibilities, authorities, manning requirements, and feasibility study. Refine, expand, and finalize (baseline) HQ AFMC & Center Mission Essential Task Lists (METLs) to best represent AFMC’s capacity and capabilities to source and sustain joint warfighting activities as well as SECAF/SECDEF/CCMD decision superiority.
  o SUSPENSE: May 2021
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6

• Reach FOC for the AFMC SIPR Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) solution implementation across the Command.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6

LINE OF EFFORT #2: Speed with Discipline

LINES OF AUTHORITY
• Analyze roles, missions, and associated authorities and responsibilities (from Air Staff to Command to Centers and including functional equities) and propose adjustments and authority delegation to improve effectiveness.
  o SUSPENSE: July 2021
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/CDX

• Examine AFMC tasking procedures and business rules; deliver recommendations; then implement recommendations.
  o SUSPENSE: October 2021
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/DS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
• Improve AFMC Information Technology User Experience caused by IT shortfalls in service by 25% as measured by user experience surveys. The AF NETLAW team will conduct site visits of AFMC Main Operating Bases (MOB) and larger Geographically Separated Units (GSU) analyzing the base networks against the AF Base Area Network (BAN) specification. Implement the AF NETLAW recommended Information Technology changes (Networks, Engineering, Hardware and Software)
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6

• Develop and enable Basing and Logistics Analytics Data Environment (BLADE); achieve as a precursor to LogC2.
  o SUSPENSE: September 2025
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A4/10
DIGITAL ENTERPRISE

- Coordinate efforts of HQ AFMC organizations to implement the digital enterprise through standards, infrastructure, training and resources. The goal is for acquisition programs to leverage the Digital Campaign and for new acquisition programs to use a model-based acquisition approach to achieve digital end states by FY 24.
  - SUSPENSE: September 2024
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/EN

- Empower decision-makers at all levels in the Installation and Mission Support enterprise to realize the full potential of the Air Force Chief Data Office (CDO) VAULT data lake platform to accelerate decision cycles, enabled by high-quality data analytics and business intelligence products that are flexibly tailored, packaged and scoped to their needs.
  - SUSPENSE: September 2021 (6/12 authoritative databases to VAULT)
  - OPR: AFIMSC

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)

- Identify resources required to execute the Science and Technology 2030 strategy.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: AFRL

- Implement Phase I of the Science and Technology 2030 strategy with a full implementation of remaining phases by 2021.
  - SUSPENSE: December 2021
  - OPR: AFRL

INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS

- Review the innovation hubs across the AF, identify best practices, and assess for scalability and implementation across AFMC.
  - SUSPENSE: August 2021
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/CDX

- Through AF/TE, develop policies to promote test integration to drive speed and discipline by leveraging the combined capabilities of the USAF and USSF test organizations.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: AFTC

LINE OF EFFORT #3: Strengthen Our Team

TALENT MANAGEMENT

- Assess and forecast AFMC talent requirements (skillsets needed, gaps, hard-to-fill and potential recruiting/retaining approaches) and develop a strategy for FY22 – 24 to recruit and retain the best.
  - SUSPENSE: July 2021
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/A1
HIRING TIMELINES
• Improve overall timeliness of AFMC civilian hiring by 5% each fiscal year through Sep 22 with a stretch goal of 10%.
  o SUSPENSE: September 2021; September 2022
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A1

SUPERVISORY TRAINING
• Continue to refine the AFMC Civilian Supervisor Development Course.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A1

MANPOWER
• Implement (place and space) manpower changes after AFMC/A5/8/9 support prioritization is complete.
  o SUSPENSE: One year after A5/8/9 effort is complete
  o OPR: AFMC/A1

RESILIENCY
• Deliver a legislative proposal that allows more funding flexibility in infrastructure modernization in order to increase mission effectiveness and quality of life.
  o SUSPENSE: October 2022
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A4/10

• Develop initiatives to increase awareness and access to current people programs (e.g., EAP, MFLC, Military One-Source, Mental Health, Chaplain, fitness programs) through deliberate messaging that encourages early help-seeking.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A1

MISSION AWARENESS
• Develop a recurring process to communicate command-wide comprehensive threats-to-acquisition to AFMC senior leaders and program offices to ensure the command is fully threat-informed.
  o SUSPENSE: February 2022
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A2

• Refine plan to make personnel across AFMC more aware of HQ/Centers specific missions and accomplishments.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/DS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION
• Develop a diversity, equity and inclusion strategy in line with our AFMC Strategic Plan that supports each line of effort.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: HQ AFMC/A1
LINE OF EFFORT #4: Foster Trusted Connections

OPERATIONS CROSSFLOW
- Develop and implement “AFMC Operational Linkages” with other MAJCOMs (operational units to program offices).
  - SUSPENSE: July 2021 for initial agreements; then ongoing once linkages established
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/DS

WE ARE AFMC
- Implement the aligned 2020 – 2021 AFMC Communication Strategy and all phased sub-plans.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing through CY 2021
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/PA

- Utilize the AFMC Community Action Plan (CAP) goal to increase Unit Cohesion and Connectedness by providing targeted tools/resources (AFMC Connect) to enhance the Command climate by strengthening our Airmen and empowering squadron leadership.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/A1

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
- Highlight existing and developing educational partnership opportunities within the Command for both military and civilians beyond the existing AF Basic Developmental Educational level programs. Focus is to highlight those efforts that other organizations can potentially benchmark on or participate in.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/A1
  - OCR: All Centers

FOREIGN PARTNERSHIPS
- Identify and begin actions to eliminate/lessen limitations to co-development/co-production and collaborative opportunities.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/IA

MAJCOM PARTNERSHIPS
- Examine current MAJCOM engagement activities (TASR, CDC, WEPTAC, etc.) and propose adjustments to enhance our partnerships with other MAJCOMs.
  - SUSPENSE: May 2021
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/CCX

INTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS
- Examine current interaction between AFMC Centers and propose Action Officer Alignments and adjustments to enhance internal communications.
  - SUSPENSE: July 2021, then ongoing.
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/DS
• Each platform/system identify coordination activities for technology insertion activities in their Program Management Directives to facilitate the Air Force We Need.
  o SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  o OPR: AFLCMC; AFNWC

• Establish MOA(s) with the Rapid Sustainment Office to jointly pursue areas of emerging technologies critical to depot modernization. (e.g. additive manufacturing, cold spray, automation, AR/VR, etc.).
  o SUSPENSE: N/A
  o OPR: AFLCMC/RO; AFSC/EN

• Host a conference/summit to discuss strategy at the Center level for action officers.
  o SUSPENSE: Recurring; annually
  o OPR: AFMC/DS
  o OCR: All Center DS
## APPENDIX B
### LINES OF EFFORT – Strategy Map

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### LOE 1: Infrastructure
- C-sUAS
- Cybersecurity
- Aircraft Availability
- Priority Program Reviews
- Decision – Tools & Processes
- Operational Agility

### LOE 2: Lines of Authority
- Information Technology
- Digital Enterprise
- S&T 2030
- Innovation Partnerships

### LOE 3: Talent Management
- Hiring Timelines
- Supervisory Training
- Manpower (place & space)
- Resiliency
- Mission awareness
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

### LOE 4: Ops Crossflow
- We Are AFMC
- Educational Partnerships
- Foreign Partnerships
- MAJCOM Partnerships
- Internal Partnerships
APPENDIX C

LINE OF EFFORT TRACKING AND REPORTING

Some LOEs in this strategic plan are expected to be accomplished within a single agency and in the immediate future. However, many objectives that contribute to our vision will require deliberate, long-term regular focus from teams all across the command. Therefore, the below update mechanisms will be used to ensure that these objectives become a part of our regular tempo and battle-rhythms. Updates to this Appendix may be necessary as we evolve our business rules and complete our various objectives.

HQ AFMC/DS will be responsible for tracking and reporting progress of the objectives outlined in this plan.

Weekly status updates will be given at the AFMC Commander’s Update Meeting, using the formatted example below. OPRs will submit updates two days prior to their scheduled update briefing.

After an OPR has provided an update, the most current information will be uploaded by HQ AFMC/DS to a SharePoint Webpage that has been created. To ascertain the most recent status of any objective, the following link can be used: https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/AFMC/Strat%20Plan%20Objectives%20Tracking/

EXAMPLE
APPENDIX D

OBJECTIVES CLOSED OR DELETED

Although many objectives in the Strategic Plan will have ongoing activities over a long period of time, there are some objectives that are more finite and can be closed out. Additionally, some objectives may not reap sufficient benefits and consequently may be deleted. Appendix D serves as the repository for documenting these items.

OBJECTIVES CLOSED

- 100% AFMC CAC-enabled systems will authenticate users with the Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Authentication (Auth) certificate, which ensures strong authentication and improved cybersecurity posture.
  - SUSPENSE: Ongoing
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/A3/6
    - Rationale – As reported on 23 Feb 21 at the Commander’s Update Meeting, all CAC-enabled AFMC systems now authenticate users with the PIV-Authentication certificate. (Captured in Change 1)

OBJECTIVES DELETED

- To facilitate engagement with internal and external stakeholders, each Center and Directorate will document a SIPOC (suppliers, inputs, processes, outputs, customers).
  - SUSPENSE: January 2021
  - OPR: HQ AFMC/CDX
    - Huge effort for little payback. Organizations have numerous processes and each one would require its own SIPOC. Test case with one of the HQ AFMC/DS processes was attempted. Hours of effort with little payback. Experience showed that time could be better used elsewhere given the payback of doing this objective. (Captured in Change 1)