



## Strategic War Planning

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**Project Title:** Strategic War Planning

**Functional Area:** Command and Control

**Lead Agency:** United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM)

**Summary:** USSTRATCOM's role is to prepare various war plans. The change in the strategic environment has resulted in a reduction of the number of targets on the Eurasian landmass; however, the complexity of building an effective war plan has increased through an expanded worldwide database, which now includes potential problem areas outside the Eurasian landmass. These changes require a planning system that can plan more options to provide the NCA with greater flexibility in developing national strategies. Thus in addition to the core war plan, the Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP), USSTRATCOM must be prepared to provide a greater number of smaller, more flexible, adaptive options. This requires SIOP development and implementation time to be reduced from approximately 18 months to as little as six months, the development of small options in as little as 24 hours, and the need for platform compatible with common deliberate and crisis planning tools in both fixed and mobile planning environments.

**Description:** USSTRATCOM experts undertook a process improvement project aimed at improving the planning cycle and system to be more responsive to crisis action planning.

**Improvements:** Seven improvement opportunities were identified including:

Integrating the Allocation, Consequence of Execution, and Quality Review procedures.

Placing the Allocation/Application Process under a single office.

Integrating the target selection and the aimpoint construction processes.

**Benefit:** The benefits to STRATCOM and to military planning is in greater responsiveness to crisis action planning. STRATCOM planners are equipped with the ability to perform adaptive, scenario-dependent mission planning that can be integrated into and communicated to other unified commands which may be in a supported or supporting role.

**Predicted Savings:** \$14M

**Investment:** \$186M

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