Lockheed Martin Provides U.S. Strategic Command With Enhanced Mission Planning Capability

Collaborative Mission Planning Tool Delivered

Lockheed Martin has enhanced the U.S. Strategic Command's ability to plan operations that support their critical mission areas, which include strategic deterrence, space and cyberspace. The delivery of the portal-based Integrated Strategic Planning and Analysis Network (ISPAN) Collaborative Information Environment (CIE), gives commanders a faster moving decision environment and an accelerated operations tempo, providing parallel - not sequential - planning and decision making capabilities.

"This capability will enable the U.S. Strategic Command to provide senior leadership with an increasing set of options to support our national strategic objectives," said Cliff Spier, vice president of C2 Solutions for Lockheed Martin's IS&GS-Defense. "Through this effort, USSTRATCOM, its Joint Functional Component Commands and other key Commands around the world can better respond to global situations more rapidly and with greater understanding."

A component of the command's primary mission planning and execution system, ISPAN CIE focuses on enhancing mission planning in a collaborative environment. Users can now collaborate and provide customized views based on role and security clearance level which allows planners to more quickly integrate, coordinate and synchronize plan options. Commanders now have the access, flexibility, functionality, and speed, to support mission area planning for adaptive, and crisis action planning for both kinetic and non-kinetic operations. This has a direct impact on mission effectiveness as decision makers are able to evaluate more options in a shorter amount of time.

Supporting the full spectrum of the command's mission, ISPAN allows USSTRATCOM commanders to monitor worldwide situations in real time, assess potential threats or areas of interest, and then plan and support execution of a swift response in coordination with regional combatant commanders. The system also provides global situational awareness that enables senior leaders to closely coordinate with combatant commanders as well as warfighters in the field on course-of-action development.

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