



# C5

Consortium for Command, Control  
and Communications in Cyberspace

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C5's Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) with the Army offers a uniquely rapid, cost-effective and collaborative acquisition vehicle for companies, nonprofits and academic organizations seeking to do business with the Department of Defense. As an alternative to the often complex Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which may discourage non-traditional and small businesses from seeking to work with the Government, C5 provides its members and eligible Federal agencies a flexible and user-friendly partnership platform.

C5, a nonprofit organization, was formed under the authority of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 for the purpose of promoting innovation and collaboration. C5 offers a path to simplify and improve the Government's access to emerging technologies through its coordinated outreach efforts, encouraging innovative businesses to develop technology solutions addressing unique Defense challenges.

OTA replaces nothing. It simply is an additional acquisition tool that Congress has made available to help government Program Managers accelerate transition of critical technologies to the Warfighter and to reduce acquisition costs.

## BENEFITS OF AN OTA

OTA awards are not standard procurement contracts, grants or cooperative agreements, and therefore are not subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulation or its supplements. They offer great flexibility in tailoring the terms to a particular project and the needs of the participants, achieving the best approach to fulfilling the Government's technology needs.

- Federal funding and research projects can be obligated and awarded quickly.
- Projects are awarded on a Firm Fixed Price basis, and payments are made based on measurable milestone achievements.
- Promotes Public/Private cooperative relationships.
- Flexibility in crafting intellectual property (IP) provisions.
- Government program managers retain total project management control.

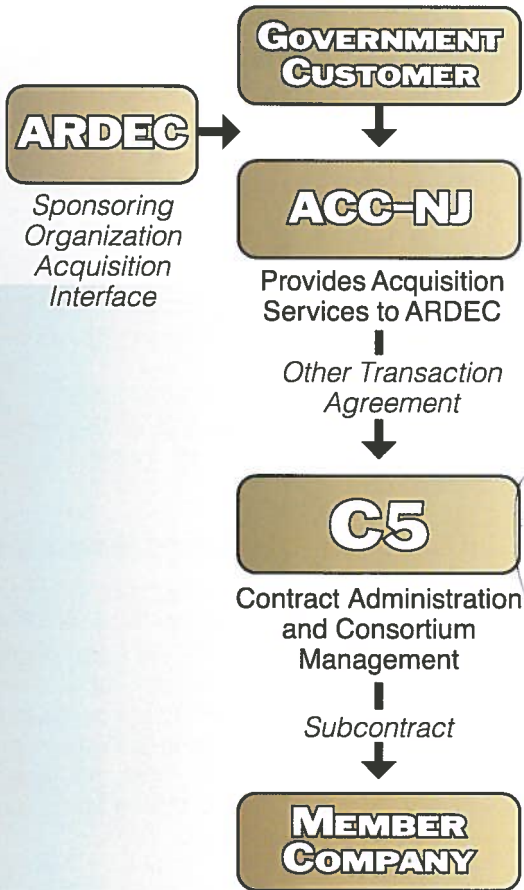
## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all qualified companies, nonprofits and academic institutions with expertise in energy, the environment and/or demilitarization. To join, prospective members submit an application online, subject to Board approval. This process operates on a rolling basis. Members are governed by a Consortium Membership Agreement, and, with the exception of universities and other educational institutions, pay dues of \$500 per year to the Consortium.



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## COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE MODEL

The U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, is the sponsoring government organization in the DoD for C5's OTA, and ARDEC facilitates use of the OTA by Program Managers. The Army Contracting Command – New Jersey provides acquisition services and manages the OTA. C5 holds the OTA and serves as both the consortium manager and contract administrator, providing a single interface between consortium members and the Government. Government requirements flow through C5, and project execution is sub-contracted directly to its members using commercial practice.

## TECHNOLOGY OBJECTIVES

- Systems Security
- Control Systems
- Automation Systems
- Software and Hardware Performance Analysis
- Software and Hardware Sustainment/Supportability
- Emerging Software and Hardware Technologies



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