

Soldier systems modernization leaders to gather in Washington DC, to define Nett Warrior and PEO Soldier requirements

In light of defense budget contraction and proposed cuts of \$400bn by 2014, soldier systems need to be acquired more efficiently.

As well as NETT Warrior there are examples of more efficient soldier systems procurement such as the network integration exercise. Managed by Colonel John Wendel, Deputy PEO, PEO Integration, twice this year, the exercise will funnel suppliers by their ability to affordably integrate products into existing soldier systems. By providing more competition, soldier systems manufacturers need focus even more on the right product, at the cheapest price.

Not only are soldier systems being procured more efficiently but the requirements laid out by requirements and S&T agencies are focusing on equipping the squad. Squad-level requirements mean that the soldier systems procured will cater for the squad, meaning that the individual soldier will not just be given everything they might possibly need. This will lighten the soldier's load but also reduce the quantity of soldier systems equipment that needs to be bought.

Nett Warrior, run by Col Wil Riggins, Project Manager, Soldier Warrior, is the centre piece of the future soldier system and continues to be the number one priority for PEO Soldier and Army soldier procurement and all the latest information from the program will be delivered in conference presentations and in the exhibition area at [Soldier Technology US 2012](#). In addition, leaders from agencies such as ARCIC (Army Capabilities Integration Center) and TRADOC (US Army Training and Doctrine Command) will deliver briefs on and discuss in detail the future requirements for soldier systems.

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