

military and intelligence community, and its launch was announced last year by the Department of Defense.

Lieutenant General David Mann, commanding general of the Army Space and Missile Defense Command, discussed JICSpOC's current operations, which focus on building combat power. According to Mann, JICSpOC has already finished two scenario runs and additional scenario runs are being planned.

Mann talked about JICSpOC's role in coalition space operations that incorporate intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capacities. He also touched on JICSpOC's future, saying "I think we'll also see the JICSpOC down the road also providing an operational capability to augment what's already provided by the Joint Space Operations Center" at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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State, DoD, USAID teams tackle diplomacy challenge

Six interagency teams from the Department of Defense, Department of State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) were recently chosen to present at the D3 Innovation Summit on March 2. The Summit was a joint initiative of State, DoD, and USAID, and brought together experts from across the U.S. government and the private sector to discuss emerging technologies and collaborative, whole-of-government innovation essential to solving global challenges.

The six teams were selected from the D3 Pitch Challenge, which asked interagency teams to design innovative technology solutions to strengthen national security, enhance diplomacy, and improve the lives of people around the world. There were 500 submissions to the Challenge.

The six finalists presented their proposals before a senior government panel. The proposals included uses for 3-D printing technology in post-disaster management, active shooter protection in U.S. embassies and other facilities, and uses for space-based solar power technologies for renewable energy.

- Department of State

State releases international narcotics control strategy

The State Department submitted the 2016 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report (INCSR) to Congress on March 2. The two-volume report offers a comprehensive assessment of the efforts of foreign governments to reduce illicit narcotics production, trafficking and use, in keeping with their international obligations under UN treaties, while also presenting information on governments' efforts to counter money laundering and terrorist financing.

Volume I of the INCSR, the Drugs and Chemical Control section, covers the efforts of more than 80 countries and jurisdictions to attack all aspects of the international drug trade in 2015. Volume II, Money-Laundering and Financial Crimes, describes the efforts of major money laundering countries to implement stronger anti-money laundering and counterterrorist financing regimes.

This is the 30th anniversary of the INCSR.

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