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Teleprompter Script for Mr. Stephen Welby, Director, Tactical
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Share Your Imagination with Us

» **STEPHEN WELBY:**

The Tactical Technology Office mission remains focused on providing our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen with the ability to strategically and tactically dominate any fight.

You've just listened to four of our TTO program managers as they shared their visions of how we can get there faster, and operate without restriction, with unprecedented persistence and precision.

Getting there faster – Imagining new ways to exploit speed to overcome the limitations of distance and to enable new levels of tactical and strategic surprise

Operating without restriction – Imagining new ways to operate unconstrained by the limitation of terrain and threat weapons

Operating with persistence – Imagining new ways to dwell proximate to threats, to provide overwatch and immediate response

And Delivering precision effects –

Imagining ways to take precision to the next level, putting even sharper tools into the hands of war fighters

We believe that these four themes frame a set of critical technical challenges that will define the future of military platforms and systems

I opened this morning by reminding you how the nature of warfare has evolved dramatically over the past 50 years.

Our war fighters are facing and will continue to face emerging operational and technical challenges on land, in the air and at sea.

With your help,
the Tactical Technology Office remains focused on developing the technology, systems and platforms critical to extending the technological dominance of US forces far into the future.

As a community many of you have already played an invaluable role in helping us develop a number of extraordinary systems.

I hope our interaction this week will encourage you to work with TTO to take your creative ideas for future advanced systems and work with us to make them a reality.

Our program managers are excited and engaged and look forward to sharing imaginative ideas with you, both here at DARPA Tech and throughout the year.

As an office, we work hard to be accessible to your ideas, both through

formal mechanisms such as our office-wide broad agency announcement and other solicitations... and by participating with the community in workshops, symposia and other forums.

Our doors are open,
and so are our in-boxes.

Let me finish by saying again that we all feel strongly that the most critical limit on the future of military systems are the limits of our own imaginations.

In TTO, we challenge ourselves daily to think past the constraints of current systems,
to explore the frontiers of emerging technologies and to imagine new capabilities to reshape the way our services will operate in the future.

I'd like to invite you all to join us as we explore these technological opportunities and rethink the future of military systems.

Thank you.