



Center for Soldier Innovation (CSI)

Enhancing Human Performance for the Warfighter and First Responders

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CSI Focus

*... to fight the wars we are in today and the scenarios we are most likely to face in the years ahead**

- The CSI will specifically address the critical and unmet needs for “soldiers”, where “soldier” is defined as those men and women that protect, serve and defend us;
- *Warfighter* = Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and National Guard
- *Homeland Defender* = fire fighters, law enforcement, Coast Guard, Border Patrol Agents and Emergency Medical Services

... First, to reaffirm our commitment to take care of the all-volunteer force, which, in my view represents America's greatest strategic asset; ...Continue the steady growth in medical research and development by requesting \$400 million more than last year

*SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT M. GATES OPENING STATEMENT MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

Proposal Status

The CSI Team has Reached Consensus on a Business Plan

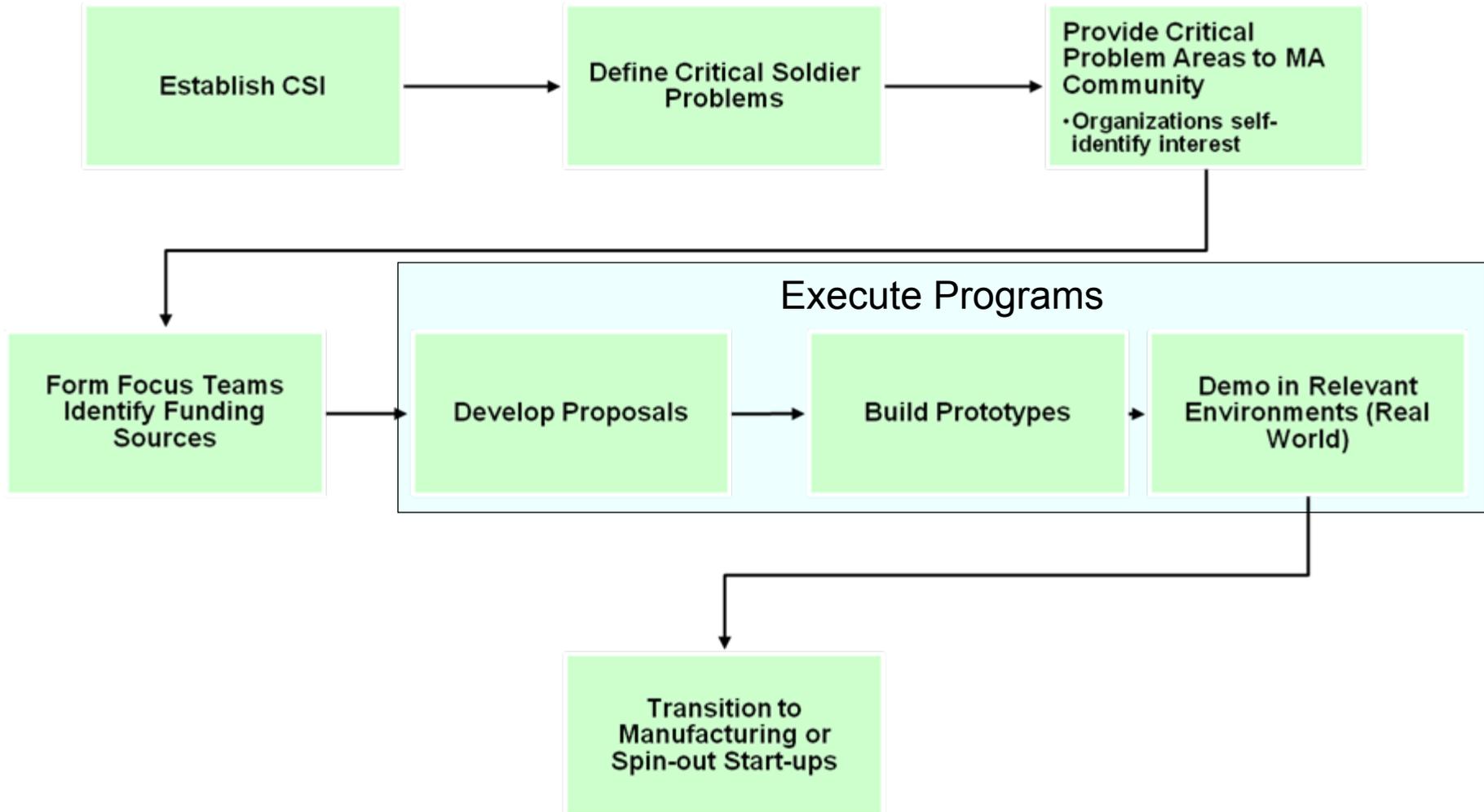
Since 20 November Natick S&T Board Meeting

- A CSI Team was formed to revise the business plan and prepare a proposal
 - Mass Office of Business Development (MOBD)
 - UMass Office of the President, Economic Development
 - MassDevelopment
 - Mass Technology Collaborative: John Adams Innovation Institute
 - Natick Soldier Systems Center
- Met with additional CSI collaborators
 - UMASS Lowell
 - Framingham State College
 - 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership
- Final update to business plan published 3 April 2009

Key Revisions to the Business Plan

- CSI team revised the business plan in three key areas
 - Governance concept
 - Added a specific program example
 - Process to identify, prioritize, and propose CSI projects
- Governance Concept – An Advisory Board with the following attributes
 - One appointment for each stakeholder; Draper, UMass, each funding organization (e.g., Mass Development, Mass Technology Collaborative) and one non-government subject matter expert to be named by the governor of Massachusetts.
 - A liaison member from the NSSC.
 - The advisory board will participate in the selection of the CSI Director.
- Program example: Physiological Monitoring Telemetry System

Project Selection and Proposal Process



CSI Initiation Schedule

