



Fact Sheet

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Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is a research, development, and acquisition agency within the Department of Defense. Our workforce includes government civilians, military service members from all services, and contractor personnel in multiple locations across the United States.

Our Mission

The mission of MDA is to develop, test, and deploy an integrated, layered, Ballistic Missile Defense System to defend the United States, its deployed forces, and allies against all ranges of enemy ballistic missiles in all phases of flight.

MDA works closely with Combatant Commands that rely on the Ballistic Missile Defense System to protect the United States, our forward deployed forces, and our allies. We work with the commanders to ensure the United States develops a robust defense program to address the challenges of an evolving threat. We are also steadily increasing our international cooperation by supporting mutual security interests in missile defense.

National Missile Defense Policy (Public Law 114-328)

It is the policy of the United States to maintain and improve an effective, robust layered missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States, allies, deployed forces, and capabilities against the developing and increasingly complex ballistic missile threat with funding subject to the annual authorization of appropriations and the annual appropriation of funds for National Missile Defense.

MDA Strategic Goals

To achieve our mission, the MDA is dedicated to the following goals:

1. Support the warfighter.
2. Prove the power of missile defense through testing.
3. Continue development and deployment of the integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System for homeland and regional defense.
4. Implement a team approach to agency operations.
5. Optimize available resources.
6. Inspire professional excellence.
7. Foster a supportive environment for a diverse and professional workforce.
8. Implement the National Security Strategy through international cooperation in missile defense.
9. Capitalize on the creativity and innovation of the nation's universities and small business community.