



United States Department of Defense  
**Executive Agent for  
 Maritime Domain Awareness**

# Annual MDA Plans (AMPs)

## Background

Department of Defense Directive 2005.02E prescribes the official policy and assigns responsibilities for Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) across the Department of Defense (DoD), assigning the Secretary of the Navy as the Executive Agent for MDA (EAMDA).

Included in the directive is a requirement for the Secretaries of the Military Departments\*, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and the Combatant Commanders to provide annual plans that outline programmed and planned MDA capabilities over a 5-year period.

Annual MDA plans (AMPs) provide an overall summary of, and insight into, DoD Component initiatives, objectives, priorities, capabilities, resources, needs and requirements. The 2010 DoD AMP cycle represents the second year of an iterative process through which the DoD EAMDA monitors, and informs senior leaders, while synchronizing and aligning MDA efforts to improve our national MDA capabilities.

## Current State

The 2010 AMPs detail how DoD Components continue to make progress in developing and employing specific MDA capabilities that improve dissemination of maritime information and intelligence in direct support of operations. The single greatest demand signal voiced in the AMPs was for the means to share information at an unclassified level. This requirement included the need to share information with U.S. Government, allied, coalition and other international partners. Given

the complexity, the levels of classification and the bilateral and multilateral sensitivities of the parties involved, a long-term, prioritized commitment and sustainment of efforts is needed.

**WHO:** Secretaries of the Military Departments\*, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and the Combatant Commanders

**WHAT:** Submit annual plans of their programmed & planned MDA capabilities

**WHEN:** Annually. Report Current MDA capabilities and ongoing efforts for a five year period via the AMP process

**WHY:** To provide insight concerning DoD Component's initiatives, objectives, resources, and capabilities required for MDA to allow for alignment, synchronization and unity of effort across the DoD

## Moving Forward

The 2010 AMPs provide a summarization of the Department's MDA needs, requirements, and areas for continued effort. With better insight regarding the initiatives, objectives, resources and capabilities for MDA, the EAMDA is able to provide effective advocacy for the entire DoD, and better shape next year's AMP cycle submissions.

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