

## **Program Overview**

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency's (DTRA's) mission is to safeguard the United States and its allies from global weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and improvised threats by integrating, synchronizing, and providing expertise, technologies, and capabilities. DTRA is the Department of Defense's (DoD) combat support agency for the countering WMD (CWMD) missions, executing national missions related to CWMD threats at their sources, interdicting weapons and WMD materials at borders and in transit, as well as mitigating WMD effects. The enduring importance of CWMD compels DTRA to continue to leverage creativity and innovation, scientific excellence, and global engagement in achieving mission success across all domains anywhere, and at any time. Globalization, as well as scientific advancement, are lowering or eliminating barriers for a wide range of state and non-state actors to acquire sophisticated and lethal technologies, including increased access to WMD, a trend likely to continue. The DTRA budget request implements DoD guidance and represents a critical part of the Department's investment in securing the Nation from the threat of WMD.

The Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat mission under the authority, direction, and control of DTRA enables the DoD to counter improvised explosive devices and emerging improvised threats in order to support Combatant Commands (CCMDs) and deployed Warfighters.

DTRA's FY 2019 P, DW Budget Request includes Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding in support of DTRA's Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat mission. The increase to DTRA's procurement budget reflects the realignment of activities in accordance with congressional intent to terminate the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Fund (JITDF) in section 9015 the Chairman's recommendation to the Senate Appropriations Committee for the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2018.