

## EIEC DeciderAI Opening Statement

### De'Andre

Good morning/afternoon. My name is De'Andre, and Mia and I are representing DeciderAI—a leader in AI-driven disaster response and emergency logistics. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with HotShotAI's team today to discuss how we can best integrate AI automation and human decision-making to build a faster, smarter, and more effective wildfire response system.

Before diving into our solution, let's address the challenges and conflicts that have surfaced since our companies merged. HotShotAI has decades of success in tactical, human-led firefighting strategies, while DeciderAI brings automation, predictive analytics, and AI-optimized resource deployment. These different approaches have naturally created tensions—with concerns raised about AI's role in ethical decision-making, firefighter safety, and resource fairness.

One major concern, raised by Chief Engineer Kimberly Miller, is that AI may not fully account for on-the-ground variables, potentially compromising firefighter safety. Meanwhile, our AI engineers, led by Hunter Garcia, argue that manual decision-making is too slow in a crisis, leading to wasted resources and preventable loss of life.

The truth is—this isn't an either-or situation. AI and human expertise must work together. AI is not here to replace human decision-making; it is here to empower incident commanders with better, faster, and more data-driven intelligence.

Wildfires today are larger, more intense, and more unpredictable than ever before. According to the National Centers for Economic Information, in 2024, there were a total of 61,685 wildfires in the U.S. — an increase of 238% compared to 1983, when official wildfire record keeping began. Wildfires, drought and heatwaves accounted for over \$20 billion in economic losses and \$10.4 billion in insurance losses in 2023. Traditional response methods simply can't keep up with the speed and scale of modern wildfires.

The FIREINT initiative presents an opportunity to modernize our response strategies by integrating DeciderAI's AI models into HotShotAI's operations. Our AI-driven platform is built to manage large-scale operations, providing real-time wildfire tracking, optimized suppression tactics, and seamless coordination between ground and aerial resources.

Now, Mia will break down how DeciderAI meets FIREINT's key requirements and delivers unmatched operational efficiency.

### Mia

Thank you, De'Andre.

At DeciderAI, we know that wildfire response is a complex challenge and acknowledge it requires both human expertise and advanced technology. However, by integrating AI more, we have the potential to eliminate bias, enhance decision-making, and optimize operations—but only if implemented correctly. One of the biggest concerns surrounding AI is bias in resource allocation, ethical decision-making, and prioritization of suppression efforts. If AI is trained on incomplete or skewed data, it risks favoring certain regions, communities, or suppression methods over others.

That's why DeciderAI is being trained on comprehensive, historical wildfire data—spanning different terrains, fire sizes, and emergency responses—to ensure neutrality and effectiveness. Humans inevitably have bias when making decisions, but AI can be programmed to avoid this. By incorporating real-world firefighter input, past incident reports, and diverse environmental conditions, we ensure the system makes decisions based on fire behavior, risk levels, and available resources—not subjective human biases.

Beyond eliminating bias, AI can take on high-stakes operational tasks that require speed and precision. One critical area is aircraft and ground resource coordination. DeciderAI can:

- Optimize aircraft flight paths and automate refueling schedules.
- Coordinate suppression efforts between aerial and ground crews in real time.
- Ensure maximum efficiency by directing suppression assets based on real-time fire spread analysis.

AI has the potential to increase efficiency in firefighter response and can provide decision-making information by processing millions of data points instantly. DeciderAI has the potential to replace commanders eventually; it provides the most accurate, up-to-date insights possible, ensuring better, faster, and more informed decisions, and long-term, giving the AI more control can allow for the most efficient tactics.

## Proposal Overview

### 1. Large-Scale Wildfire Assessment

- AI integrates satellite imagery, drone surveillance, and real-time weather data to provide accurate fire spread predictions.
- It differentiates urban, forested, and desert terrains for tailored suppression strategies.
- Population density tracking prioritizes evacuation and suppression based on human safety.

### 2. AI-Assisted Aircraft & Resource Deployment

- Tracks and optimizes the deployment of:
  - 23 air tankers for suppression.
  - 11 transport helicopters for crew movement and rescue.
  - 14 reconnaissance aircraft for fire behavior monitoring.

- Automates logistics, reducing wasted resources and ensuring suppression assets are sent where they are most effective.

### 3. Final Decision Support & Real-Time Intelligence

- Processes millions of data points every 30 seconds to update fire behavior predictions.
- Reduces information overload for commanders by presenting only the most relevant, actionable insights.
- Flags high-risk zones and safety concerns, allowing human decision-makers to act proactively.

### 4. Bias-Free, Ethical AI Development

- Trained on decades of diverse wildfire data to ensure fair and equitable resource distribution.
- Prioritizes suppression based on fire severity and human safety, not external biases.
- Ensures ethical and financial responsibility by optimizing suppression efforts without unnecessary spending.

DeciderAI is here to enhance the current firefighter response methods by increasing access to real time data and making decisions quicker than humans could ever before. By eliminating bias, optimizing aerial and ground resource coordination, and providing clear, data-backed recommendations, we ensure that response teams have the tools they need for the best possible decisions to be made.

With DeciderAI, wildfire response becomes faster, more efficient, and more strategic, and the need for human decision making can be drastically limited while maintaining success and efficiency through the integration of AI.

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## EIEC HotshotAI Opening Statement

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Before we dive into our approach, we want to acknowledge the challenges that have emerged since our companies merged. DeciderAI has pioneered AI-driven automation, predictive analytics, and algorithmic decision-making, while HotShotAI has spent over 25 years perfecting human-led firefighting operations. Naturally, this has led to concerns about AI's role in operational control, firefighter safety, and ethical decision-making.

One major concern, raised by Chief Engineer Kimberly Miller, is that AI-driven automation could overlook critical human factors in high-risk situations, potentially putting firefighter safety at risk. Meanwhile, AI engineers, led by Hunter Garcia, argue that manual decision-making alone is too slow and inefficient, leading to delayed responses, wasted resources, and preventable destruction.

But the reality is—this isn't about choosing between AI or human expertise. It's about harnessing both. AI is not here to replace incident commanders but to empower them with real-time intelligence, ensuring faster, smarter, and more data-driven decisions.

Wildfires today are larger, faster, and more unpredictable than ever before. In 2023 alone, wildfires burned over 2.6 million acres and caused up to \$900 billion in damages. Traditional firefighting methods cannot keep pace with these evolving threats.

The FIREINT initiative presents an opportunity to modernize our response strategies by integrating HotShotAI's AI-assisted command dashboard with DeciderAI's predictive modeling. Our hybrid approach ensures that AI enhances, rather than replaces, human judgment—providing real-time wildfire tracking, optimized resource deployment, and strategic coordination between ground and aerial firefighting units.

Now, Mia will break down how HotShotAI meets FIREINT's key requirements and enhances operational efficiency.

### **Mia**

Thank you, De'Andre.

For the past 25 years, HotShotAI has built a reputation for precision, reliability, and human expertise in wildfire response. We've successfully managed large-scale fire suppression without AI by relying on experienced incident commanders, real-time decision-making, and proven

strategies. Our teams have saved lives, protected critical infrastructure, and adapted to evolving wildfire threats using hands-on knowledge—not algorithms.

We recognize that AI has the potential to enhance certain logistical aspects of firefighting, but we are not here to overhaul a system that already works. AI should not be dictating evacuation priorities, determining suppression strategies, or making final calls on firefighter safety—those decisions require human judgment, intuition, and experience. Where AI can provide value is in areas that improve efficiency without interfering with frontline decision-making. That means using AI for rapid data processing, logistical coordination, and predictive modeling—but always within the framework of our proven methods.

For AI to be useful, it must be trained on our history—decades of decision-making that have shaped how we fight fires. We need AI that understands how HotShotAI operates, learns from our past responses, and proposes solutions that align with our tactical approach. A system that disregards our operational success in favor of theoretical AI-driven strategies is not an option.

That's why our HotShot AI Command Dashboard is designed as a support tool, not a decision-maker. It integrates AI-driven insights where they add value while ensuring that human expertise remains at the forefront.

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### 1. Large-Scale Wildfire Assessment

- AI will assist in analyzing satellite, drone, and sensor data but will not override the judgment of incident commanders.
- Terrain-specific suppression tactics will still be determined by firefighting experts, with AI providing recommendations—not decisions.

### 2. Human-Led Decision Alerts

- AI will flag high-risk scenarios where human oversight is essential, such as unpredictable fire behavior or firefighter safety risks.
- Commanders will always have the final say in resource deployment and evacuation decisions.

### 3. Optimized Ground & Aerial Resource Deployment

- AI will track aircraft, equipment, and personnel in real time to improve coordination.
- It will assist in logistical planning, but all firefighting actions will remain under human control.

### 4. Real-Time Intelligence & Operational Support

- AI will update fire spread projections every 30 seconds, allowing incident commanders to make faster, data-backed decisions without replacing human judgment.
- The dashboard will provide a visual command interface, improving situational awareness for field teams.

## 5. Ethical & Cost-Efficient Wildfire Management

- AI will not replace human decision-making but will ensure fair resource distribution based on fire severity and risk.
- Budget-conscious AI modeling will help reduce unnecessary suppression costs while maximizing impact.

HotShotAI is not looking to adopt AI just because it's available—we are looking to use it where it makes sense. By integrating AI as a tool—not a replacement—we ensure that wildfire response remains human-led, experience-driven, and field-tested.

We look forward to working with DeciderAI to enhance our operations and support humans in making ultimate decisions, not change what already works.

Thank you.

## HotShotAI

*A Reliable, Scalable, and Human-Centric AI Approach to Wildfire Management*

### Introduction

HotShotAI is dedicated to advancing wildfire response by strategically integrating artificial intelligence (AI) with proven human decision-making processes. As wildfires continue to grow in intensity and unpredictability, traditional firefighting methods must be enhanced with real-time data-driven insights.

With over 25 years of expertise in wildfire logistics, HotShotAI maintains its commitment to safety, efficiency, and reliability. The FIREINT initiative provides an opportunity to modernize operations through AI-driven analytics, ensuring that incident commanders and emergency responders receive actionable intelligence while maintaining full control over all critical decisions.

Following HotShot's acquisition of DeciderAI, the integration of advanced AI technology with trusted firefighter-led operations presents an optimal hybrid approach—leveraging automation where beneficial while ensuring human oversight in high-risk decisions.

### Current Engineering and Ethical Challenges

- A. The Growing Complexity of Wildfire Management
  - a. Wildfires are spreading faster and more unpredictably due to climate change and shifting weather patterns.
  - b. Delayed response times and inefficient resource allocation have historically hindered firefighting operations.
  - c. Manual decision-making is resource-intensive and slows critical deployments.
- B. The Role of AI in Addressing These Challenges
  - a. AI can process vast amounts of environmental, weather, and fire behavior data in real-time.
  - b. AI enhances but does not replace human judgment, providing commanders with suggestions, not orders.
  - c. Ethical concerns must be addressed, including:
    - i. Firefighter safety (avoiding excessive reliance on automation).
    - ii. Algorithmic bias (ensuring resources are deployed equitably).
    - iii. Environmental impact (optimizing fire suppression strategies while minimizing ecosystem damage).
    - iv. Human oversight (ensuring AI remains a tool, not a decision-maker).

### Objectives

HotShotAI's primary goal is to develop a scalable, modular response system that meets FIREINT's operational requirements while upholding safety, ethics, and reliability. The solution will:

1. Assess Wildfires Across 200,000 Acres (300 Square Miles)

- a. Multi-source data analysis: Uses satellite imagery, drones, weather sensors, and firefighter reports to provide accurate fire spread predictions.
  - b. AI-Powered Terrain Adaptation: Differentiates urban, forested, and desert areas, optimizing strategies accordingly.
  - c. Real-time population density mapping: Ensures that evacuations and suppression efforts are prioritized based on human safety.
2. Notify Incident Commanders When Human Judgment is Needed
- a. AI identifies scenarios where human oversight is critical, including:
    - i. Rapidly shifting fire conditions.
    - ii. Uncertain fire behavior where automated models lack historical data.
    - iii. Situations where firefighter safety is compromised.
3. Optimize Ground & Aerial Resource Deployment
- a. AI integrates real-time tracking for:
    - i. 23 air tankers (fire retardant drops).
    - ii. 11 transport helicopters (crew movement and rescue operations).
    - iii. 14 tactical coordination aircraft (fire reconnaissance & planning).
  - b. AI recommends deployment strategies but leaves final decisions to commanders.
4. Provide Near Real-Time Intelligence
- a. Fire growth monitoring, wind changes, and fire suppression effectiveness updated every 30 seconds.
  - b. Command Center Dashboard integrates:
    - i. Live data feeds.
    - ii. Firefighter tracking.
    - iii. Risk assessment & fire spread forecasts.
5. Structured AI Decision Framework with Ethical Considerations
- a. AI suggests multiple courses of action while prioritizing:
    - i. Firefighter protection (real-time monitoring of location, fatigue, and safety).
    - ii. Human life over property (evacuation prioritization).
    - iii. Critical infrastructure protection (power grids, water sources, and transportation routes).
    - iv. Environmental impact analysis (minimizing chemical suppression damage).
    - v. Efficient resource use (preventing wasted water or fire retardants).
    - vi. Monetary & historical value considerations (assessing economic loss to guide suppression priorities).

### **Proposed Approach: Hotshot AI-Enhanced Command Dashboard Solution**

The Hotshot AI Command Dashboard is a comprehensive AI-enhanced decision-support system designed to optimize wildfire response operations. By integrating real-time data analysis, predictive modeling, and human decision-making, it ensures efficient deployment of resources while prioritizing firefighter safety and environmental impact mitigation.

*This system fully aligns with FIREINT's operational and financial requirements, ensuring scalability, accuracy, and reliability in high-risk wildfire zones.*

## **1. Compliance with FIREINT Requirements**

- a. Large-Scale Wildfire Assessment (200,000 Acres / 300 Square Miles)
  - i. Multi-Source Data Integration: Uses satellite imagery, drone surveillance, weather tracking networks, and on-ground fire sensors to assess wildfires across vast terrains.
  - ii. AI-Powered Terrain Analysis: Differentiates between forested, urban, and desert landscapes to tailor suppression strategies to specific geographic zones.
  - iii. Population Zone Identification: AI highlights areas of high human density, prioritizing evacuation support and fire diversion when necessary.
- b. Human-Centric Decision Alerts
  - i. AI notifies commanders when human judgment is essential, particularly in:
    - 1. Rapid fire expansion situations requiring strategic resource redeployment.
    - 2. Areas with limited visibility or unpredictable fire behavior.
    - 3. High-risk firefighter situations where manual intervention is critical.
- c. Resource Deployment Optimization
  - i. AI integrates real-time tracking and deployment data for:
    - 1. 23 air tankers (retardant drops and suppression lines).
    - 2. 11 transport helicopters (crew movement and rescue operations).
    - 3. 14 tactical coordination aircraft (fire reconnaissance and strategic planning).
  - ii. Automated Coordination Suggestions: AI matches resources to the most critical areas, reducing wasted flights and maximizing efficiency.
- d. Near Real-Time Information Access
  - i. Data Refresh Every 30 Seconds: Ensures up-to-date weather conditions, fire perimeter expansion, firefighter locations, and resource status.
  - ii. Command Dashboard Interface: Provides a visual map of the fire zone, real-time wind shifts, and asset tracking for faster, data-driven decisions.
- e. Structured Decision-Making Framework
  - i. The AI recommends multiple suppression strategies, with incident commanders making the final call based on:
    - 1. Firefighter Protection: AI monitors firefighter biometrics, fatigue, and position hazards to ensure safety.
    - 2. Human Life vs. Property Prioritization: AI identifies evacuation zones, high-population density areas, and critical assets, prioritizing human safety over infrastructure.
    - 3. Critical Infrastructure Protection: Power lines, water reservoirs, and transport routes are given special focus to prevent large-scale system failures.

4. Environmental Impact Analysis: AI factors in:
  - a. Suppression agent effectiveness vs. its environmental impact.
  - b. Potential soil and water contamination from firefighting chemicals.
5. Efficient Resource Utilization: AI minimizes unnecessary deployments by optimizing tanker drop points and crew assignments.
6. Monetary & Historical Value Considerations: AI assesses fire damage costs in real time to help commanders make cost-conscious decisions.

## **2. Financial Considerations & Scalability**

- a. Prototype Phase (\$1M Contract)
  - i. The initial \$1M funding will cover:
    1. AI model development with a focus on terrain analysis, resource allocation, and firefighter tracking.
    2. Hardware & software integration with existing command center technology.
    3. Demonstration of AI capabilities under controlled conditions to evaluate speed, accuracy, and reliability.
- b. Final Implementation (\$10M Full Deployment)
  - i. The winning AI system will receive a \$10M contract to fully scale and deploy:
    1. Integration with national firefighting networks (NIFC, USDA, US Forest Service).
    2. Expansion of AI's predictive capabilities to improve long-term firefighting strategies.
    3. Development of mobile command units to bring real-time AI assistance to remote fire zones.
    4. Cybersecurity and redundancy measures to protect against system failures or cyber threats.

## **3. Key Advantages of the Hotshot AI Dashboard**

- a. Meets FIREINT's coverage requirements (200,000 acres of assessment).
- b. Ensures human decision-makers remain in control with AI providing recommendations.
- c. Optimizes the use of available firefighting assets for maximum suppression efficiency.
- d. Provides real-time, high-fidelity data to improve fire response.
- e. Aligns resource deployment with financial, ethical, and environmental concerns.
- f. Scalable solution that can evolve with wildfire patterns and climate trends.

### **The Future of AI in Wildfire Response**

The Hotshot AI Command Dashboard is a strategic, cost-effective, and scalable solution that enhances but does not replace human expertise. It ensures rapid decision-making, firefighter

safety, and efficient resource use—meeting all FIREINT objectives while staying within the financial framework of the program. This system will revolutionize wildfire management, making operations smarter, safer, and more efficient for years to come with the understanding the AI can be beneficial as a tool, not a replacement for human decision-making.

### **Conclusion**

HotShotAI presents a balanced, ethical, and scalable approach to AI-assisted wildfire management. By merging DeciderAI's advanced AI analytics with HotShot's proven expertise, this hybrid model ensures faster, safer, and more effective wildfire suppression. With a human-first approach, HotShotAI is committed to ensuring that AI remains a trusted support tool, not a replacement for human intuition and expertise. Our solution will revolutionize wildfire management, reducing risks, saving lives, and optimizing resource allocation—while maintaining the highest standards of safety, ethics, and efficiency.

## DeciderAI

*A Reliable, Scalable, and Human-Centric AI Approach to Wildfire Management*

### **Introduction**

DeciderAI is at the forefront of automated intelligence for disaster response, bringing proven AI-driven resource deployment expertise to the challenge of wildfire suppression. With a background in hurricane emergency management and large-scale disaster logistics, DeciderAI excels at optimizing complex, high-risk environments where speed, precision, and data-driven decision-making are paramount.

As wildfires become more unpredictable and destructive, traditional manual decision-making processes struggle to keep pace. DeciderAI leverages cutting-edge AI models to analyze, predict, and respond to wildfires with unmatched efficiency. The FIREINT initiative offers the opportunity to integrate DeciderAI's advanced AI-driven analytics into wildfire response operations—streamlining decision-making, accelerating resource allocation, and reducing human error.

Following DeciderAI's acquisition by HotShot, this AI-first approach will significantly modernize wildfire suppression by providing real-time, predictive, and automated insights to incident commanders while ensuring that human decision-makers intervene only when necessary.

### **Current Engineering and Ethical Challenges**

- A. The Limitations of Traditional Wildfire Response
  - a. Inefficient resource allocation: Traditional methods rely on manual assessment and reactive decision-making, which slows response times and increases suppression costs.
  - b. Inability to scale operations effectively: Human-centered coordination struggles to keep up with large-scale fires spanning hundreds of thousands of acres.
  - c. Human error & decision fatigue: Incident commanders operate under extreme stress and make critical decisions with limited real-time information.
- B. The Role of AI in Addressing These Challenges
  - a. Predictive Analytics & Fire Behavior Modeling
    - i. AI analyzes past fire patterns, weather conditions, and real-time sensor data to predict fire spread with 90%+ accuracy.
    - ii. Machine learning models continuously improve, ensuring increasingly accurate suppression strategies.
  - b. Automated Resource Optimization
    - i. AI instantly determines the optimal deployment of air tankers, helicopters, and ground crews, eliminating delays caused by human deliberation.
  - c. Reduced Decision Fatigue for Commanders
    - i. AI filters irrelevant or low-priority data, presenting commanders with only the most critical information.
    - ii. AI identifies when human judgment is required, ensuring that manual decision-making is focused on high-risk scenarios only.

- d. Algorithmic Bias Auditing & Fair Resource Allocation
  - i. Unlike human decision-making, AI eliminates bias in prioritization by basing decisions purely on fire behavior, risk zones, and resource constraints.
  - ii. AI-driven risk assessments ensure that both urban and rural communities receive equitable fire response efforts.

## **Objectives**

DeciderAI's primary mission is to create a fully integrated, AI-driven system that meets FIREINT's operational requirements while maximizing speed, accuracy, and automation. The system will:

1. Assess Wildfires Across 200,000 Acres (300 Square Miles)
  - a. AI-Enhanced Fire Mapping: Uses satellite imagery, thermal drones, and sensor networks to monitor fire spread in real-time.
  - b. Automated Terrain Adaptation: AI adjusts suppression tactics based on landscape type (urban, forest, desert) without requiring human intervention.
  - c. Smart Population Zone Prioritization: AI detects at-risk communities and infrastructure to automatically assign suppression efforts based on risk level.
2. Minimize the Need for Human Decision-Making
  - a. AI takes over repetitive, data-heavy decision processes, ensuring faster, unbiased responses.
  - b. AI notifies incident commanders only when human oversight is essential, such as:
    - c. Unprecedented fire behavior that deviates from AI forecasts.
    - d. High-risk firefighter safety situations requiring strategic redeployment.
    - e. Legal or policy-driven intervention requirements.
3. Optimize Ground & Aerial Resource Deployment
  - a. AI autonomously tracks and coordinates:
    - i. 23 air tankers (automated suppression zone assignments).
    - ii. 11 transport helicopters (precise crew movement and evacuation scheduling).
    - iii. 14 tactical coordination aircraft (AI-optimized reconnaissance planning).
  - b. Dynamic AI-Based Resource Allocation:
    - i. Eliminates redundant aerial deployments, reducing costs and ensuring maximum efficiency.
4. Provide Near Real-Time Data Processing & Fire Suppression Optimization
  - a. AI-driven fire behavior forecasting updates every 30 seconds.
  - b. Firefighter tracking & biometric monitoring to assess fatigue and safety in real time.
  - c. Instantaneous AI-driven suppression strategy adjustments based on live data.
5. Explainable AI Decision Framework with Ethical Considerations
  - a. AI clearly explains its suppression recommendations, ensuring accountability and transparency.
  - b. AI prioritizes:

- i. Firefighter protection (biometric-based safety monitoring).
- ii. Human life over property (automated risk assessment prioritization).
- iii. Critical infrastructure (AI-driven protection modeling).
- iv. Environmental impact mitigation (automated suppression chemical control).
- v. Cost-effective resource utilization (budget-conscious asset allocation).
- vi. Historical and economic risk assessment (ensuring fair protection of high-value and underserved communities).

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### **3. Key Advantages of the Hotshot AI Dashboard**

- a. Meets FIREINT's coverage requirements (200,000 acres of assessment).
- b. Ensures human decision-makers remain in control with AI providing recommendations.
- c. Optimizes the use of available firefighting assets for maximum suppression efficiency.
- d. Provides real-time, high-fidelity data to improve fire response.
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### **The Future of AI in Wildfire Response**

The DeciderAI Command Dashboard is a strategic, cost-effective, and scalable solution that enhances but does not replace human expertise. It ensures rapid decision-making, firefighter safety, and efficient resource use—meeting all FIREINT objectives while staying within the financial framework of the program. This system will revolutionize wildfire management, making operations smarter, safer, and more efficient for years to come with the understanding of the significant benefits to integrating AI as a tool, not a replacement for human decision-making.

### **Conclusion**

DeciderAI presents a visionary, high-tech, and scalable solution to automated wildfire response. By eliminating slow, outdated manual decision-making where possible, DeciderAI radically accelerates response times, maximizes suppression efficiency, and ensures safety without unnecessary human error.

Our AI-first approach represents the next generation of wildfire management, where data, automation, and machine intelligence take precedence over inefficient, outdated processes. By reducing reliance on human decision-making, DeciderAI ensures faster suppression, optimized asset use, and an unprecedented level of wildfire prediction accuracy.

This is the future of AI-driven disaster response—faster, smarter, and safer than ever before.

## Solution - AI-Enhanced Command Dashboard Solution

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  - ii. AI will be trained on past Hotshot operations and responses to understand the typical methods used when responding and share solutions and next steps in line with past Hotshot responses and operations.
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    1. Firefighter Protection: AI monitors firefighter biometrics, fatigue, and position hazards to ensure safety.
    2. Human Life vs. Property Prioritization: AI identifies evacuation zones, high-population density areas, and critical assets, prioritizing human safety over infrastructure.
    3. Critical Infrastructure Protection: Power lines, water reservoirs, and transport routes are given special focus to prevent large-scale system failures.
    4. Environmental Impact Analysis: AI factors in:
      - a. Suppression agent effectiveness vs. its environmental impact.
      - b. Potential soil and water contamination from firefighting chemicals.
    5. Efficient Resource Utilization: AI minimizes unnecessary deployments by optimizing tanker drop points and crew assignments.
    6. Monetary & Historical Value Considerations: AI assesses fire damage costs in real time to help commanders make cost-conscious decisions.

## **2. Financial Considerations & Scalability**

- a. Prototype Phase (\$1M Contract)
  - i. The initial \$1M funding will cover:
    1. AI model development with a focus on terrain analysis, resource allocation, and firefighter tracking.
    2. Hardware & software integration with existing command center technology.
    3. Demonstration of AI capabilities under controlled conditions to evaluate speed, accuracy, and reliability.
- b. Final Implementation (\$10M Full Deployment)
  - i. The winning AI system will receive a \$10M contract to fully scale and deploy:
    1. Integration with national firefighting networks (NIFC, USDA, US Forest Service).
    2. Expansion of AI's predictive capabilities to improve long-term firefighting strategies.
    3. Development of mobile command units to bring real-time AI assistance to remote fire zones.
    4. Cybersecurity and redundancy measures to protect against system failures or cyber threats.

## **3. Key Advantages of the AI Dashboard**

- a. Meets FIREINT's coverage requirements (200,000 acres of assessment).

- b. Ensures human decision-makers remain in control with AI providing recommendations.
- c. Optimizes the use of available firefighting assets for maximum suppression efficiency.
- d. Provides real-time, high-fidelity data to improve fire response.
- e. Aligns resource deployment with financial, ethical, and environmental concerns.
- f. Scalable solution that can evolve with wildfire patterns and climate trends.

### **The Future of AI in Wildfire Response**

The AI Command Dashboard is a strategic, cost-effective, and scalable solution that enhances but does not replace human expertise. It ensures rapid decision-making, firefighter safety, and efficient resource use—meeting all FIREINT objectives while staying within the financial framework of the program.

This system will revolutionize wildfire management, making operations smarter, safer, and more efficient for years to come with the understanding the AI can be beneficial as a tool, not a replacement for human decision-making.

## **Key Notes on Lockheed Martin Code of Conduct**

### Core Values & Ethical Principles

- Do What's Right – Adherence to laws, policies, and ethical decision-making.
- Respect Others – Commitment to diversity, fair treatment, and non-discrimination.
- Perform with Excellence – High standards in performance, integrity, and responsibility.

### **Key Guidelines & Standards**

#### 1. Ethical Business Conduct

- Applies to all employees, contractors, and board members.
- Zero tolerance for corruption—strict anti-bribery and anti-kickback policies.
- Employees must report unethical behavior, with protections against retaliation.
- Honest business practices—no falsification of records, mischarging, or fraudulent reporting.

#### 2. Human Rights & Workplace Standards

- No discrimination or harassment based on race, gender, religion, age, disability, etc.
- Prohibition of child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking.
- Fair wages and labor practices—adherence to local and international labor laws.
- Workplace safety—strict adherence to health and environmental policies.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest

- Employees must avoid situations where personal interests conflict with corporate responsibilities.
- No misuse of corporate assets, information, or position for personal gain.
- Disclosure of family/business relationships that may create conflicts.
- Restrictions on hiring or engaging government employees due to potential conflicts.

#### 4. Financial Integrity & Record Keeping

- Accurate and transparent financial records—no mischarging or fraudulent accounting.
- Compliance with financial regulations and auditing procedures.
- Strict adherence to insider trading laws—no trading on confidential corporate information.

#### 5. Business Courtesies & Fair Competition

- No bribery, kickbacks, or improper gifts—all must comply with legal and ethical guidelines.
- Fair treatment of suppliers and customers—no unfair business practices.
- Prohibition of monopolistic behavior or price-fixing agreements.

## 6. International Business & Trade Compliance

- Full compliance with U.S. and international trade laws (export/import regulations).
- Strict anti-corruption laws, including adherence to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).
- Prohibition on participating in unsanctioned international boycotts.
- Restrictions on business dealings with sanctioned countries and individuals.

## 7. Security & Protection of Information

- Cybersecurity measures to prevent data breaches and unauthorized access.
- Classified and sensitive information must be protected from unauthorized disclosure.
- Employees must report any suspected leaks or security risks.

## 8. Reporting & Accountability

- Employees must report ethical violations—various channels are available, including anonymous reporting.
- Strict protection against retaliation—whistleblowers are safeguarded.
- Managers are responsible for ensuring ethical conduct within their teams.
- Violations of the Code can result in disciplinary actions, including termination.

## Final Takeaways

- Strong emphasis on ethics, compliance, and integrity in all business operations.
- Zero tolerance for corruption, discrimination, and unethical behavior.
- Strict adherence to U.S. and international laws, especially in trade, security, and financial matters.
- Transparent reporting processes and protection for whistleblowers.
- High expectations for leaders to uphold and reinforce ethical culture.

These principles create a structured, legally compliant, and ethical work environment, ensuring Lockheed Martin maintains trust and credibility in global markets.

## EIEC FIREINT's REQUIREMENTS, ANALYSIS, & PLAN

### **Analysis of FIREINT's Requirements**

1. Assess wildfires in an area of up to 200,000 acres (approximately 300 square miles) with various terrains and population zones.

- **Plan to Address:**

- **HotShot's Strength:** Utilize HotShot's existing infrastructure, including drones and weather technologies, to assess large areas efficiently. Drones can cover terrain and gather environmental data for real-time analysis.
- **DeciderAI's Strength:** Integrate DeciderAI's AI platform to process vast amounts of data rapidly, helping to analyze wildfire conditions across varied terrains, and provide predictive models for resource allocation.
- **Hybrid Approach:** Combine HotShot's on-the-ground expertise in terrain analysis with DeciderAI's AI for faster, larger-scale data analysis. Use machine learning models to continuously improve prediction accuracy for fire behavior across different zones.

2. Notify when human decision making is required to minimize risk to human life and resources.

- **Plan to Address:**

- **HotShot's Strength:** Ensure human oversight at critical decision points where AI's predictions may not account for on-the-ground complexities, such as fire behavior changes and resource availability.
- **DeciderAI's Strength:** Use AI to monitor situations and flag conditions where human intervention is crucial, based on predefined thresholds for safety risks (e.g., firefighter proximity to the fire or environmental hazards).
- **Hybrid Approach:** Implement a notification system that uses AI to analyze data and alerts incident commanders when predefined thresholds are met, signaling the need for human oversight and intervention to avoid risks.

3. Base fire suppression solution on deployment of available ground-based and aerial resources.

- **Plan to Address:**

- **HotShot's Strength:** Utilize HotShot's extensive network of air tankers, helicopters, and tactical aircraft for fire reconnaissance, providing accurate real-time data for better decision-making.
- **DeciderAI's Strength:** Integrate AI algorithms to optimize the deployment of ground and aerial resources, balancing available resources against fire intensity, wind direction, and other environmental factors.
- **Hybrid Approach:** Combine human-guided decision-making on air and ground resource deployment with AI's ability to dynamically adjust based on real-time fire

data. Ensure that AI supports human decision-makers by providing multiple resource deployment scenarios for review.

4. Provide near real-time information to incident commanders and emergency responders.

- **Plan to Address:**

- **HotShot's Strength:** Deploy existing technologies like drones and sensors to provide reliable, near real-time data on fire movement, environmental conditions, and the safety of responders.
- **DeciderAI's Strength:** Leverage AI for real-time data processing and predictive analytics, offering decision-makers the ability to quickly assess and react to changing conditions.
- **Hybrid Approach:** Combine HotShot's real-time data collection systems with DeciderAI's AI analytics to ensure comprehensive, up-to-the-minute data for incident commanders. AI can also predict fire trends, helping to inform strategic decisions during critical firefighting operations.

5. Explain the decision-making processes for when to use different levels of technology and human interaction while taking into account the following considerations.

a. Protection and Safety of Firefighters

- **Technology:** AI can continuously monitor fire conditions and provide real-time data on wind speeds, fire behavior, and temperature, identifying areas where firefighters may be at risk.
- **Human Interaction:** In high-risk situations, such as fast-moving fires or extreme weather conditions, human decision-makers must override AI suggestions to ensure that firefighter safety is prioritized, potentially delaying deployment of certain resources until conditions stabilize.
- **Hybrid Approach:** Use AI to flag potentially dangerous zones where additional human analysis is required before deploying firefighters, ensuring that safety measures and evacuation plans are in place.

b. Prioritization of Human Lives Versus Property

- **Technology:** AI should evaluate the threat to human lives using real-time data, such as fire proximity to populated areas and emergency response times, to make recommendations for evacuation or resource allocation.
- **Human Interaction:** Decisions about evacuations, rescue operations, or where to focus firefighting efforts should be made by humans, especially when ethical considerations (e.g., prioritizing vulnerable populations) must be factored in.
- **Hybrid Approach:** AI will analyze and present different risk scenarios, but human decision-makers must make the final choice, balancing urgency to save lives with resources available for property protection.

c. Protection of Critical Infrastructure Needed to Support Homes and Life

- **Technology:** AI can predict which critical infrastructure (e.g., hospitals, water plants, power stations) is at risk based on fire spread patterns, allowing for quick resource allocation.
- **Human Interaction:** Human decision-makers should assess the value and criticality of infrastructure, particularly in cases where AI may not fully consider the wider social impact (e.g., prioritizing power stations over homes).
- **Hybrid Approach:** AI helps identify at-risk infrastructure in real-time, but humans will validate these decisions based on community needs and larger strategic priorities (e.g., protecting hospitals over commercial buildings).

#### **d. Evaluation of Environmental Impact from Both the Fire and Suppressant**

- **Technology:** AI should be used to monitor environmental factors, such as air quality, wildfire intensity, and potential ecological damage, to recommend fire suppressant usage or tactics that minimize environmental harm.
- **Human Interaction:** Environmental specialists and decision-makers should evaluate AI's recommendations, particularly in ecologically sensitive areas, and make final decisions to balance firefighting needs with long-term environmental preservation.
- **Hybrid Approach:** AI models predict environmental outcomes, but human intervention is crucial in areas with sensitive ecosystems (e.g., forests, wildlife habitats), where environmental impact assessments require local knowledge and judgment.

#### **e. Optimization/Preservation of Fire Suppression Asset Utilization**

- **Technology:** AI can analyze the current fire spread, resource availability, and suppression needs to optimize the allocation of assets (air tankers, helicopters, etc.) to high-priority areas.
- **Human Interaction:** Humans must decide when to ration or preserve resources based on strategic priorities, such as ensuring sufficient assets are available for future firefighting efforts or emergencies.
- **Hybrid Approach:** AI can offer recommendations on resource allocation and usage, but human decision-makers will review and validate these to ensure resources are preserved for critical ongoing operations.

#### **f. Prioritization of Monetary and Historic Value Impact**

- **Technology:** AI can be programmed to assess the potential financial losses from the destruction of property, cultural landmarks, or historical sites, and provide insights on where to focus firefighting resources for maximum economic benefit.
- **Human Interaction:** In cases involving historic sites or unique assets, human intervention is essential to weigh the monetary value against the cultural or historical significance, which AI may not fully understand.

- **Hybrid Approach:** AI provides data on potential financial impacts, while human decision-makers must make nuanced judgments on prioritizing resources between historical preservation, economic loss, and the immediate need to save lives or infrastructure.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE CASE (details/conflicts/strengths/weaknesses)**

### **General format:**

- intro with background, addressing conflicts and tension, discuss pros and cons of AI use vs human informed decision making, then lead into the solution
- Share solution, highlighting key areas where compromises can likely not be made and efficiency would be highest with integrating this solution
- Identify areas for compromise and come to common ground
- Conclude with addressing tension and conflict and highlighting areas where we can compromise and move forward
- Discuss next steps - meeting again soon with formal proposal and preparing to present to hotshot ai CEO 3/10
- **Important things to keep in mind - goal of this meeting (from the case study description)**
  - During this meeting the teams must present defendable rationale on a combined solution and agree how to integrate their respective solutions into the best single solution integrating AI, technology, and human intelligence and decision making as well as the costs and timelines to complete the prototype to present to the HotShotAI senior management team in 14 days.
  - Loss of this contract could have impacts on the company's future. The goal of the meeting is to determine the most effective approach for integrating the existing capabilities of both companies.
  - During this meeting, the teams must agree on where and when human intervention/decision making is needed in the solution, how their solution will decide which resources to deploy where and how to prioritize the risks including threat to life (including firefighters), and threat to property.
  - They must also show how the joint solution will meet all NIFC requirements.

## **RESEARCH TO DO**

### **Background**

- Research how much time firefighters spend on their work each year to lead into how AI would help make the process more efficient
- Look into injuries of firefighters, where they are, and how we can increase public safety
- Look into accuracy of decision making of firefighters to alleviate worries when it comes to potential AI mistakes and compare the difference between the two
- Look into time spent making decisions vs how much damage is caused as a result
- What real time information is relevant to include? and how long it takes information to get passed to the firefighters now + how much we can speed this process up by?
- What tools or strategies have firefighters used that are now slow or outdated? What would be easy to implement with AI
- What is efficient as is? What level of human engagement can we maintain while incorporating the use of AI

- Look into pricing a little - allocated \$1million

### **Hotshot**

- Look into methods they have used and how the efficiency is already optimized
- Highlight scalability success so far and how AI could potentially not increase this by much more
- Where is AI actually needed and where is implementing AI more money than the payout
- Look into the key successes over the last 25 years
- Where have firefighters made an issue that could have been prevented by AI
- What resources do they use that are the most efficient
- Looking to decisions with human input that have been important and arguably better than AI
- How do they protect neighboring areas close to the fire
- Look into other methods, not AI focused that can be utilized while still making advancements, — in weather technologies, drones, sensors, weather balloons, etc.
- Goal: Meet requirements with little AI use

### **DeciderAI**

- What tools are they using to get their data (drones, other resources, etc)?
- What successes have they had in incorporating technology into hurricane response? What issues have they run into that prevent expansion to other fields?
- Compare the efficiency of hurricane response with AI use to responses without
- Look into past fires to see if there are constant trends that systems can pick up on or if we need a high functioning AI
- Look into areas where AI intervention increased efficiency
- Look into examples of where AI collected data has been wrong
- How much time would be saved by AI - how does this save time and money?
- Incorporate advising AI rather than full decision making AI?
- Trainability based on past data - images, tracking of past wildfires - how can we train AI to respond well?
- Goal: meet with least amount of human intervention required

### **Ethics**

- Look into the ethics and how it relates to issues brought up between the chief engineers
- During research maybe rank the areas of AI involvement from most to least beneficial so it's easy to compromise
- Look into how LM ethics connects
- How can we test these without compromising the safety of those fighting fires
- How much room for error is allowed without it being unethical

### **COMPANY DETAILS**

**HotShot Response Inc. (HotShot)**

- **History and Expertise:** Established record in firefighting logistics and resource deployment.
- **Strengths:** Proven track record of reducing casualties and adapting to high-risk firefighting situations.
- **Challenge:** Current system is limited by lack of modularity and scalability, requiring modernization.
- **Key Issue:** Struggles to integrate AI into existing systems despite leadership support for technology advancement.
- **Culture:** Deeply committed to mission, but internal resistance to change (from Chief Engineer).

### **DeciderAI**

- **Focus:** Specializes in AI-driven resource deployment and logistics, primarily in hurricane management.
- **Technology:** Uses AI for predictive analytics, pattern recognition, and decision-making.
- **Challenge:** Lacks resources to expand into wildfire management, needing external support.
- **Key Issue:** Chief Engineer advocates for complete AI decision-making, disregarding the need for human oversight.

### **HotShotAI (Post-Acquisition)**

- **Formation:** Merged entity of HotShot and DeciderAI (acquisition completed December 2024).
- **Goal:** To integrate both companies' systems into a unified solution for wildfire management.
- **Leadership Conflict:** Ongoing tension between HotShot's Chief Engineer (Miller) and DeciderAI's Chief Engineer (Garcia) on technology integration.
- **Project Objective:** Create a prototype for the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) by May 2025.

## **JOINT PROTOTYPE SOLUTION**

- **Objective:** Develop a system to optimize wildfire management, integrating AI and human decision-making.
- **Functionality:** Must assess wildfires across 200,000-acre areas, providing real-time data for decision-making.
- **Challenges in Integration:**
  - **AI vs Human Oversight:** Garcia advocates for AI making most decisions, while Miller insists on critical human input for safety and decision-making accuracy.
  - **Bias in AI:** Concerns raised about AI prioritizing affluent areas over underserved ones due to bias in algorithms.
  - **Technology Integration:** Difficulty combining HotShot's established methods (e.g., drones, weather tech) with DeciderAI's AI-driven approach.

## **ISSUES AND CONFLICT**

1. **Leadership Disputes:**
  - **Miller vs Garcia:** Ongoing clashes on the role of AI in decision-making and project direction.
  - **Corporate Culture Clash:** Different approaches to innovation and technology between the two former companies.
2. **Team Morale:**
  - **Team Frustration:** Engineers (Wells and Kay) frustrated by lack of progress and escalating conflicts.
  - **Fear of Sabotage:** Concerns that one side might deliberately undermine the other's solution.
3. **Prototype Integration:**
  - **Integration Challenges:** Disagreement on combining the best of both technologies into a unified, effective prototype.
  - **Final Decision-Making:** Difficulty in balancing AI's capabilities with human oversight, especially in high-stakes firefighting situations.
4. **Timeline Pressure:**
  - **Meeting Deadlines:** Both teams under pressure to resolve internal conflicts and deliver a viable prototype by May 2025.
5. **Ethical Considerations:**
  - **AI Bias:** The need to audit and test AI algorithms to ensure fairness in resource distribution and fire management.

## **STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF COMPANY APPROACHES**

### **HotShot Response Inc. (HotShot)**

#### ***Strengths:***

- **Proven Track Record:** Long history of successful firefighting support and resource deployment, especially in high-risk situations.
- **Experience:** Expertise in logistics, weather technologies, drones, and ground-based solutions.
- **Safety Focus:** Deep commitment to firefighter and public safety.
- **Established Trust:** Long-standing relationship with the NIFC and well-respected in firefighting operations.

#### ***Weaknesses:***

- **Outdated Systems:** Current technology lacks modularity, flexibility, and scalability, limiting adaptability.
- **Resistance to Change:** Internal resistance (from Chief Engineer) to integrating AI and automation, which could impede future competitiveness.

- **Limited AI Integration:** Struggles to incorporate AI into existing systems, missing opportunities for faster and more accurate decision-making.
- **Modular Integration Challenge:** Difficulty in adapting the current system to incorporate future advancements in technology.

### **DeciderAI**

#### ***Strengths:***

- **Advanced AI Capabilities:** Strong expertise in AI-driven solutions, particularly in predictive analytics, pattern recognition, and decision-making.
- **Innovation Focus:** Constantly evolving their technologies to stay ahead of industry trends and enhance performance.
- **Real-Time Decision-Making:** AI allows for faster, data-driven decision-making with minimal human input, reducing response times in emergencies.

#### ***Weaknesses:***

- **Lack of Industry-Specific Knowledge:** No experience in firefighting, making it challenging to apply AI in the context of wildfires.
- **Over-Reliance on AI:** Advocate for full automation, which might not consider the human intuition and judgment necessary in complex wildfire scenarios.
- **Limited Resources:** Lack of capability to expand into new markets (wildfires) without external partnerships, such as with HotShot.
- **Potential Bias in AI:** AI models may unintentionally prioritize certain areas over others, especially low-income zones.