



## DoD Efforts to Secure the Battery Defense Industrial Base: Conversation on Critical Minerals



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# OSD Policy: De-risking supply chains to enhance deterrence while building climate resilience

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### **Problems**:

- New operational challenges from switch to traditional to clean energy sources and technologies
- Supply fragility for U.S. DIB resulting in potential risks to military capability
- Vulnerability to adversarial supply chains
- Lack of surge capacity / stockpile
- Weakness in Ally and partner DIBs

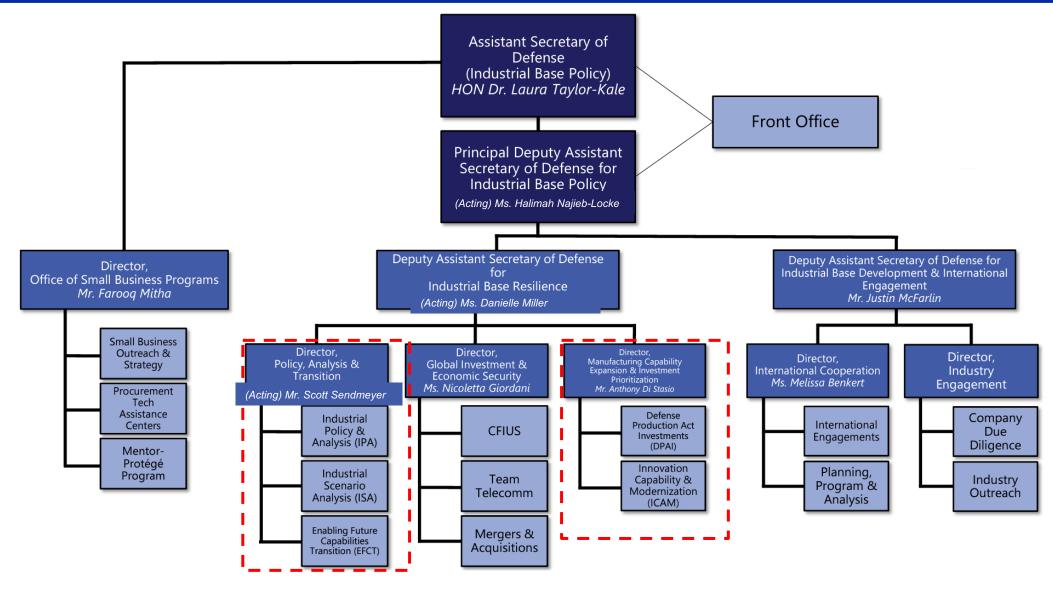
### **Objectives**:

- Advance U.S. climate and energy security priorities
- De-risk U.S. supply chains
- Increase/enhance supply
- Augment U.S. & Ally/partner production
- Increase deterrence and strengthen resilience by demonstrating collective action and investment



### OASD(Industrial Base Policy) Organization Chart







## Deputy Secretary of Defense - Wayne State University November 2021



"Battery technology and lithium-ion batteries specifically, are the lifeblood of electrification and the future auto industry, but batteries are also essential to thousands of military systems from handheld radios, to unmanned submersibles and to future capabilities like lasers, directed energy weapons, and hybrid electric tactical vehicles



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...A healthy battery supply chain is essential to the military. When it comes to batteries, America needs to lead the world. That means innovation, but it also means manufacturing, ensuring we have healthy supply chains to get what we need, when we need it...The problem, however, is that China presently dominates that supply chain."

~ Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen Hicks



## National Defense Strategy Highlights Released 27 October 2022

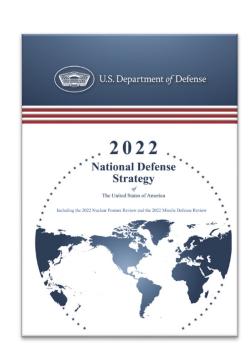


### **Industrial Base Security**

- "Our work will prioritize closer coordination with U.S. interagency, state, local, tribal, and territorial
  partners, as well as with the private sector, starting with the defense industrial base"
- "We will design transition pathways to...and partner to **equip the defense industrial base** to support more relevant modernization efforts."
- "The Department will strengthen our defense industrial base..."
- "We will prioritize joint efforts ....to fortify the defense industrial base."

### **Battery Enabled Weapon Systems in the National Defense Strategy**

- Space
- Long-range strike
- Hypersonics
- Autonomous systems
- Directed Energy
- Clean energy technology
- Renewable energy generation and storage



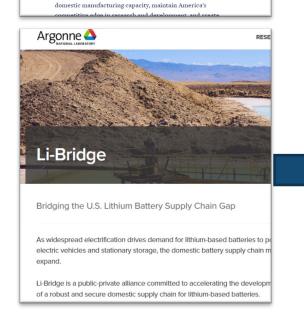


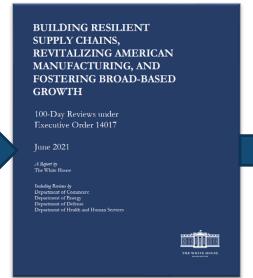
### **Government & Industry Activity**

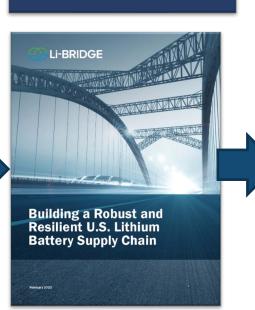


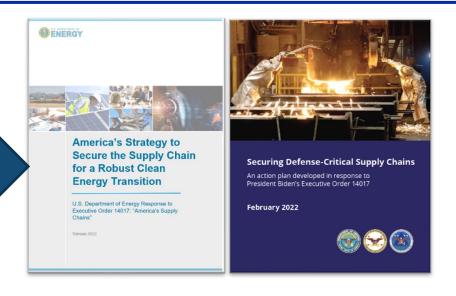


critical manufacturing capacity and the availability and integrity of critical goods, products, and services. Resilient American supply chains will revitalize and rebuild













## Department of Defense Strategic Objectives



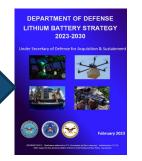
Securing Defense-Critical Supply Chains: An action plan developed in response to President Biden's Executive Order 14017 February 2022

		China's Supply Chain Dominance	Custom Design Standards	Acquisition Policy	Supply Chain Data	Infrastructure	Organization & Structure
Internal	Rec B1.1: Develop a defense-specific lithium battery strategy	<b>(</b>	<b>S</b>				
	Rec B1.2: Develop a prioritized plan to resolve battery infrastructure and analytic gaps					<b>Ø</b>	<b>(</b>
	Rec B1.3: Use DoD investment authorities to leverage commer- cial investments	<b>()</b>					
Interagency	Rec B2.1: Work with the DOE and interagency partners on integrated investment plans				<b>Ø</b>		
	Rec B2.2: Coordinate recycling initiatives with DOE	<b>S</b>					
Internatio	Rec B3.1: Enhance interoperability and supply chain coordination	<b>S</b>	<b>②</b>				
Industry	Rec B4.1: Standardize and aggregate battery demand		<b>&gt;</b>			<b>Ø</b>	

# Complete Actively being worked Planning underway

### **DoD Battery Strategic Objectives**

- 1. Provide DoD program offices with safe, effective, affordable, and standard energy storage options
- 2. Ensure access to battery systems when the supply chain is threatened
- 3. Reduce the total time required to develop, certify, and field safe advanced energy storage-enabled systems
- 4. Reduce the logistics burden associated with fielding and sustaining advanced batteries to the warfighter
- 5. Support the Department's climate objectives to achieve enduring readiness



**DoD Battery Strategy Signed February 2023** 



# **Executive Order 14017: America's Supply Chains**



### **BACKGROUND**

President Biden signed **E.O. 14017**, **America's Supply Chains**, in February 2021. This order directed multiple agencies, including the DoD, to review critical supply chains.

"The United States needs resilient, diverse, and secure supply chains to ensure our economic prosperity and national security ... Resilient American supply chains will revitalize and rebuild domestic manufacturing capacity, maintain America's competitive edge in research and development, and create well-paying jobs."

### **IBP FOCUS SECTORS**

- Strategic and Critical Materials
- Kinetic Capabilities
- Energy Storage and Batteries
- Castings and Forgings (C&F)
- Microelectronics

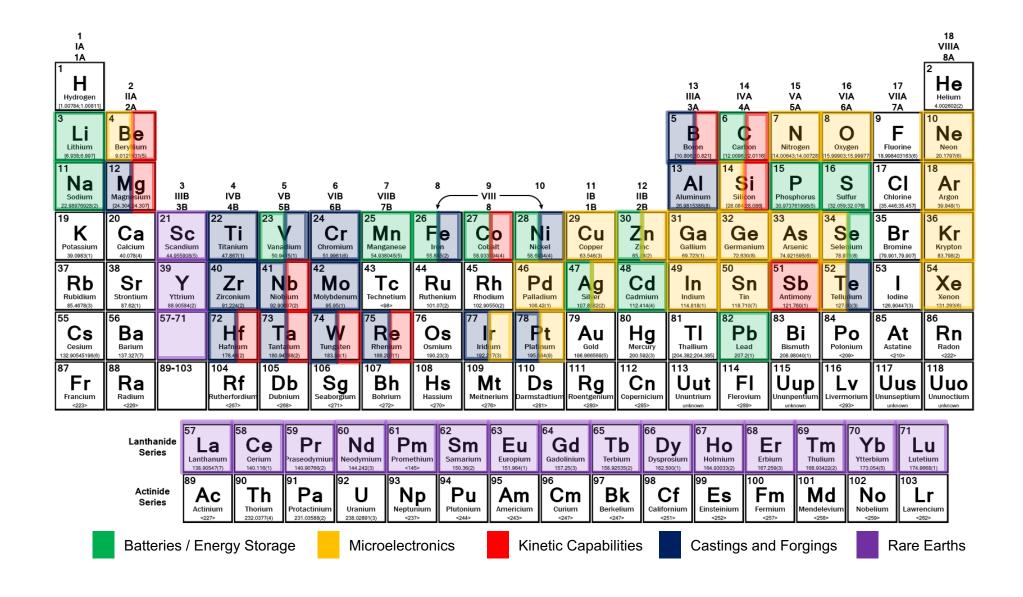
#### STRATEGIC ENABLERS

Cyber Posture – Small Business Workforce – Manufacturing



### **Defense Essential Elements**





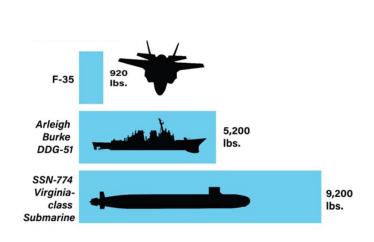


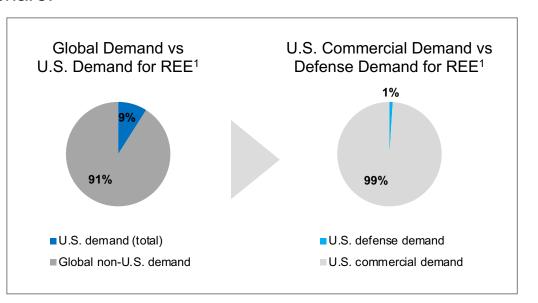
# Importance of Strategic Materials for National Security



## S&CMs are critical to U.S. national security due to their importance for a wide range of applications throughout the defense industrial base and economy.

- Access to strategic materials is critical to the modern U.S. advanced economy because strategic materials are necessary for many industries including electronics, energy storage, vehicles, infrastructure, computing, and more.
- Nearly all DoD systems contain strategic materials which enable enhanced performance.
  - Example: Rare Earth Elements (REEs) are one group of strategic materials.
  - While REEs are necessary for DOD capabilities, the DOD has limited influence on REE markets due to limited demand share.







## **Beyond DOD Authorities:** Federal and International Stakeholders



While the DOD has impactful authorities, coordination across the U.S. government and with close allies is needed to comprehensively address S&CM vulnerabilities.

U.S. Government Stakeholders in Strategic Materials Policy							
President	Congress	Interagency	Non-Federal Stakeholders				

Tools to Secure Strategic Materials Supply Chains								
Policy	Investment	Stockpiling	International Partnerships					
Shape industry, domestic, and international dynamics	Expand production, research, and workforce	Reduce U.S. vulnerability to near- term supply disruptions	Support suppliers in partner nations and promote best practices					
Examples  DOD acquisition policies  Trade policies  Tax incentives  Permitting	Examples  DPA Title III  IBAS  DOE Loans CHIPS Act EXIM, DFC	Examples  National Defense Stockpile  Memorandum of Agreement on Joint Stockpiling	Examples  • Minerals Security Partnership • International Energy Agency • Bilateral efforts					