

Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2)

Provides enhanced situational awareness to the lowest tactical level—the individual soldier—and a seamless flow of command and control information across the battlefield.



DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2) forms the principal digital command and control system for the Army at brigade levels and below. It provides increased situational awareness on the battlefield by automatically disseminating throughout the network timely friendly force locations, reported enemy locations, and graphics to visualize the commander's intent and scheme of maneuver.

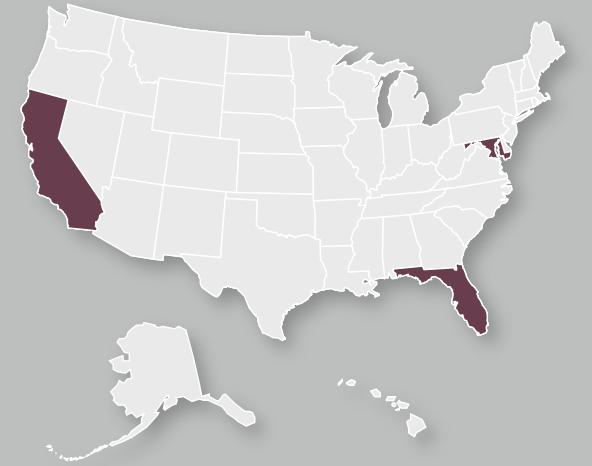
FBCB2 is a key component of the Army Battle Command System (ABCS). Appliance hardware and software are integrated into the various platforms at brigade and below, as well as at appropriate division and corps slices necessary to support brigade operations. The system features the interconnection of platforms through two communication systems: FBCB2-Enhanced Position Location Reporting System supported by the Tactical Internet and FBCB2-Blue Force Tracking supported by L-band satellite.

PROGRAM STATUS

- **4QFY04** Obtained approval to enter production and deployment phase
- **4QFY04** Awarded FY04 full rate production hardware contract
- **4QFY04** Awarded follow-on systems engineering and integration contract

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

- **2QFY05** Army Battle Command System 6.4 operational evaluation



CONTRACTORS

Prime:

Northrop Grumman (Redondo Beach, CA)

Services: Lear Siegler Services, Inc. (Gaithersburg, MD)

Satellite Access: COMTECH (Germantown, MD)

Hardware: COMTECH (Germantown, MD)
DRS Technologies (Palm Bay, FL)

Software:

Northrop Grumman (Redondo Beach, CA)

Raytheon (El Segundo, CA)

INVESTMENT COMPONENT

Modernization

ACQUISITION PHASE

- Production and Deployment