

Movement Tracking System (MTS)

INVESTMENT COMPONENT

Modernization

Recapitalization

Maintenance

MISSION

To provide the Logistics Command with the technology necessary to track and communicate with its mobile assets in near real time through the full spectrum of military operations from peacetime to war.

DESCRIPTION

The Movement Tracking System (MTS) is a low-cost solution designed for the Army and its vehicle operators for tracking vehicles and communicating while on and off the road. MTS is a mobile satellite two-way messaging system that is totally wireless, from the MTS-equipped vehicles to the control station. The mobile configuration of the system is mounted on a unit's vehicles, and the control station configuration, in a fixed location, monitors vehicle locations. Both configurations use the same basic communications software and

hardware, although the control station uses a computer with a larger display and faster processor. Communication between the two is provided by a commercial satellite vendor that enables units to send and receive traffic over the horizon, anytime, anywhere.

MTS technology allows the transportation coordinator to communicate with the driver of any truck, regardless of location, without having to put up antennas or involve more Soldiers. MTS has been adapted to incorporate radio frequency technology and an upgraded military global positioning system capability. In the future, it will incorporate an automatic reporting of vehicle diagnostics and other features that support in-transit visibility.

MTS will provide vehicles and watercraft visibility wherever they may be deployed throughout the world. Objectively, all common user logistic transport vehicles, selected combat support and combat service support Tactical Wheeled Vehicles, and watercraft will be fitted with MTS Mobile Units. In the future, a portable

MTS unit may be made available to host nation or foreign national forces contributing to a combined operation for use in leased, contracted, or other vehicles that may be utilized in the distribution role, but that would not normally be equipped with MTS. MTS will provide watercraft transportation unit commanders with the capability to track and communicate with assets employed across the spectrum of operations such as established ports, logistics over-the-shore, intra-coastal, inland waterways, and amphibious operations.

When employed within the distribution system, MTS will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of limited-distribution assets, provide the ability to reroute supplies to higher priority needs, enable the avoidance of identified hazards, and inform operators of unit location changes. In addition, planned enhancements of MTS (referred to as Block II MTS enhancements) such as MTS's interface with embedded equipment diagnostic and prognostic systems, will

provide accurate data that will aid fleet maintenance and improve availability and overall service life.

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES

None

PROGRAM STATUS

- **4QFY08:** Continued software development for MTS-Enhanced Software (ES)
- **1QFY09:** Conducted testing of new software upgrades

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

- **2QFY09:** Develop MTS follow-on procurement strategies
- **2QFY09:** Begin testing MTS-ES software
- **3QFY09:** Continue testing MTS-ES software
- **4QFY09:** Continue testing MTS-ES software
- **2QFY10:** Field MTS-ES software
- **3QFY10:** MTS follow-on procurement

ACQUISITION PHASE

Technology Development

Engineering & Manufacturing Development

Production & Deployment

Operations & Support



Transceiver
(MT 2012-RS)
Step 1



Ruggedized Laptop
Step 2

Movement Tracking System (MTS)

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

None

CONTRACTORS

System integrator:

COMTECH Mobile Datacom
(Germantown, MD)

Software development:

Northrop Grumman (Redondo Beach,
CA) via Force XXI Battle Command
Brigade and Below (FBCB2) contract
(Fort Monmouth, NJ)

