



# Fleet Support for Testing and Evaluation



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## What We Do

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- BLUF..."We present your fleet support requirements to the fleet resources providers in order to gain ship, submarine, and aircraft support assignments."
- Represent OPTEVFOR, VX Squadrons, Developmental Testing (DT) Agencies, and CNO 942 at Quarterly Fleet Scheduling Conferences
- Manage testing requests through variety of venues



# Requesting Fleet Support

- Most Navy and Multi-Service/Joint Systems Under Test (SUT) Require:
  - Ship, Submarine, Aircraft assets to conduct testing at some point during the testing phase
  - Fleet Staff Support for operational Effectiveness and Suitability
- OTDs Ensure that Fleet Support Request for SUTs are submitted
- Each SUT requiring Fleet Support Shall have a Test and Evaluation Number (TEIN)
- Requests should specify enough details to enable schedulers to determine supportability
  - Purpose of test, time and location of test event/s, platforms required, required crew support actions, numbers of personnel required to embark, any equipment or systems that need to be installed prior to testing, impacts to the program/Navy should platform/s requested not be sourced, and lastly a valid POC that can speak to the requirements of the test



# Types of Fleet Support Requests

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- Fleet Support Requests are divided into 4 types of requests based upon timeliness of submission, classification of the request, and whether the test will occur outside of C2F and C3F AORs
  - Standard Unclassified Quarterly Fleet Support Request
  - Unclassified Emergent Fleet Support Request Message
  - Unclassified Out of CONUS Waters (less Hawaiian OPAREAS) Fleet Support Request Message
  - Classified Fleet Support Request Message



# Standard UNCLAS Quarterly Fleet Support Requests

- OTDs and Developmental Test (DT) Planners Submit Fleet Support Requests in the iBOSS/iTEST on-line site prior to CNO N94's established deadline (approximately 9 months prior to fiscal quarter in which test will be executed)
- Contents of the requests within iBOSS must be unclassified (CUI)
- The Standard Quarterly Fleet Support Request;
  - Provides adequate time for coordinating support with fleet schedulers
  - Facilitates the ability for iBOSS subscribers to collaborate with other test planners by providing visibility on all upcoming test events in which Fleet Support requests were submitted
  - Requires entry of enough detail to allow Fleet Schedulers to determine supportability



# Standard UNCLAS Quarterly Fleet Support Requests

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- iBOSS/iTEST can be accessed based on your activity at:
- NAVAIR - <https://itest.navair.navy.mil>
  - NAVSEA - <https://itest.navair.navy.mil/navsea>
  - NAVWAR - <https://itest.navair.navy.mil/navwar>
  - OPTEVFOR - <https://itest.navair.navy.mil/cotf>
  - All other USN Requestors - <https://itest.navair.navy.mil/usn>
  - All other USMC requestors - <https://itest.navair.navy.mil/usmc>

An account is required and can be requested at the links above





# Emergent Fleet Support Requests

## ➤ Emergent Fleet Support Request

- Submitted via Record Naval Message Traffic when requests for support were not submitted prior to the 9-month submission deadline established by CNO N94 and entered within iBOSS. They are becoming more common due to the short notice nature of Rapid Acquisition, incremental software development, etc.
- Emergent Requests Applies to Fleet Support requirements in any AOR
- Contact OPTEVFOR Resources Coordinators for current message template and instructions and provide advanced Draft copy of the message prior to transmitting it
- Is addressed Action to CNO N94 with INFO to OPNAV SPONSOR, OPTEVFOR, Applicable Fleet Staffs, and applicable SYSCOMs, and program offices
- CNO N94 will transmit an endorsement message to applicable Fleet Resources Providers

Emergent Fleet Support Requests do not take precedence over requests which were submitted via iBOSS





## Requesting Fleet Support Outside of CONUS (C2F/C3F AORs)

- Applies to Fleet Support Events which need to occur in C4F, C5F, C6F, C7F AORs
  - Reason for message submission is because OPTEVFOR Resources Coordinators do not attend scheduling conferences outside of C2F and C3F AORs. Therefore, it is critical to gain the visibility on the test requirements by all involved in supporting and determining supportability via a record Naval Message.
  - Message is addressed TO CNO Washington DC
  - CNO N94 endorses the message with a message to supporting Fleet Resources Provider after coordination with applicable OPNAV Sponsor.
  - Obtain current Message template and Instructions from the OPTEVFOR Fleet Resources Coordinator
  - Provide OPTEVFOR Resources Team with an advanced Draft copy of the message prior to transmitting it



## Classified Fleet Support Requests

- When a Fleet Support Request cannot be generated in an unclassified media (iBOSS) because just the name of the program is classified, assets requested are classified, or the context of the fleet support request is classified you'll need to generate a Classified Fleet Support Request message
- Obtain current Message template and Instructions from the OPTEVFOR Fleet Resources Coordinator
- Provide OPTEVFOR Resources Team with an advanced Draft copy of the message prior to transmitting it
- Addressees are the same as those of Emergent Request and requests for support outside CONUS



## CNO RDT&E Scheduling Priorities

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- CNO N94 designates priorities for scheduling of Programs of Record (POR) and SUTs testing
- Designation of a priority takes into account urgency of completion of milestones and delivery to the Fleet in order to bridge capability gaps and counter threats
  - SECNAVINST 5000.2G removed the numbered priorities and now it's either a CNO priority or not
  - Have the program office work with their Resource Sponsor to make that determination (same thing they did for old PRI-1 designations)



# Fleet Scheduling Conference

- Each request is reviewed and assigned:
  - DIRLAUTH: You have permission to talk to the command(s) listed
  - OPEN: No units assigned... however your request is not necessarily denied and will continue to be investigated
  - NO FILL: Request for support was denied as no asset is available that meets your requested criteria
- Results are posted on C3F/CTF80 SIPR Website and reflected in WEBSKED & iBOSS.
  - Follow up email and/or phone call will be made with all valid POCs with the results of their service requests



# Fleet Scheduling Priorities

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- PRI 1: Forward deployed forces
- PRI 2: Deployment certifications
- PRI 3: Major joint exercises
- PRI 4: Inter-deployment training (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Phases of Training)
- PRI 5: **CNO PRIORITY – RDT&E Events**
- PRI 6: **CNO NON-PRIORITY**
- PRI 7: Community outreach & support services

OTDs and T&E leadership must be aware that CNO RDT&E Priorities are not the same priorities which the Fleet uses to source ships, submarines, and aircraft.



# Levels of Support

## ➤ Dedicated Support

- Platform/s Requested cannot effectively support other mission areas
- Typically involves conduct of flight operations, restrictions in ability to maneuver, or live fire events

## ➤ Concurrent Support

- Platform/s requested may be able to support other mission areas while supporting the test events however, test events may have some impact on other missions which will need to be factored into the ship's mission
- Testing may also compliment existing missions and add robust beneficial training opportunities

## ➤ Not-To-Interfere Basis (with ships mission/s)

- Platform/s requested may perform other missions with no impact whatsoever from the test efforts
- Typically, just a data collection effort with ship/s crew or a designating data collector recording information



## Coordinating with the Fleet (DIRLAUTH)

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- Actions required by OTDs or DT Planners when Direct Liaison is Authorized (DIRLAUTH) for you to coordinate your test event with a potential or assigned ship, submarine, or aircraft SQN
  - Make contact with designated support platform/s POC's provided by OPTEVFOR Resources providers in a timely manner (via SIPRNET is required when discussing classified info)
  - Be prepared to provide specific details regarding actions required by the platform crew/s in support of the test event keeping in mind that it may be necessary to include unit ISICs on test briefs, etc.
  - In the event that a Platform (or ISIC representative) states that the unit cannot support your test, contact the OPTEVFOR Resources Coordinator soonest to allow opportunity for Fleet CDR staffs to weigh in or identify an alternate platform
  - Avoid test creep (adding requirements for the crew after initial briefings) whenever possible.
  - Include OPTEVFOR Fleet Resources Coordinators on correspondence with Fleet until test event completed or cancelled





# Test Event Postponed or Cancelled

- Actions required by OTDs or DT Planners when Test Events are postponed or cancelled
  - If fleet support was assigned or DIRLAUTH is in progress with a platform to determine supportability, notify the platform POC of the need to postpone or cancel the event
  - If the platform can still support an event that has been postponed continue DIRLAUTH to plan and execute the event. Be aware that the Fleet Staff may have other plans for the platform.
  - Notify the OPTEVFOR Fleet Resources Coordinator soonest to allow for the platform to be re-tasked by Fleet Staffs if event cancelled or for fleet to identify an acceptable platform if assigned unit cannot support the postponed event
  - If the event is postponed beyond the fiscal quarter in which it was requested/scheduled be prepared to submit another Fleet Support Request



# Test Event Completed

- Actions required by OTDs or DT Planners when Test Events are completed
  - Once your test event is completed be prepared to brief the Commanding Officer and Crew on how their participation benefited the test and any initial observations which you are able to release
  - Notify OPTEVFOR Fleet Resources Coordinator of completion and whether the assigned platforms provided support as scheduled
  - Notify Resources Coordinators of any immediate needs for re-test or collection of additional data that might require the platform (or another platform) to continue to support beyond the scheduled period
  - Provide any recommendations to Resources Providers on how the process might be improved



# Fleet Resources Coordinator POCs

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## Takeaways

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- Enter requests into iBOSS before deadline to increase chance of getting a fleet asset scheduled
- Once approved and in contact with fleet unit, OTDs/PMs should provide amplifying information in a timely manner and coordinate testing
- Keep Fleet Resources in the loop. Provide updates on completion of testing, program schedule “slides”, or any important changes in your fleet asset requests