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Competition

★ Why – our national security
   ★ Leadership
   ★ Innovation
   ★ Affordability
   ★ Interoperability

★ How – shape the strategy (at the get go)
   ★ Split, Lead/Follow, BTP, Competitive Prototype. . .
   ★ CRADA, MP, SBIR, ACTD, MYP, Tax Incentives. . .

★ When – through out the life cycle
   ★ Concept, Development, Production, Sustainment

★ Where – every where, more the merrier. . .
The Take-Away

Go **BEYOND** the **STATUS QUO**, **MORE** is **BETTER**

(Competition Is Fun)