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Project Recommendations

These recommendations have been drawn directly from the body of this report. They were derived over the course of the project.

- 1. The resolution of the challenges related to this project must include the fundamental strategy of scalability. That is, the shelter must be capable of acting as a singular unit, in the form if multiple combinations, and finally as an element within a larger base camp. Expectations range from camp configurations of 25 to 500.
- 2. The project development must be guided by the standardization of component parts taking advantage of factory efficiencies.
- 3. Human factors must be taken into account for assembly minimizing the dependency upon independent contractors while recognizing the limitations of assembly priority and skills among a fighting force.
- 4. New technologies and materials must be further explored, and perhaps even developed, to take advantage of newly introduced materials such as composites and to further investigate the appropriateness of textile materials.
- 5. A zero foot print and comprehensive sustainable strategy must be developed for the manufacturing and deployment of the unit.
- 6. The unit must have the capability to be deployed andre deployed ten times.
- 7. The unit must have the capability to be deployed utilizing multimodal capabilities including air and land strategies in multiple theaters of operation.
- 8. Technology transfer and adoptive strategies must be employed to take advantage of new materials and processes including structurally insulated panels, panelized assembly, and factory assembly processes.
- 9. Cost factors must be taken into account should the unit design development process be undertaken. It is recommended that this process be guided by integrated project delivery model.
- 10. Rapid set-up and strike strategies are crucial to the success of any base deployment option.
- 11. The units must be interoperable among the armed services branches.

- 12. Site strategies and related infrastructure decisions require considerably more study especially regarding water and fuel security, communication options and sanitation issues.
- 13. Further consideration of site strategies must take into account the deployment of units and the formation of base camps in locations as diverse as rural and urban deployment zones.
- 14. Carry-in and carry-out technology to supplement base camp construction requires further exploration .
- 15. An economy of means, materials, component parts and processes must characterize any resolution of this project. This is particularly important in a rapid adaptability circumstance.
- 16. A greater investigation of fabric structures will assist environmental sheltering, assisting or restricting communication, camouflage and incoming fire deflection.
- 17. A continuing education plan for officers who would be responsible for base camp deployment should be developed (perhaps as an e-course) to provide information in the form of precedents and strategies as evolved from best practices and environmental factors. All of this with the perspective of those who have deployed base camps in combat zones.

Technology Transfer