

## **INFORMATION PAPER**

### **Evolution from PATRIOT to Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS)**

- On December 17, 2003, the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) chaired a Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) program review of the Army's plan for combined management, development, and fielding of the PATRIOT and MEADS systems.
- The Acting USD(AT&L) approved the Army's combined program plan, to include the management structure and the expansion of the Risk Reduction Effort; however, he directed the Army to modify the plan to accelerate the First Unit Equipped date in support of the cooperative development partnership. He also directed the Army to bring a combined program plan that is fully funded in the FY06 Program Objectives Memorandum to the Milestone B review.
- In addition, the Acting USD(AT&L) authorized the production of additional PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) missiles in FY04, subject to available funds.