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### Fact Sheet: Field Assistance in Science and Technology

- FAST advisors are embedded with major units to link emerging requirements with near-term solutions and provide commanders with immediate access to RDECOM's laboratories and centers.
- The FAST advisors' mission is to expedite technology solutions that are tailored to the needs of Soldiers by providing direct support to Soldiers in five combatant commands, 10 Army service component commands and major commands, three Corps (I, III, XVIII), and three combat training centers.
- FAST projects provide new, enduring capabilities that make major contributions to improving operational and training capabilities, safety on the battlefield, and cost avoidance and savings.
- FAST advisors are the last mile of RDECOM's global science and technology network, the access point that allows Soldiers and commanders to reach out to the command's workforce and partners to find technology solutions.
- FAST's goals are:
  - Demonstrate rapid solutions to Soldiers in the field.
  - Advise commanders and their general staffs.
  - Assist the command group with preparation of operational needs statements.
  - Serve as a communication link between Soldiers and the materiel development community.
  - Provide supported commands with reach back to the Army's S&T enterprise.
- Further developing and refining the role of deployable S&T support is the FAST advisor network, an integral part of RDECOM's emphasis going forward. It will work on integrating those assets with training centers, major units and combat formations to empower, unburden and protect the Soldier.
- The command's global S&T network will ensure the Army continues to field state-of-the-art solutions by leveraging emerging technologies across the globe.