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Fact Sheet: RDECOM Forward Element Commands

- The RDECOM Forward Element Commands have two missions: search for state-of-the-art science and technology for Soldiers and theater security cooperation.
- S&T search focuses on standardization and interoperability, research development, academic collaborations and S&T agreements.
- The Atlantic, Pacific and Americas RFECs follow TSC guidance from the Department of the Army and the combatant commands to ensure international cross-command cooperation in building relationships and the capabilities of our allies. The RFECs also initiate partnerships with industry, foreign military laboratories and academia.
- Primary RFEC operations are the International Technology Centers and the Field Assistance in Science and Technology advisors operating in the RFECs' geographical area of responsibility.
- RFECs integrate and synchronize military technology to regional activities of the ITCs and FAST advisors in building relationships to advance science, engineering and technical capabilities in areas relevant to RDECOM and the overall U.S. Army mission.
- ITCs promote cooperation between RDECOM and international researchers to advance science, engineering and technical capabilities in areas relevant to the overall U.S. Army mission. The ITCs' goal is to identify emerging technology (basic research) by supporting cooperative development initiatives and identifying innovative foreign technology solutions. Specifically, ITCs are engaged in:
 - Supporting technology discovery/transfer
 - Discovering foreign alternatives
 - Assisting with armaments cooperation issues
 - Assisting in technology assessments
 - Responding to requests for information on foreign technologies, companies and academic institutions