



# AI TECHNOLOGY IMPACT FORUM

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# Marine Corps AI Strategy

The Marine Corps Artificial Intelligence (AI) strategy is a milestone in the Service's digital modernization effort.

AI provides a framework to support better and faster decision making, reducing minutes to seconds across a myriad of functions.

On the digital battlefield, from receipt of mission to the execution of tactical tasks, AI is an enabler for faster decision making and success.

***"Our fight for and with information needs AI now."***



M. G. Glavy

Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Deputy Commandant for Information

Spending on  
**Digital  
Transformation**  
reached a staggering  
\$1.6 trillion in 2022  
and is projected to  
reach \$3.4 trillion in  
2026.



# DMM As the Path to Exceeding the PRC's Materiel Pace

DMM is the disruptive enabler we need to accelerate capability delivery through a fully empowered digital workforce equipped to deliver integrated, innovative, and trusted capability across the lifecycle, with unprecedented industry and government collaboration. AFMC will achieve this vision through the execution of six key initiatives:



## **Instill a Digital-First Culture**

AFMC will make a cultural shift to collaboration versus review, as DMM capabilities provide real-time interaction between government and industry.



## **Develop Digital Strategies**

AFMC will ensure programs and organizations share a common vision of applying digital-first strategies to their work across all functional disciplines.



## **Structure and Secure Our Data**

AFMC will deploy data standards, formats, and reference architectures for MAJCOM lifecycle use.



## **Provide Access to DMM Tools**

AFMC will use and provide access to PLM tools, system and process modeling tools, design tools, and analytics tools across all functional disciplines.



## **Train Our Digital Workforce**

AFMC will train the workforce to use and understand the power of DMM tools.



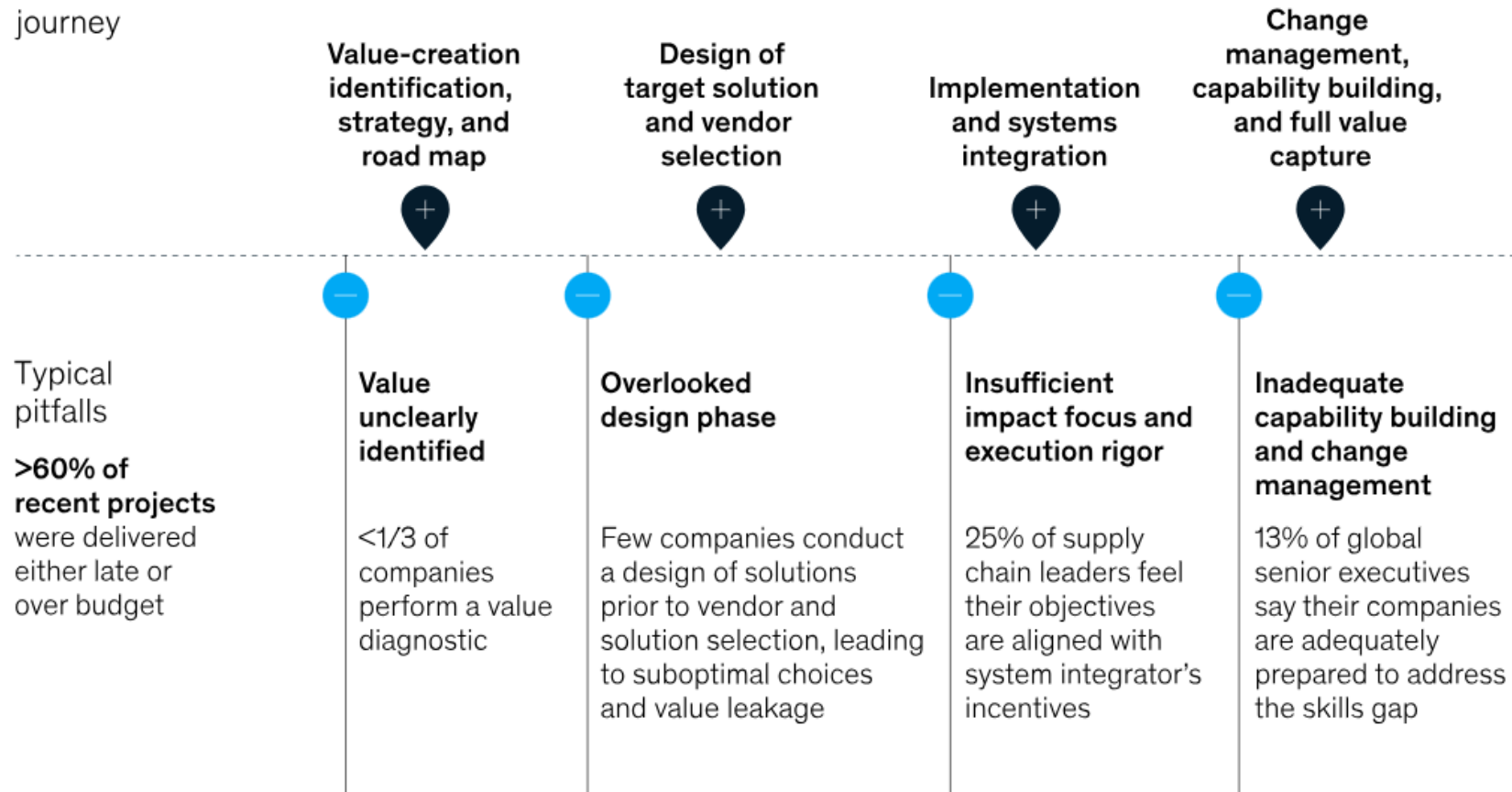
## **Modernize IT Infrastructure**

AFMC will upgrade IT infrastructure (characterized by speed, agility, connectivity, and accessibility) to set the foundation for DMM progress across the MAJCOM.

**These six initiatives are required to realize DMM. Implementation requires resourcing and dedication to change from the status quo. Execution will yield acceleration.**

## Companies face common pitfalls along their planning transformation journey, leading to more than 60 percent of projects being late or over budget.

Areas of an AI driven supply-chain transformation journey

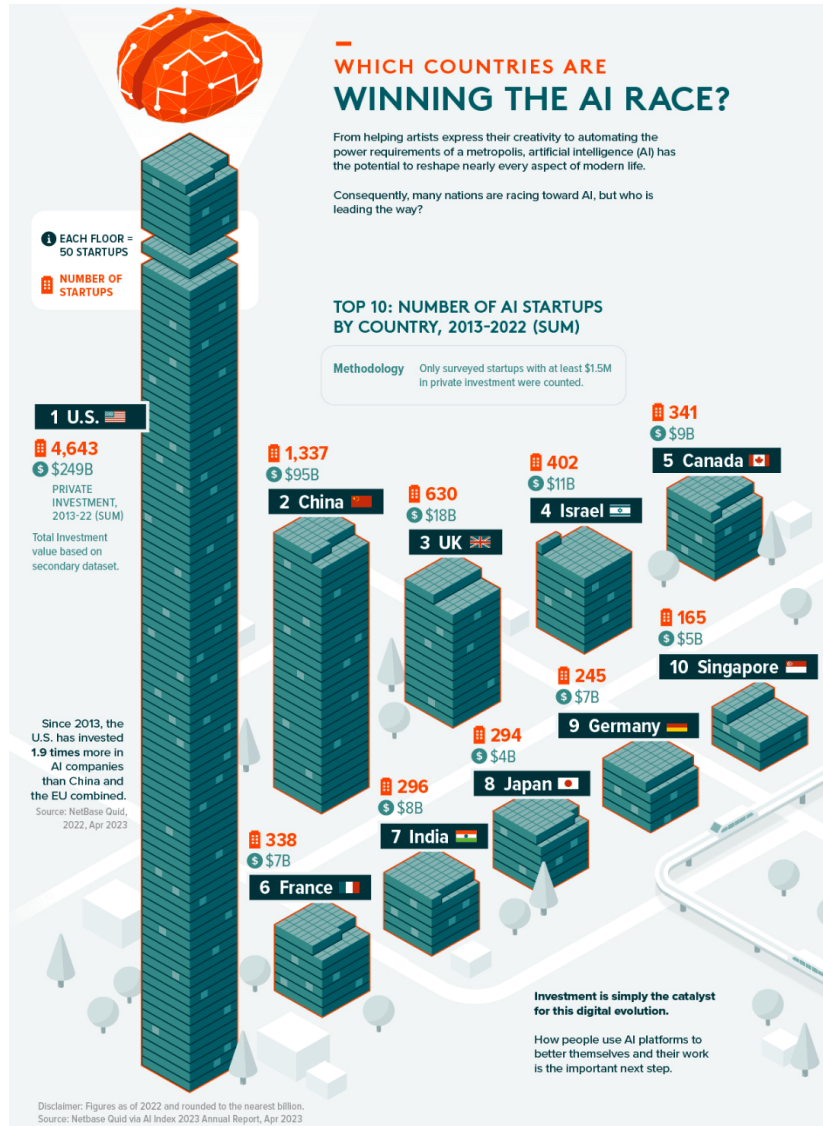


Source: McKinsey survey of global supply-chain leaders (December 4–18, 2020, n = 52)





# Winning the AI Race



- Today the People's Republic of China (PRC) is outpacing the United States (U.S.) in fielding warfighting capability.
- The U.S. averages sixteen years to deliver a major weapons system.
- The PRC delivers systems in approximately seven years.
- That's nine years of the PRC being in the game before the U.S. even takes the field.
- This disparity in integrated capability delivery timelines must change—or the U.S. will lose.

# DoD AI Hierarchy of Needs

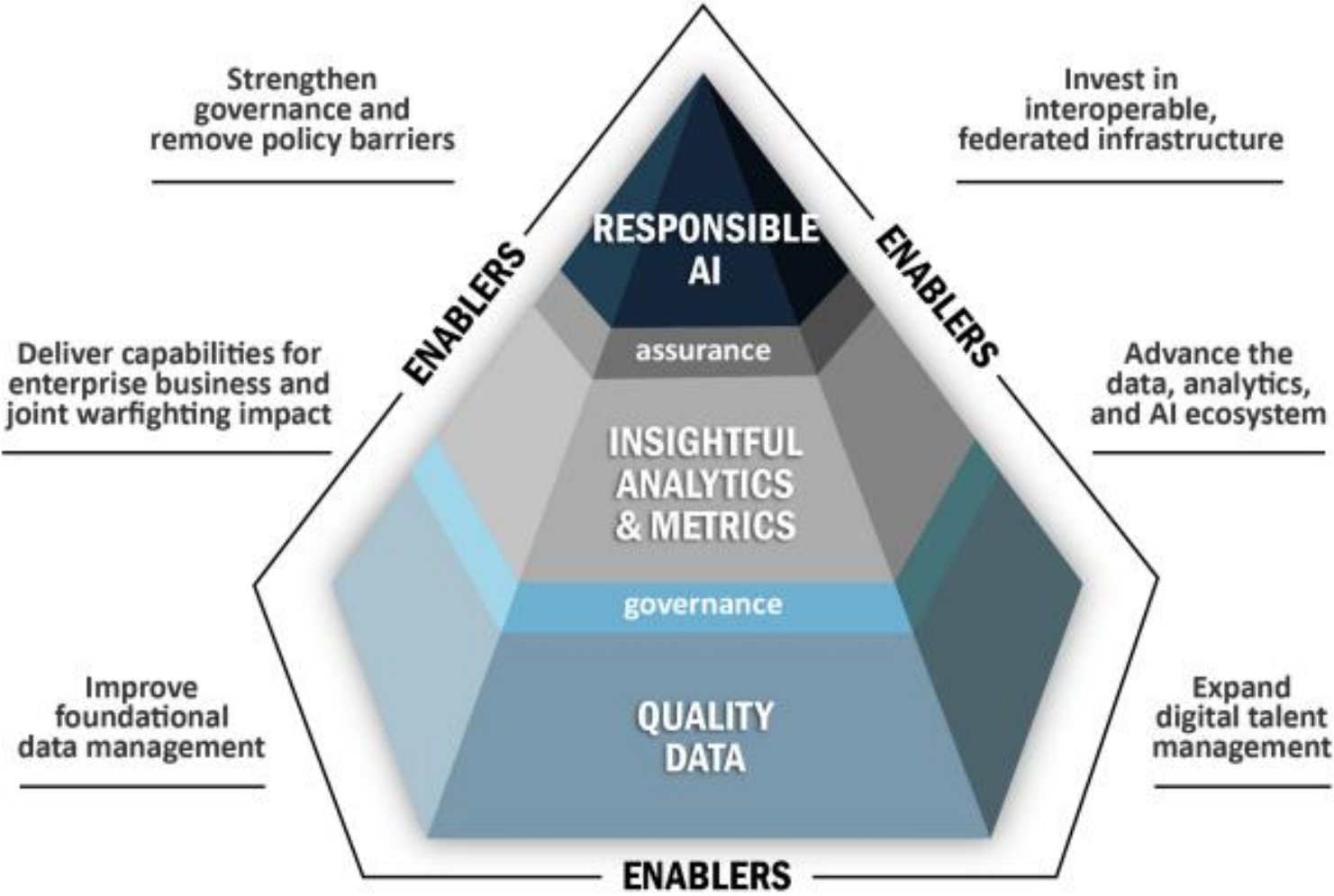


Figure 2: Strategic Goals and the AI Hierarchy of Needs



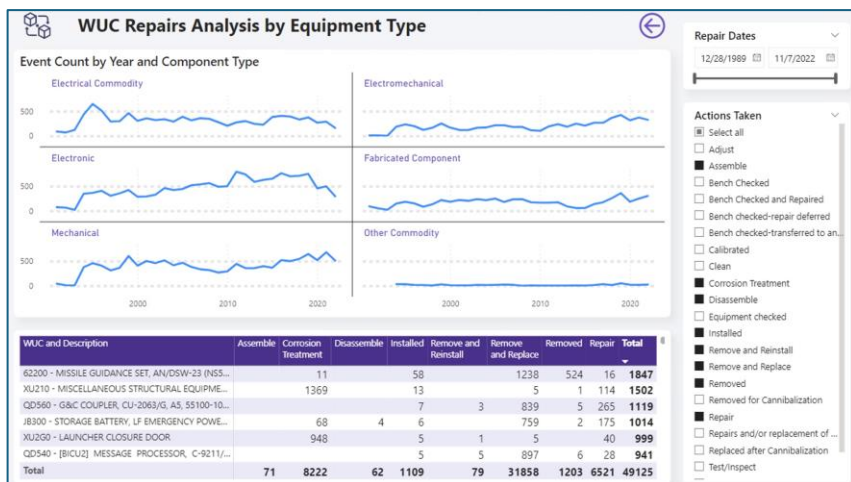
# Role of Artificial Intelligence in Logistics

1. Enhance customer experience
2. Automate routine tasks
3. Accelerate data analysis
4. Process and filter large amounts of data
5. Automate and optimize logistics and maintenance processes

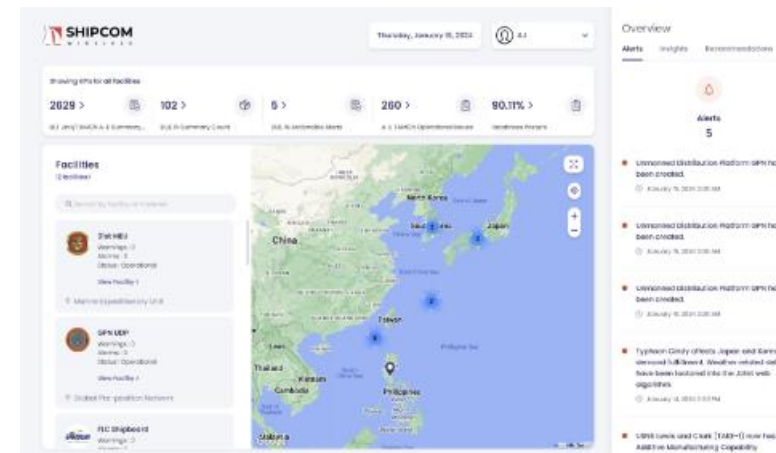


# Leveraging AI for Contested Logistics

## Forecasting Demand to Inform Allocation



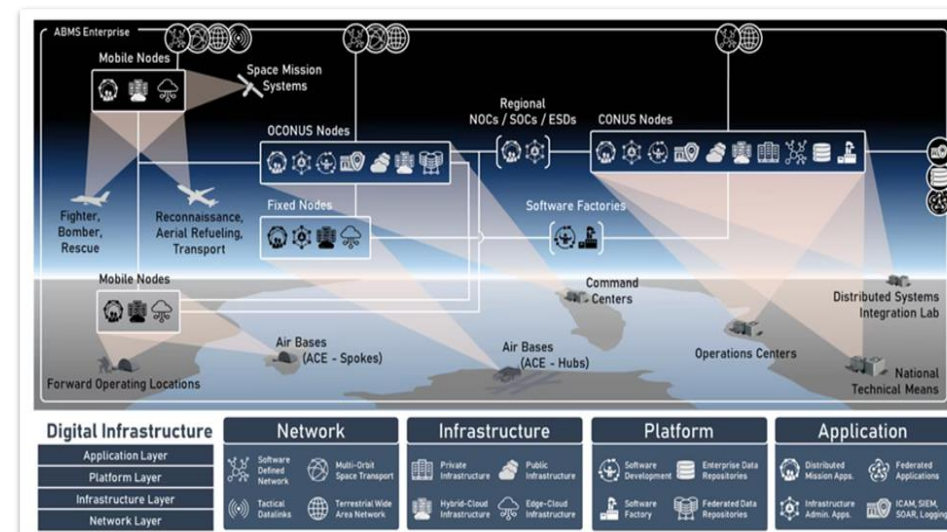
## Automate and Adapt Route Planning



## Minimize Disruptions to the Defense Supply Chain










## Joint Force Collaboration





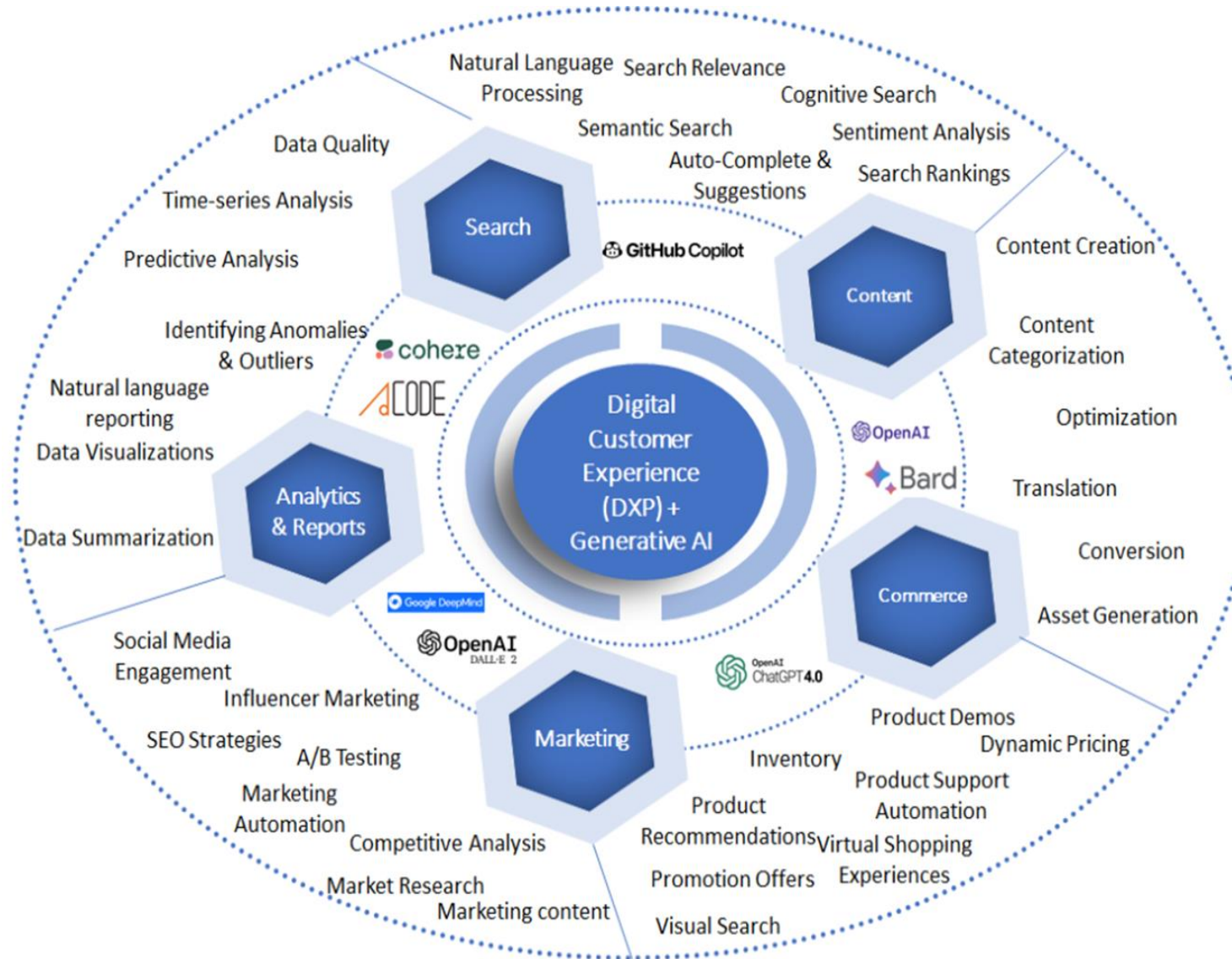


# Cultivating an AI Ready Workforce

	Archetype	Description	Concentration	Role Explanation
	Lead AI	Decides policy and doctrine, including how AI tools can or will be used; builds AI vision and plan	Policy	• Creates overarching guidance on DOD AI use
			Command	• Ensures AI policy carried out by personnel they lead
			Agency/Function Lead	• Ensures AI policy carried out in non-combat agencies
	Drive AI	Ensures appropriate AI tools and capabilities are developed and delivered across DOD	Acquisitions Manager	• Supports technology/capabilities through total life cycle
			Capability Manager	• Evaluates and develops force structure resources and reqs
			Technical Manager	• Defines the tech strategy across a project portfolio
	Create AI	Creates AI tools to meet current and future needs	Product Manager	• Ensures the creation of AI-enabled tools, from start to finish
			AI Researcher	• Pushes DoD AI capability by preparing for future use cases
			AI/ML Engineer	• Builds, tests, codes, integrates, and delivers AI tools
			Testing & Evaluation Engineer	• Evaluates system capabilities, limitations, operational risks
			Data Scientist	• Applies AI tools to perform analytics and create solutions
			Deployment Engineer	• Manages integration, deployment, and operation of AI systems
	Embed AI	Embedded with Employ AI, establishes AI systems and provides end-user support at tactical edge	Technician	• Deploys, maintains, adapts, and collects data for AI/ML systems at the tactical edge
	Facilitate AI	Represents users to ensure appropriate AI tools are developed and delivered to address use cases	Product Owner	• Provides voice of customer; turns product vision into backlog
			UI/UX	• Designs AI tool interface for usability and accessibility
			Other Technical Experts	• Delivers discrete elements of system not specific to AI
	Employ AI	End-users of AI tools, provide feedback on and requirements for AI tools	Operations	• Prepares for and delivers operational requirements
			Intelligence	• Gathers and analyzes info to support decision-making
			Logistics & Maintenance	• Enables troop / gear movement, maintain equipment
			Health	• Maintains health and wellbeing of the Warfighter
			Support	• Supports the Warfighter in non-combat requirements

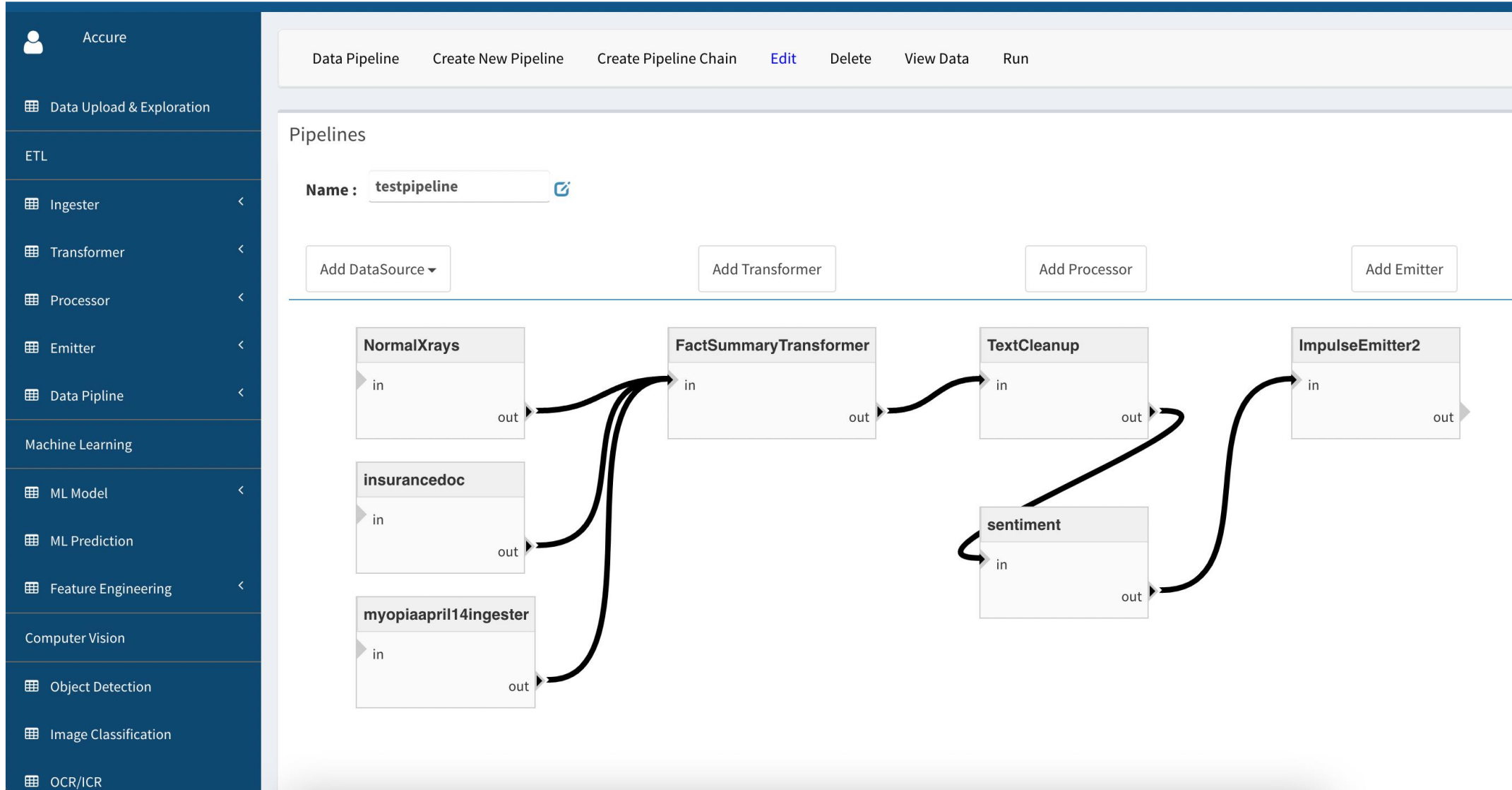


# Future Evolution of Generative AI for Digital Customer Experience Platforms



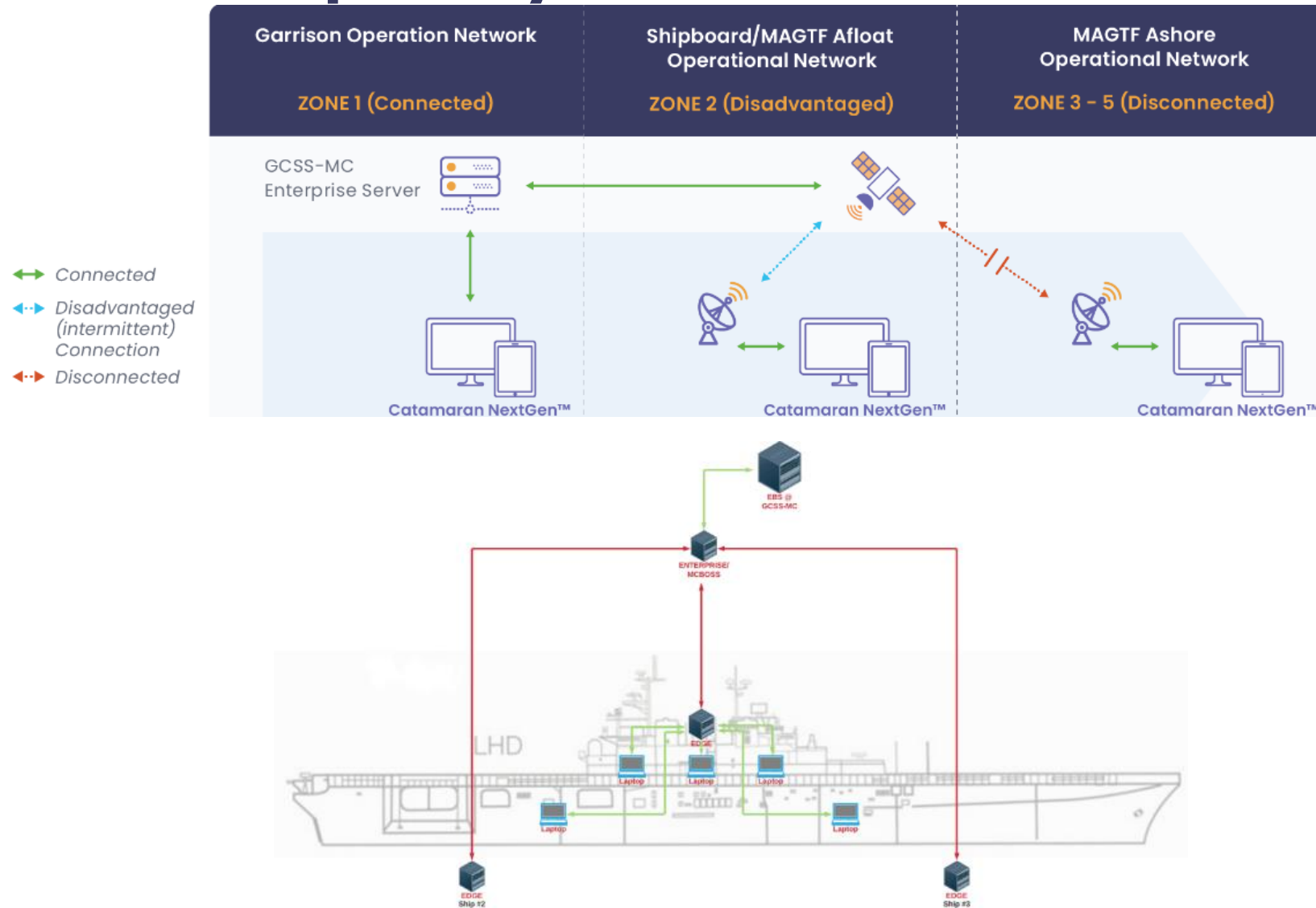


# Shipcom AI – Democratizing Development

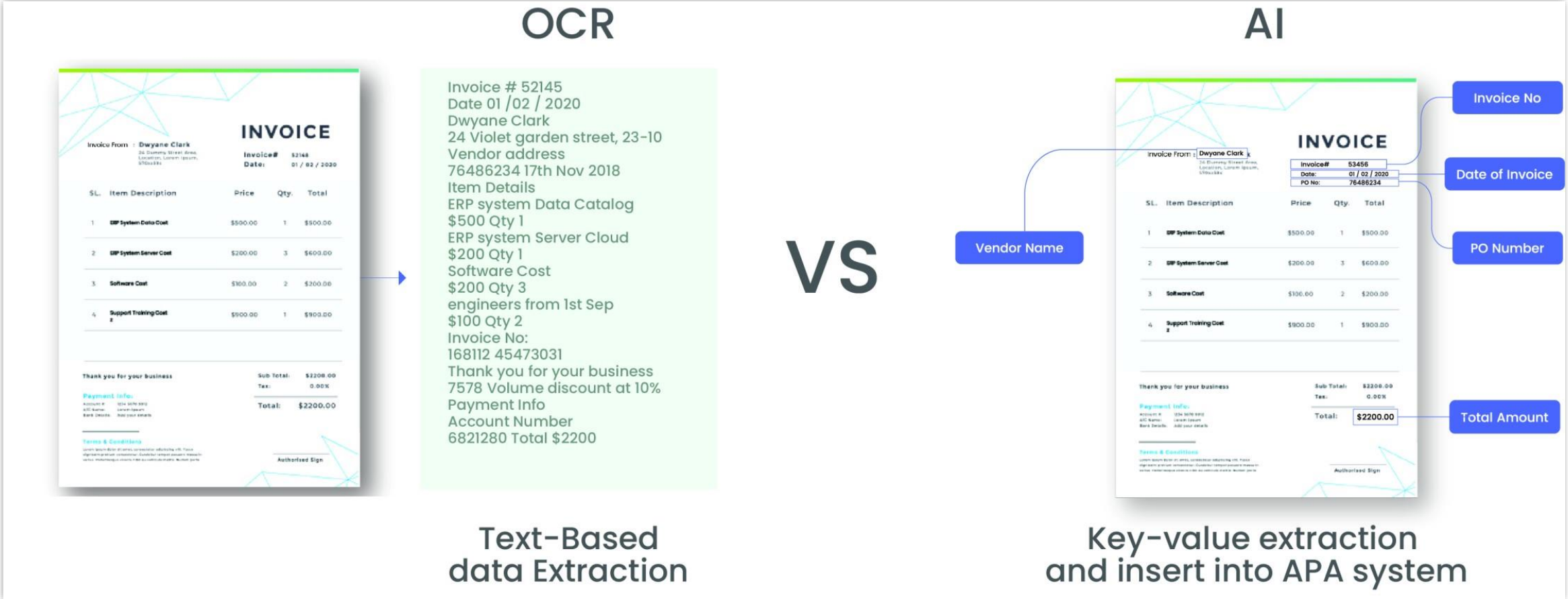




# US Marine Corps – Maintenance and Supply Operational Capability in DDIL Environments



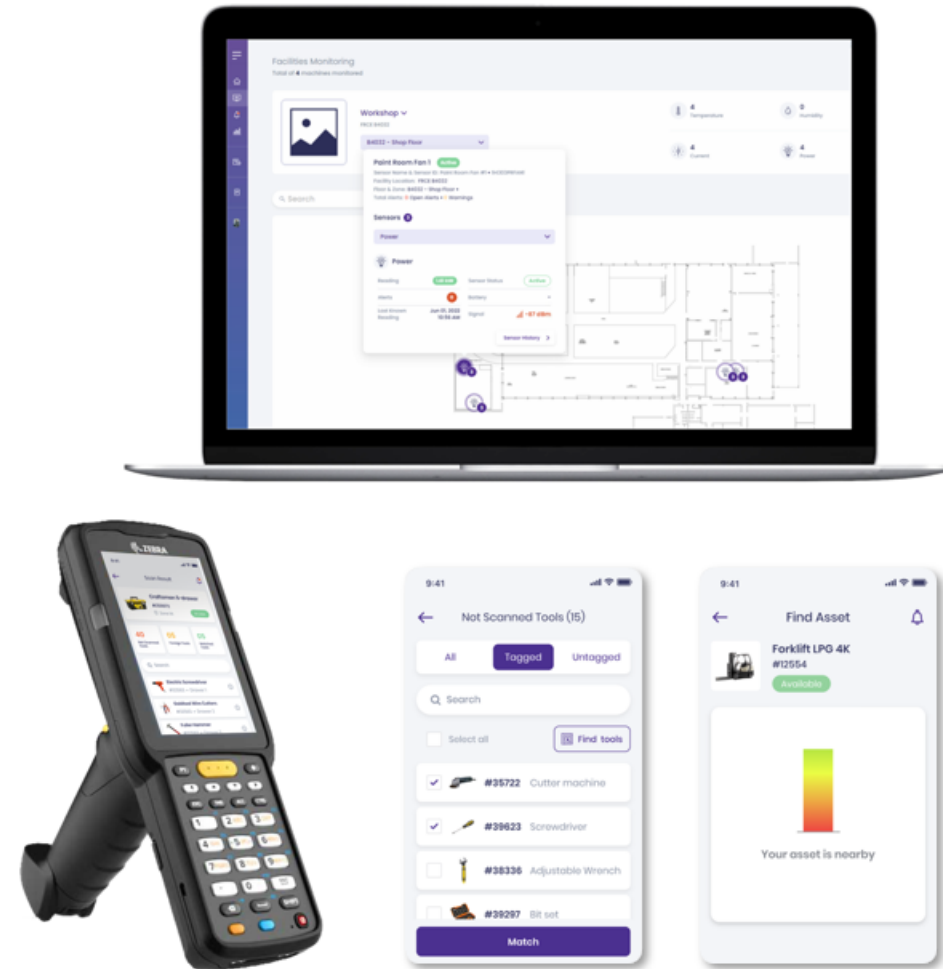
# Using AI/Computer Vision module for Contract Reconciliation



# US Navy Fleet Readiness Center – Digital Track and Trace

## Digital Tracking – ROI

- **Improved Inventory Accuracy and Management:** Reduces manual errors and provides real-time visibility into inventory levels.
- **Enhanced Operational Efficiency:** Streamlines processes, reduces the time spent on manual checks, and allows for quicker locating and managing of assets.
- **Reduced Loss and Misplaced Assets:** Identify and locate missing items. This reduces the costs associated with asset loss, shrinkage, and theft.
- **Labor and Resources:** Cut down on time taken related to perform manual tracking and inventory management.
- **Better Data and Decision Making:** Data can be analyzed to optimize asset usage, maintenance schedules, and overall operational strategies, leading to more informed decision-making and improved business outcomes.
- **Asset Reconciliation:** Identify unused or underutilized assets during commissioning process
- **Magnified Compliance Visibility:** Digitized compliance processes will help automate and improve compliance enforcement



*Tracking and Maintenance*

