

ACQUISITION BOOKMARKS

**PAC-3
MEADS**

**PEO
Missiles and Space**

MISSION
Provide defense of critical asset and maneuver forces to the corps and to echelons above corps against aircraft, cruise missiles, and tactical ballistic missiles (TBMs).

DESCRIPTION
MEADS is a next-generation PAC-3 program. The combat element of the PATRIOT missile system is the fire unit. The PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) upgrade program incorporates significant upgrades and adds the new PAC-3 missile, which uses hit-to-kill technology for greater lethality against TBMs armed with weapons of mass destruction. The system also is capable of countering advanced cruise missiles and aircraft threats.

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All weapon system programs, regardless of acquisition category, shall comply with Environment, Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) requirements throughout their life cycle. The Army spends approximately \$1.5B per year on environmental quality (EQ) management. Approximately 75% of Army environmental costs and liability at installations come from operation and sustainment (O&S) of fielded systems. Integration of EQ considerations into the acquisition process and system design will reduce that cost and liability to Army installations and commanders.

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