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## ***Center for the Advancement of Sustainability Innovations (CASI)***

### **Sustainable Contingency Operations:**

The U.S. military conducts contingency operations, including providing humanitarian assistance, logistics operations, and stability and reconstruction operations. Sustainability has become an increasingly important concept in contingency operations. Sustainable operations are a force multiplier through increased operational efficiencies, reduced logistical burdens, and reduced costs; as well as the promoting of Soldier, Civilian, and host nation population's well being through the avoidance of health hazards and post-event liabilities; and the effective enhancement of the military's relationship to host communities. The Army has adopted an environmental sustainability strategy that considers the interdependence of mission, environment and community to ensure the current and future generations of Soldiers have the capabilities to accomplish their missions. Sponsored by the Army Environmental Policy Institute (AEPI), the Engineer Research Development Center – Construction Engineering Research Lab (ERDC-CERL) is developing a short, mid, and long term strategy, structured along a timeline, for sustainable full spectrum operations and the roadmap to visualize such a sustainable strategy for the U.S. Army. The ultimate goal is to develop a roadmap tying different initiatives into coherent policy guidance across the board to better utilize limited resources available through the S&T process, and to identify other DOTMLPF issues to the applicable Army organization for their consideration, as appropriate.

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