

commercial firms, to create new relationships, and to promote better business practices will help:

1. Increase technological sophistication. The DoD and firms that currently perform defense programs will benefit from technology in the commercial marketplace that often is more advanced than what is available in the defense-specific sector.
2. Reduce DoD's life-cycle costs for buying, operating, and maintaining weapon and support systems. The intent is that the DoD and firms that currently perform defense programs will be able to take advantage of the economies of scale of the commercial marketplace, which has a much larger volume of business for many high-technology products and processes than the Federal Government's share alone.