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## Fleet Readiness Enterprise – Providing Forces Ready-for-Tasking

*"The Fleet Readiness Enterprise facilitates needed collaboration and has been effective in informing decisions which commanders must make regarding fleet operations and the readiness of maritime forces for global assignment."*  
– Vice Adm. Mel Williams Jr., Commander U.S. Second Fleet

The Fleet Readiness Enterprise (FRE) is an ongoing effort to improve the Navy’s financial, training, maintenance and operational policies to deliver maritime forces ready for tasking.

### Breaking Through Boundaries

- The FRE directs collaborative decision-making processes that maximize the Navy’s warfighting capabilities. It is led by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- The FRE integrates the activities of five Warfare Enterprises, the Fleet Training Domain and Providers.
  - The Warfare Enterprises include Naval Aviation, Surface Warfare, Undersea, Naval NETWAR/FORCEnet and Naval Expeditionary Combat.
  - Training domains train and certify forces to meet combatant commander demands. The Training Domain is led by Commanders, U.S. 2nd Fleet and U.S. 3rd Fleet.
  - Providers own the processes and infrastructure that support the development of ready forces. The Provider organizations include: Navy Total Force, Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Facilities Command, Naval Supply Command, Office of Naval Research, Naval Installations Command, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command and Bureau of Naval Medicine.

### Achieving Readiness at a Reduced Cost

To address the growing demand for naval forces, the FRE is working to improve decision making processes and the agility to generate better decisions in less time.

- The FRE enables collaboration among Providers and Warfare Enterprises to ensure the correct flow of resources to train Sailors and build and maintain ships, submarines and planes.
- The FRE integrates training, identifies risks and prioritizes resource decisions.
- The FRE develops financial management policies and practices that put our budget to best use and ensure maximum operational availability of our forces.
- The number one priority of the FRE is providing Combatant Commanders forces ready for tasking. The FRE, Warfare Enterprises and Providers work together to improve operational efficiencies to deliver the right warfighting capabilities at best cost, today and in the future.

### Key Messages

- The FRE focuses on being good stewards of the resources entrusted to the Navy by the American people.
- The FRE responds to the Combatant Commanders to deliver the capability needed at an optimal cost.
- The FRE develops short- and long-term strategies to address risks to readiness and warfighting capabilities.

### Facts & Figures

- The Fleet is transitioning from unit readiness to capability-based readiness.
- Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Warfare Enterprises and select Providers meet monthly to assess risks to readiness production and make decisions to optimize resources.
- The Fleet maintenance board implemented a nine-step process to optimize ship maintenance periods.