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## **Cruise Missile Penaid Nonproliferation: New Measures to Dissuade WMD Proliferation and Reinforce Deterrence**

Performer: RAND

Principal Investigators: K. Scott McMahon & Richard Speier

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### **Objective:**

While the United States has invested resources to develop missile defenses, complementary nonproliferation measures to hinder the spread of complex cruise missile penetration technology are lacking. New measures are necessary to restrict the proliferation of penetrations aids (penaids) to ensure that cruise missiles remain viable delivery systems and discourage WMD proliferation.

To control the threat, the project will define and prioritize which penaid technologies and equipment, if proliferated, would constitute the emerging threat to American cruise missiles. RAND will identify penaids, penaid dispersal systems, penaid test systems, as well as their key technologies. The research builds on previous RAND-sponsored work on new measures to restrict the spread of penaids in ballistic missiles.

### **Approach:**

RAND will conduct a literature review and structured interviews to inform project findings. The briefings and final report will advise U.S. policymakers which penaid technologies are of greatest concern and inform potential policies to restrict and identify coverage possibilities in the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).