



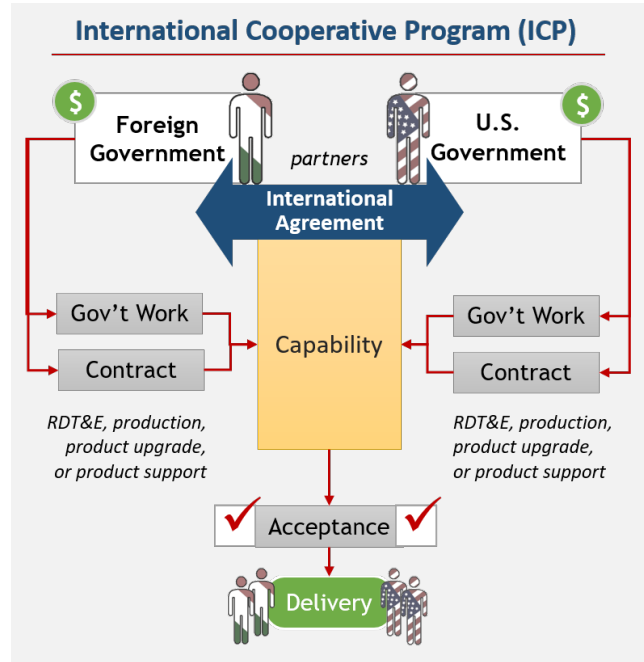
## International Cooperative Programs (ICPs)

An International Cooperative Program (ICP) is any acquisition program or technology project that includes participation by DoD on behalf of the U.S. Government and foreign nations or international organizations, through an international agreement, during any phase of a system's life cycle.

ICPs are jointly funded, managed, and executed by U.S. and partner nation(s) on either a bilateral or multilateral basis as described in the international agreement. The risks and benefits are shared equitably.

The results from the IA&E Assessment's Cooperative Opportunities section should be used to establish the foundation for a program's cooperative opportunities engagement and identification efforts. The Acquisition Strategy should be used to provide context to the evaluation of potential ICP efforts with allied/friendly nations or international organizations. Key activities in the ICP process include:

- Identification and Assessment of ICP Opportunities by DoD Component Program Management Offices (PMOs) and International Program Organizations
- Conducting ICP Exploratory Discussions with allied/friendly nations or international organizations
- Initiating and successfully completing the OUSD(A&S) International Agreements Process
- Executing the ICP in accordance with signed international agreements



### Benefits of ICPs

IA&E Benefits	Specific ICP Advantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve coalition interoperability</li> <li>• Achieve acquisition economies of scale</li> <li>• Maintain a viable production base</li> <li>• Share production line non-recurring costs</li> <li>• Enhanced political-military relationships</li> <li>• Enhanced global competitiveness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved defense exportability integration early in the program</li> <li>• Mutual and equitable sharing of effort, cost, and risk in all acquisition life cycle phases</li> <li>• Equitable sharing of the resulting acquisition program benefits</li> <li>• Access to/use of leading-edge foreign technology and industrial capabilities throughout the life cycle</li> <li>• Enhanced overall affordability of the system throughout the life cycle</li> <li>• Enhanced political-military relationships resulting from long term acquisition partnership arrangements</li> </ul>

