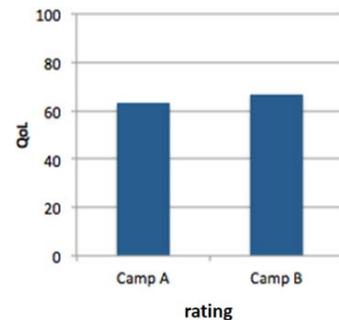
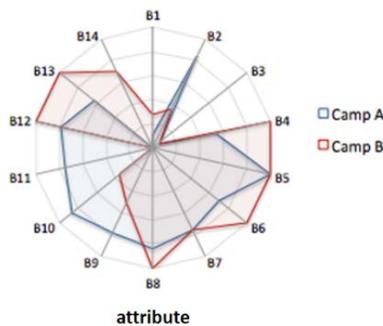


JOINT COMMITTEE ON TACTICAL SHELTERS (JOCOTAS) PATH FORWARD BRIEFING PRESENTED AT SPRING 2015 MEETING. JOCOTAS historically was focused on shelter standardization as a method to improve interoperability, reduce acquisition cost and enable effective sustainment. The committee was managed by a DOD level Chairman from Land Warfare in accordance with a 1999 DOD approved charter. In a follow on action JOCOTAS was also established as the DOD Shelter and Shelter Accessories, Joint Standardization Board (JSB) in 2006. Since that time the view of shelters changed from empty boxes to be integrated by others into a key building block for contingency basing. As a result the lead Service members became increasingly involved with many non-shelter basing systems and a consensus was formed that JOCOTAS needed to expand. It was formalized by a tasking from the Contingency Basing Executive Council in 2014 leading to an agreement within the community to expand into energy, water and waste management. At the spring 2015 meeting the JOCOTAS Executive Secretary provided a vision for expeditionary base camps that are easy to set up, operationally effective, performance focused, retrievable and resettable. Key foundational building blocks for the path forward include the DOD Modernization Strategy, DOD Operational Energy Strategy, the Army Campaign Plan, Army Force 2025 and Marine Corps Expeditionary Force 2021. Key components in these plans are the need to reduce deployment and logistical burdens, energy demand and, sustainment requirements. All of the Services have programs that are focused on these areas and have active ongoing test and evaluation projects. Integrated with the leadership guidance and Service evaluation efforts is a

quantitative and qualitative knowledge of basing Quality of Life (QoL) elements and Warfighter mission performance. Natick Soldier RDEC has a lead role in this area and is capturing real world data through Warfighter interviews and evaluations, establishing scales of measure and



building performance models that will be validated through follow on field assessments. Data is being captured on seven primary functional capabilities of basecamps with underlying attributes. These are being rated and further analyzed for sensitivity and importance. To date 1200 warfighters at five locations have participated. PAO # of briefing is: U15-279