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# CHAPTER 1.

## PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR ACTION

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

On December 16, 2002, National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD)-23 (Bush 2002) directed the Department of Defense (DoD) to establish a capability to protect the United States (U.S.) homeland, forces, and its allies from ballistic missile attacks starting in 2004.

The ballistic missile defense program develops the capability to defend territories and forces of the U.S. and its allies against all classes and ranges of ballistic missile threats. To protect the territory of Guam and the U.S. forces on Guam from such threats, an Army Air and Missile Defense Task Force (AMDTF) is proposed.

### 1.2 PURPOSE AND NEED

The overarching purpose of and need for the proposed actions, including the AMDTF, is outlined in Volume 1, Section 1.3.1. With regard to the specific proposed action in Volume 5, the purpose is to develop land-based terminal defense and to develop infrastructure and facilities that support the presence and operation of an AMDTF land based air defense capability on Guam.

A significant number of countries have ballistic missile capabilities and others are working to establish these missile systems. Such systems can deliver conventional, nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons. The range of the defensive ballistic missiles dictates their location must be in the proximity of the protected assets. The need for the proposed action is to protect the territory of Guam, its citizens, and U.S. forces on Guam from the threat of harm from ballistic missile attacks from other countries and enemies of the U.S.

### 1.3 DECISIONS TO BE MADE

Siting and construction of associated facilities to support training and operations for the Army AMDTF on Guam.

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