

Scale	Requirements Readiness Level (RRL): Aligned to validated, funded requirement?	OE-I Critical Activities
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology meets Funded JCIDS or Service validated requirement; CNS (for Software Acquisition pathway); technology addresses validated eKPP or related JPR, KPP, KSA from Capability Development Document (CDD), Enterprise Capability Document (ECD), or Service equivalent.	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology meets Unfunded JCIDS or Service validated requirement; technology addresses validated eKPP or related JPR, KPP, KSA from Capability Development Document (CDD), Enterprise Capability Document (ECD), or Service equivalent (ref unfunded requirement (UFR) lists).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Verify and document project meets a JCIDS validated Requirement or service/OSD policy goal
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology meets Pre-validated (i.e., draft) JCIDS or Service requirement; technology addresses eKPP or related JPR, KPP, KSA from Capability Development Document (CDD), Enterprise Capability Document (ECD), or Service equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Validate need for a materiel/non-materiel approach to meet an OSD, Joint, Combatant Command, and/or Service defined capability need or service/OSD policy goal
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology meets the needs expressed in the Chairman's Risk Assessment or similar Joint Capability Development assessment or study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Validate the project's initial capabilities align to concepts of operation (CONOPS) to meet (1) an OSD, Joint, Combatant Command, and/or Service defined capability need with documented buy-in from service or CCMD staff at GO/FO level (Example: IPL or Capability Development Document (CDD)) and/or (2) a documented service/OSD policy goal
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology meets the needs expressed in Combatant Command Integrated Priority List (IPL) or similar statement of support from one or more combatant commanders (memo, public statements, etc.).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Validate the project's initial capabilities align to concepts of operation (CONOPS) to meet needs for (1) an OSD, Joint, Combatant Command, and/or Service defined capability with documented buy-in from service or CCMD staff at working level (Example: an Initial Capabilities Document) and/or (2) a documented Service/OSD policy goal
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology meets the needs expressed in formal DoD or Services strategies for capability development, budgeting, or concepts of operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct research that connects the project's basic technologies to concepts of operation (CONOPS) for (1) a defined capability need mission and/or (2) a documented Service/OSD policy goal
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology aligns to Joint Concept of Operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct research that connects the project's basic technologies to concepts of operation (CONOPS) for a mission and/or OSD/Service policy goal
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology aligns to Joint or Service need expressed in lessons learned or warfighter feedback from experimentation, exercises, or operations (e.g., JLLIS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct research in support of studies that connect basic technologies to combatant command, OSD, Joint or Service needs
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technology aligns with a general Joint or Service need expressed in studies or analysis. Or an informal, promising "idea" or "user story" relayed by "boots on the ground" (i.e., Lessons Learned, Field Reports, informal warfighter feedback, etc.).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct initial research in support of studies that connect basic technologies to DoD-related needs