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Abstract

Informed decision making with multiple stakeholders is a complicated act. Each stakeholder must balance his focused interests with the need to collaborate, cooperate, synchronize, or otherwise engage with the activities of other stakeholders who are simultaneously attempting the same balancing act. Making an informed decision in this type of environment requires an awareness of all stakeholders' viewpoints. The Electronic Decision Enhancement Leverager plus Integrator (E-DEL+I™, ©, provisional patents, RAND, 2001) is an analytic research capability that can be used to integrate diverse viewpoints on complex issues such as those that involve many stakeholders and multiple critical dimensions. The dimensions may include diverse areas such as technical, political, military, cost, return on investment, legal, or other aspects. Often in-depth knowledge such as technical expertise and understanding of military operations/doctrine/policy must be blended to arrive at a balanced solution acceptable to all stakeholders. E-DEL+I is especially effective when analytic data must be derived from information that resides in the collective knowledge base of many individuals and organizations. E-DEL+I is applicable to such situations because it is a structured *analytic* technique designed to support consensus building for solution generation, conflict resolution, and strategic definition of next steps.