

Army Spells Out Long-Term Plan for Equipping Force after Drawdowns

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ne of the tasks now facing the Army is getting "the right equipment, to the right units, on the right installations, at the absolute least possible cost," wrote the Army's vice chief of staff.

Gen. John F. Campbell signed off, June 20, on a "roadmap" for accomplishing just that. The new guidance is called the "Army Equipping Guidance 2013 through 2016."

The challenge, Campbell said, is that "we are experiencing turbulent times as we work through major force structure and stationing changes, with potentially more to follow, while deploying and redeploying units into combat."

Other challenges, he said, include the furlough of

the civilian workforce, less money due to sequestration, and the un-forecasted budgetary requirements of overseas contingency operations.

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