



The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress

Andrew Feickert

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress

Andrew Feickert

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress Andrew Feickert

In April 2009, Secretary of Defense Gates announced that he intended to significantly restructure the Army's Future Combat System (FCS) program. The FCS was a multiyear, multibillion dollar program that had been underway since 2000 and was at the heart of the Army's transformation efforts. In lieu of the cancelled FCS Manned Ground Vehicle (MGV), the Army was directed to develop a Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) that would be relevant across the entire spectrum of Army operations and would incorporate combat lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan. As part of the FCS program, the Army had been "spinning out" selected FCS technologies to brigade combat teams (BCTs) that were deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. Secretary Gates's April 2009 restructuring decision included provisions to continue these efforts, and the Army decided that initially these technologies would be provided to Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (IBCTs); the Army designated this effort as the Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) program.

The Army reissued a request for proposal (RFP) for the GCV on November 30, 2010, and plans to begin fielding the GCV by 2015-2017. The first E-IBCT capabilities package (Increment One), consisting of an unmanned aerial and ground vehicle, unattended sensors, and a network integration kit, was tested in September 2009 and demonstrated poor performance and reliability. Because of the test results, Increment One was judged not ready to field and the Army was required to repeat the limited users test in September 2010. On February 3, 2011, the Department of Defense (DOD) cancelled the E-IBCT program but permitted the limited development of two of its systems—the Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle (SUGV) and the Network Integration Kit (NIK).

The FY2012 budget request for the GCV is \$884.37 million for Research, Development, and Technology (RDT&E), reflecting a seven-month delay in the program. The FY2012 E-IBCT budget request is for \$243 million for Procurement and \$506 million for RDT&E. The House and Senate Armed Services Committees recommended full funding for the GCV program, contingent on the Army meeting a number of provisions. The House Armed Services Committee also recommended fully funding E-IBCT procurement, but it is not clear if all E-IBCT RDT&E efforts will be funded because surviving E-IBCT RDT&E efforts have been placed under other Army programs. The Senate Armed Services Committee recommended cutting \$192.3 million from the E-IBCT budget request.

There are potential issues for Congress. Some believe that based on (1) beliefs that fewer armored forces might be required in the future and (2) the Army's poor acquisition track record, there is not a compelling need to develop and acquire the GCV in seven years. Some critics contend that the Army has not yet adequately established a requirement for the GCV, and others question the need to have all nine soldiers of an infantry squad to be transported in a single GCV. Another concern is that the NIK, which has fared poorly in testing and has received a variety of criticisms from the soldiers that have used it in testing, might not be a viable option for the future. Although Army leaders have indicated that the current NIK will only serve as an interim step to a more enhanced version of the NIK, it can be argued that using the NIK as a basis for future versions is "building on failure." Reports suggesting that alternatives to the NIK are being developed by various companies might provide the Army with other options if the NIK continues to be both costly and

unreliable. This report will be updated.

 [Download The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle \(GCV\) and Early Infant ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle \(GCV\) and Early Infa ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress Andrew Feickert

Download and Read Free Online The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress Andrew Feickert

From reader reviews:

Peggy Witzel:

The book *The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress* can give more knowledge and information about everything you want. So just why must we leave the good thing like a book *The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress*? Some of you have a different opinion about reserve. But one aim this book can give many info for us. It is absolutely correct. Right now, try to closer together with your book. Knowledge or information that you take for that, you could give for each other; you are able to share all of these. Book *The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress* has simple shape nevertheless, you know: it has great and big function for you. You can appear the enormous world by open up and read a e-book. So it is very wonderful.

Lisa Potter:

Are you kind of busy person, only have 10 as well as 15 minute in your day time to upgrading your mind talent or thinking skill even analytical thinking? Then you are having problem with the book when compared with can satisfy your short space of time to read it because all of this time you only find guide that need more time to be learn. *The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress* can be your answer given it can be read by you actually who have those short spare time problems.

Evelyn Wiley:

As we know that book is significant thing to add our knowledge for everything. By a book we can know everything we would like. A book is a list of written, printed, illustrated or even blank sheet. Every year has been exactly added. This guide *The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress* was filled in relation to science. Spend your extra time to add your knowledge about your technology competence. Some people has distinct feel when they reading any book. If you know how big selling point of a book, you can sense enjoy to read a reserve. In the modern era like right now, many ways to get book that you simply wanted.

Wm Dunlap:

Reading a book make you to get more knowledge as a result. You can take knowledge and information from a book. Book is published or printed or illustrated from each source that will filled update of news. In this modern era like today, many ways to get information are available for you. From media social like newspaper, magazines, science book, encyclopedia, reference book, book and comic. You can add your understanding by that book. Ready to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just in search of the *The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs:*

Background and Issues for Congress when you necessary it?

Download and Read Online The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress Andrew Feickert #8VHDA4SG0YE

Read The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert for online ebook

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert Free PDF download, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert books to read online.

Online The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert ebook PDF download

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert Doc

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert Mobipocket

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert EPub

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert Ebook online

The Army's Ground Combat Vehicle (GCV) and Early Infantry Brigade Combat Team (E-IBCT) Programs: Background and Issues for Congress by Andrew Feickert Ebook PDF