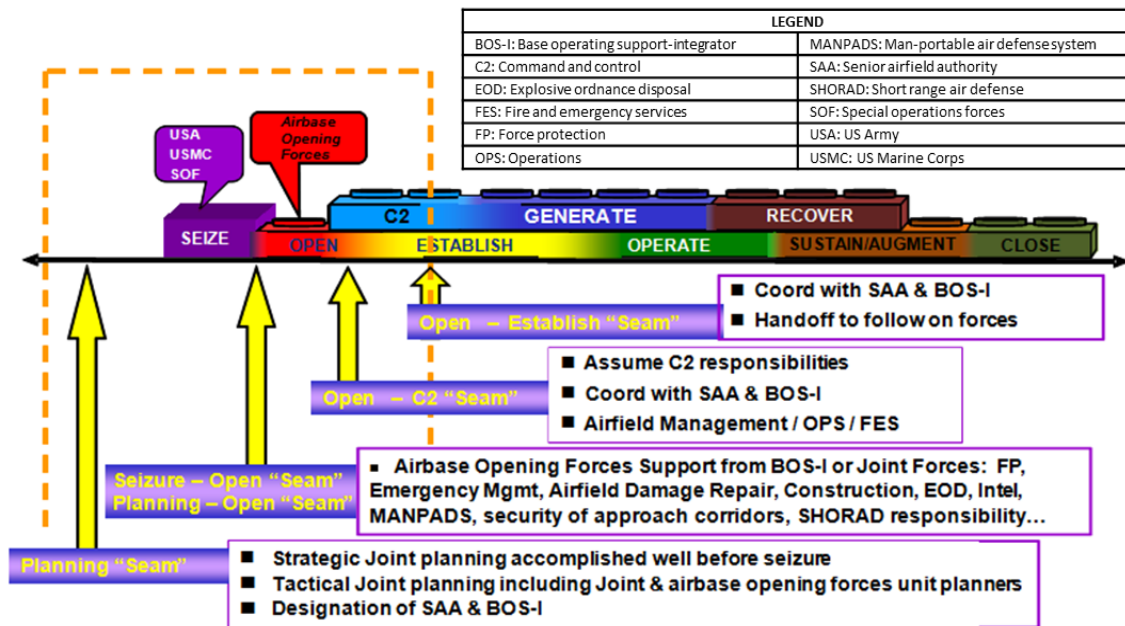


AIRBASE OPENING TRANSITION AND TRANSFER

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AIRBASE OPENING TRANSITION EVENTS

There are specific times during airbase opening when transitions between events may drive actions that combat support (CS) forces should be prepared for. The figure, “[Air Expeditionary Task Force \(AETF\) Force Modules and Process Seams](#),” illustrates those times when process seams may generate subsequent actions to ensure the airbase opening process is as smooth as possible. For more detailed information on force modules as used in airbase opening, see AFI 10-401, [Air Force Operations Planning and Execution](#).



AETF Force Modules and Process Seams

Airbase Opening Transfer of Responsibility

The transfer of responsibilities from airbase opening to the initial Establish the Base force module occurs in two stages.

- ★ Senior airfield authority (SAA) responsibilities will normally transfer from the initial airbase opening force commander to the air expeditionary wing or group commander.
 - ★ Functional airbase opening capabilities and responsibilities will normally transfer from the initial airbase opening forces (Open the Base force module forces or contingency response force) to the initial Establish the Base force module forces when like forces are in place.
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