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Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Panel

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A. The purpose of the Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Panel (JDMTP) is to identify and integrate requirements, conduct joint program planning, and develop joint strategies for the Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) programs conducted by the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Defense Logistics Agency (the components).

B. The scope of the JDMTP is determined by the components’ ManTech Programs and their supporting taxonomies, and by the ManTech Program defined in the Defense Technology Area Plan (DTAP).

II. ROLE OF THE PANEL

A. Conduct comprehensive reviews and assessments of defense related manufacturing issues being addressed by the components strategic planning process to identify joint planning opportunities for increased cooperation in development, multi-component implementation of technological products, and leveraging of funding with the private sector and other government agencies. While panel activities will be focused on attainment of the manufacturing technology-related Defense Technology Objectives described in the DTAP, broader technology demonstration, technology insertion, and performance objectives will be addressed as agreed to by the components.

B. Ensure the integration and coordination of ManTech requirements and programs with Office of the Secretary of Defense and other national-level initiatives with manufacturing technology-related requirements and programs.

C. Develop, in conjunction with the Office of the Director of Defense Research & Engineering (ODDR&E) and in response to the requirements of Title 10 of the U.S. Code, an annual five-year DoD ManTech plan.

D. Present a bi-annual review of the DoD ManTech Program and JDMTP activities as part of DDR&E's Technology Area Review and Assessment (TARA) process. On alternate years, conduct a working level meeting with senior component and ODDR&E representatives to review program process. These reviews shall address corrective actions resulting from any findings, conclusions, and recommendations reached by the JDMTP as a result of its activities.

E. Establish information exchange processes with other government agencies, private industry, academia, and professional associations. These processes shall include conducting and supporting an annual Defense Manufacturing Conference, and developing and maintaining a DoD ManTech World Wide Web site.

III. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. The JDMTP will serve as a standing technical panel under the Defense S&T Reliance DTAP structure. It will report to and receive taskings from the Director of Defense Research & Engineering (DDR&E) on manufacturing technology issues of multi-service concern and application.

B. The JDMTP shall include at least one member (one of who will be designated principal member) from each component, who is a senior technology manager, and who can represent their components' position on technical and financial matters within the scope of the JDMTP. The chairmanship of the JDMTP shall rotate, in order, among the Army, Navy, and Air Force on a biennial basis.
C. Responsibilities of the JDMTP Chairman will include: Serving as the main interface between the JDMTP and the Defense S&T Reliance Executive Committee (EXCOM), the Reliance DTAP panels, and the DDR&E; conducting JDMTP meetings; developing a consensus on technical issues; ensuring that appropriate meeting minutes are recorded and published; orchestrating briefings and papers for presentation to the EXCOM, DTAP Panels, and the DDR&E; and maintaining an environment which fosters continuous improvement, cooperation, innovation and free information exchange.

D. The JDMTP will establish standing subpanels and ad hoc working groups as needed to execute functions. The JDMTP principals are responsible for nominating and approving subpanel and ad hoc working group chairpersons. Subpanel chairpersons will be senior component ManTech leaders who can represent their components in technology and financial matters within their respective subpanel’s scope.

E. Administrative expenses of the JDMTP will be supported by the individual components.

IV. INTERFACES

A. A ManTech representative from the ODDR&E and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency will be invited to serve as ex-officio members. Representatives from other government agencies and industry may also be invited to serve as ex-officio members. The primary role of the ex-officio members will be promoting coordination and cooperation with regard to ManTech and manufacturing technology-related programs.

B. Other Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD, other government agencies, and industry representatives may be invited to participate in the subpanels and ad hoc working groups established by the JDMTP.

C. The JDMTP will interface and coordinate ManTech technology base activities with other related Reliance DTAP panels. Extensive coordination may also be required with non-Reliance organizations. After initial contact at the JDMTP principals’ level, contacts may be established between the JDMTP subpanels and ad hoc working groups and these other panels and organizations to facilitate jointness, leveraging, and efficiency of information flow.

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