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SUBJECT Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5129.1, "Director of Defense Research and Engineering," April 20, 1977 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) SecDef memorandum for the DDR&E, Subject: "Designation as DoD Acquisition Executive," April 20, 1977 (hereby canceled)
 - (c) DoD Directive 5000.30, "Defense Acquisition Executive," August 20, 1976
 - (d) DoD Directive 5000.3, "Test and Evaluation," April 11, 1978
 - (e) DoD Directive 5025.1, "Department of Defense Directives System," November 18, 1977
 - (f) DoD Directive 5000.19, "Policies for the Management and Control of Information Requirements," March 12, 1976

A. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (hereafter "the USDRE") is hereby assigned responsibilities, functions, and authorities as prescribed herein.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

The USDRE is the principal adviser and assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Department of Defense scientific and technical matters; basic and applied research; environmental services; and the development and acquisition of weapon systems. The USDRE is also the Defense Acquisition Executive with responsibilities prescribed in reference (c). For each assigned area the USDRE shall:

1. Conduct analyses, develop policies, provide advice, make recommendations, and issue guidance on Defense plans and programs.

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2. Develop systems and standards for the administration and management of approved plans and programs.
3. Initiate programs, actions, and taskings to ensure adherence to DoD policies and national security objectives; and to ensure that programs are designed to accommodate operational requirements.
4. Review and evaluate programs for carrying out approved policies and standards.
5. Inform appropriate organizations and personnel of new and significant scientific trends or initiatives.
6. In conjunction with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), review proposed resource programs, formulate budget estimates, recommend resource allocations, and monitor the implementation of approved programs.
7. Participate in those planning, programing, and budgeting activities which relate to USDRE responsibilities.
8. Review and evaluate recommendations on requirements and priorities.
9. Promote coordination, cooperation, and mutual understanding within the Department of Defense and between the DoD and other Federal agencies and the civilian community.
10. Serve on boards, committees, and other groups pertaining to the USDRE's functional areas, and represent the Secretary of Defense on USDRE matters outside the Department of Defense.
11. Perform such other duties as the Secretary of Defense may from time to time prescribe.

C. FUNCTIONS

The USDRE shall carry out the responsibilities described in section B. for the following functional areas:

1. Scientific and technical information.
2. Basic and applied research.
3. Design and engineering, including life-cycle considerations.
4. Development and acquisition of weapon systems, including procurement policy and production planning.

5. ~~Test and evaluation in accordance with DoD Directive 5000.3 (reference (d)), to include review and approval of the T&E Master Plan (TEMP).~~

6. Environmental services.

7. Assignment and reassignment of research and engineering and acquisition responsibility for systems, activities, and programs.

8. Coproduction and research interchange with friendly and allied nations, in conjunction with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

9. Contract placement and administration for research, development and weapon systems acquisition programs.

10. Such other areas as the Secretary of Defense may from time to time prescribe.

D. RELATIONSHIPS

1. In the performance of the duties, the USDRE shall:

a. Exercise direction, control and authority over:

(1) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Communications, Command, Control, and Intelligence), who shall also serve as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering;

(2) The Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy);

(3) The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Defense Mapping Agency, the Defense Nuclear Agency, and, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Communications, Command, Control, and Intelligence), the Defense Communications Agency.

b. Exercise, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Communications, Command, Control, and Intelligence), staff supervision on resource management matters over:

(1) The Defense Communications Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, and National Security Agency;

(2) Air Force and Navy special intelligence programs;

(3) Defense communications and intelligence functions retained by the Military Departments.

c. Coordinate and exchange information with other DoD organizations having collateral or related functions.

d. Use existing facilities and services, whenever practicable, to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

2. All DoD organizations shall coordinate all matters concerning the functions cited in section C. with the USDRE.

E. AUTHORITIES

The USDRE is hereby delegated authority to:

1. Issue DoD Instructions and one-time directive-type memoranda which carry out policies approved by the Secretary of Defense, in assigned fields of responsibility as prescribed in DoD Directive 5025.1 (reference (e)). Instructions to the Military Departments will be issued through the Secretaries of those Departments or their designees. Instructions to Unified and Specified Commands will be issued through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. Obtain such reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with the policies and criteria of DoD Directive 5000.19 (reference (f)) as the USDRE deems necessary.

3. Communicate directly with heads of DoD organizations, including the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Directors of Defense Agencies, and, through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands.

4. Establish arrangements for DoD participation in those non-defense governmental programs for which the USDRE has been assigned primary cognizance.

5. Approve, modify or disapprove research and development, environmental services and acquisition programs and projects of the Military Departments and other Department of Defense agencies in assigned fields.

6. Communicate with other Government agencies, representatives of the legislative branch, and members of the public, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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