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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Strategic Strike Skills will meet in closed session on March 9-10, 2005; April 20-21, 2005; and May 12-13, 2005, in Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the future strategic strike force skills needs of the Department of Defense (DoD).

The mission of the DSB is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. Last summer the DSB assessed DoD needs for future strategic strike forces. Assessed was the application of technology for non-nuclear weapons systems, communications, planning systems, and intelligence as well as the integration of strategic strike with active defenses as part of the new triad. This "skills" study will complement the previous strategic forces study by focusing on the people and the skills necessary to develop, maintain, plan, and successfully execute future strategic strike forces. At this meeting, the Task Force will: Assess current skills available, both nuclear and non-nuclear of current long-range strike forces; identify, assess and recommend new/modified/enhanced skill sets necessary for successful future strike force development, planning, and operations; and recommend a strategy for the successful evolution of the current skills to those required by future strike forces.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

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Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Critical Homeland Installation Protection will meet in closed sessions on February 23, 2005, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will access best practices for protecting US homeland installations and recommend various approaches to enhancing security and protection of these facilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will assess investments in technology and manpower in order to ensure proper security levels at our nation's high-value installations with particular emphasis on airports, harbors, nuclear power facilities and military bases. To that end, the Task Force will review existing best practices in force protection and security at civil, industrial and military complexes; assess shortfalls and deficiencies associated with operational security, identify promising technology and/or processes that will enhance security, and recommend methods for reducing overall manpower requirements without relinquishing robust security measures.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Roles and Authorities of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering will meet in open session on February 24, 2005; March 14, 2005; April 18, 2005; May 16, 2005; and June 8, 2005, at SAI, 3601 Wilson Boulevard. The Task Force will examine the past and current roles and authorities for the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E).

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will review and evaluate concepts to determine appropriate future roles and authorities of the DDR&E including an analysis of the relationship of the Director to other senior science and technology (S&T) and acquisition officials of the military departments and the Defense Agencies; the relationship of the Director to the performance of the following functions: planning, programming, and budgeting of the S&T programs of the DoD; management of DoD laboratories and technical centers; promotion of the rapid transition of technologies to acquisition programs within the DoD; promotion of the transfer of technologies into and from the commercial sector; the coordination of DoD S&T activities with organizations outside the DoD; technical review of DoD acquisition programs and policies; training and education activities for the national scientific and technical workforce; development of science and technology policies and programs relating to the maintenance of the national technology and industrial base; and the development of new technologies in support of the transformation of the Armed Forces. The Task Force will also examine the duties of the Director as the Chief Technology Office of the DoD.

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