SUBJECT: Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology (DUSD(A&T))

References: (a) Sections 113 and 133a of title 10, United States Code

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by reference (a), this Directive reissues reference (b) to update the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology (DUSD(A&T)), under the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), consistent with reference (c).

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).
3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology is a principal advisor to the USD(AT&L) and the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to acquisition and the integration and protection of technology. In this capacity, the DUSD(A&T) shall:

3.1. Oversee policies and procedures governing the DoD Acquisition System.

3.2. Coordinate, as appropriate, policies for developmental test and evaluation (T&E) with the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and policies and procedures affecting DoD T&E facilities and resources with the Director, DoD Test Resource Management Center.

3.3. Oversee programs to improve and strengthen DoD Component technology access and development programs, and encourage open market competition to gain increased military capabilities at lower cost, with streamlined fielding times.

3.4. Oversee the policies for property, plant, and equipment of the Department of Defense and its plans for property accountability systems, in conjunction with the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), as applicable.

3.5. Oversee the development, implementation, and management of the Defense Procurement Program.

3.6. Ensure compliance with applicable laws and DoD regulations relating to Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

3.7. Develop policies and programs that improve, streamline, and strengthen the application of sound systems engineering practices in all DoD acquisition programs.

3.8. Develop and lead key initiatives involving the integration of weapons systems and platforms into integrated capability architectures, in a system-of-systems approach, consistent with applicable DoD information technology policies.

3.9. Identify any impact on national security and on the defense industrial base of a proposed foreign acquisition of a U.S. defense supplier, specifically addressing whether the firm being acquired possesses critical defense technology under development or is otherwise important to the defense industrial and technology base; and advise the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), through the USD(AT&L), of these technology and industrial base findings and any related national security impacts.

3.10. Supervise and direct those activities under the responsibility of the USD(AT&L) relating to technology transfer, including cooperative research and development, international cooperation, technological aspects of security cooperation and export controls, and technology security.
3.11. Provide advice to the USD(P), and, when requested, to the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security and the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, on technological aspects of technology transfer, security cooperation, export controls, and technology security.

3.12. Supervise and direct the Militarily Critical Technology Program.

3.13. Support the Defense Business Systems Management Committee in carrying out its duties to coordinate business transformation and system modernization through transition planning, and the development and deployment of a business enterprise architecture that guides, constrains, and permits implementation of interoperable defense business system solutions.

3.14. Participate in the DoD Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution process with respect to assigned areas of responsibilities.

3.15. Ensure that acquisition and technology policies and programs are designed and managed to improve standards of performance, economy, and efficiency and that the Defense Contract Management Agency is attentive and responsive to the requirements of its organizational customers, both internal and external to the Department of Defense.

3.16. Perform such other duties as the Secretary of Defense or the USD(AT&L) may prescribe.

4. RELATIONSHIPS

4.1. In the performance of assigned responsibilities and functions, the DUSD(A&T) shall:

4.1.1. Report directly to the USD(AT&L).

4.1.2. Exercise authority, direction, and control over:

4.1.2.1. The Director, Defense Contract Management Agency

4.1.2.2. The Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

4.1.2.3. Such other organizations as are, or may be, established by the USD(AT&L) under the DUSD(A&T), consistent with applicable law, within resources provided by the Secretary of Defense.

4.1.3. Use existing systems, facilities, and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, when practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

4.1.4. Coordinate and exchange information with the other OSD officials and the Heads of the DoD Components having collateral or related responsibilities and functions.
4.2. The other OSD officials and the Heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the DUSD(A&T) on all matters related to the authorities, responsibilities, and functions assigned in this Directive.

5. AUTHORITIES

The DUSD(A&T) is hereby delegated authority to:

5.1. Issue DoD Instructions, DoD Publications, and one-time directive-type memoranda, consistent with DoD 5025.1-M (reference (d)), that implement policy approved by the Secretary of Defense or the USD(AT&L) in areas of assigned responsibilities and functions. Instructions to the Military Departments shall be issued through the Secretaries of the Military Departments. Instructions to the Combatant Commands normally shall be communicated through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5.2. Obtain reports and information, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (e)), as necessary in carrying out assigned responsibilities and functions.

5.3. Communicate directly with the Heads of the DoD Components, as necessary, to carry out assigned responsibilities and functions, including the transmission of requests for advice and assistance. Communications to the Military Departments shall be through the Secretaries of the Military Departments, their designees, or as otherwise provided in law or directed by the Secretary of Defense in other DoD issuances. Communications to the Commanders of the Combatant Commands normally shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5.4. Establish arrangements for DoD participation in non-Defense governmental programs for which the DUSD(A&T) is assigned primary staff cognizance.

5.5. Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the Legislative Branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned responsibilities and functions. Communications with representatives of the Legislative Branch shall be coordinated with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs and be consistent with the DoD Legislative Program.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Directive is effective immediately.

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Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense