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## Defense Safety Oversight Council Acquisition and Technology Programs Task Force Charter

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# ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS (ATP) TASK FORCE CHARTER

## I. ESTABLISHMENT

The Defense Safety Oversight Council (DSOC) establishes the Acquisition and Technology Programs Task Force (ATP TF). This charter delineates the Task Force purpose, tasks, goals, and organizational structure, and tasks.

## II. PURPOSE

Investigate and recommend or implement changes to policies, procedures, initiatives, education and training, and investments to ensure acquisition programs address safety throughout the program life cycle, including systems acquisition, operations and support, sustainment, demilitarization and disposal. The ATP TF recognizes that its impact, through the systems acquisition process, will be in the relatively long-term reaching fruition, but that its effects will have long-term benefit. The ATP TF also recognizes that while its charter focuses on acquisition policies as they relate to safety, it must also account for how its changes impact on the closely interrelated environmental and occupational health disciplines.

## III. TASKS

Tasks that the ATP TF will undertake include:

1. Propose policy changes and additional actions to ensure safety and related disciplines are addressed in the DoD Science and Technology Program, the Joint Capabilities Integration & Development System (JCIDS) and in the acquisition management process. Consideration of safety ensures appropriate trade-offs and informed decision-making to field a system that supports full operational readiness and promotes optimal system operator performance and personnel safety.
2. Propose policy mechanisms and additional initiatives that will facilitate the dissemination of safety best practices by working with safety standards bodies and safety domain leaders, such as the National Safety Council, the National Transportation Safety Board, the System Safety Society and the Government Electronics and Information Technology/Association.
3. Work with the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) to ensure courses include safety and related disciplines training, tasks, learning objectives, and course content to help the workforce in executing their safety responsibilities.

4. Review and recommend actions to improve Acquisition Program Office support to the operators and maintainers of fielded systems in both risk management and mishap prevention.
5. Support the Secretary's mishap reduction goal of reducing mishaps by 75 percent by the end of FY 2008.

#### **IV. GOALS AND METRICS**

The ATP TF will: (1) ensure that acquisition policies and procedures for all systems, regardless of ACAT, address safety requirements; (2) identify and review relevant DoD standards with respect to safety; (3) recommend ways to ensure Acquisition Program Office decisions consider system hazards; and, (4) recommend ways to ensure milestone decision reviews and interim progress reviews address safety performance.

1. Goals:
  - a. 100% of applicable milestone decision documentation (e.g., CDD, CPD, SEP, TEMP, PESHE, AS, etc.,) address system safety.
  - b. 100% of DoD acquisition program reviews consider safety.
2. Goal: 100% of technology demonstration efforts incorporate applicable system safety into prototype design and demonstration events.
3. Goal: Disseminate identified safety best practices via incorporation into applicable sections of the Acquisition Guidebook and the AT&L Knowledge Sharing System.
4. Goal: All applicable DoD systems acquisition and related courses incorporate safety principles and related disciplines.
5. Goal: Verify, through appropriate oversight, that all DoD mishaps, focusing on Classes A and B, and High Accident Potential causal factors are identified by the appropriate Acquisition Program Office hazard identification, assessment, and risk acceptance effort.

#### **V. ORGANIZATION**

The Principal Deputy Director, Defense Systems, OUSD (AT&L) will chair the ATP TF. Members are:

OSD

DAU  
AT&L/DS/SE  
AT&L/I&E  
AT&L/ARA  
AT&L/LMR

AT&L/DPAP  
MDA (QS)

Joint Staff  
J8

COCOMs  
JFCOM

Army  
ASA (ALT)  
SAIE (ESOH)  
Army Safety Center

Navy  
ASN (RDA), DASN(S), OPNAV (N45), ACQ SYSCOMs  
(NAVAIR, NAVSEA, SPAWAR, NAVSUP)  
Naval Safety Center

Marines  
MARCORSYSCOM  
HQMC

Air Force  
ASAF AQ  
Air Force Safety Center

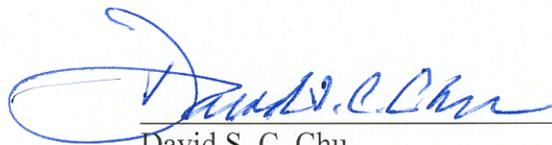
#### **VI. DURATION OF TASK FORCE**

The Task Force will continue until amended, superseded, or revoked.

#### **VII. APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

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