1. PURPOSE

This Directive hereby establishes the DTB and assigns responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities as prescribed herein.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense; the Military Departments; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff; the Inspector General of the Department of Defense; the Defense Agencies; and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

3. MISSION

The DTB is established to advise the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E) on science and technology (S&T) matters. In performing its mission, the DTB shall provide advice to the DDR&E in:

3.1. Reviewing proposed advanced technology demonstrations.

3.2. Developing the DoD S&T strategy for submittal to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) and subsequent issuance as guidance to the Military Departments and Defense Agencies.
3.3. Ensuring compliance with DoD S&T strategy and/or plans.

3.4. Developing Defense Planning Guidance for S&T.

3.5. Coordinating the DoD capital investment strategies for S&T.

3.6. Assessing the Service Program Objective Memoranda and Budget Estimate Submission for compliance with the DoD S&T strategy and in recommending actions to resolve issues.

3.7. Analyzing significant S&T project adjustments and new initiatives.

3.8. Reviewing implementation of intra- and inter-departmental S&T initiatives to enhance quality and efficiency and ensure proper coordination, consolidation, designation of program lead(s), and competition.

4. FUNCTIONS

4.1. The DDR&E shall chair the Defense Technology Board and shall:

   4.1.1. Establish administrative and procedural arrangements for the DTB.

   4.1.2. Determine the agenda for DTB meetings and ensure that issues are addressed comprehensively.

4.2. The DTB members shall assist the Chair in the execution of the DTB mission by:

   4.2.1. Developing and submitting S&T issues and initiatives for consideration by the DTB.

   4.2.2. Conducting studies and analyses of S&T projects, facilities, operations, and requirements, as requested by the Chair.

   4.2.3. Periodically reviewing and advising the DTB on progress made by the Military Departments and Defense Agencies in increasing the efficiency, and improving the quality and relevance of S&T operations.
5. **ADMINISTRATION**

5.1. The DTB shall be comprised as follows:

5.1.1. The DDR&E shall be a member of the DTB and serve as the Chair.

5.1.2. The other DTB members shall be the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the Navy; the Secretary of the Air Force; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence (ASD(C3I)); the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program, Analysis, and Evaluation); the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics); the Director, Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA); the Director, SDIO; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Director, Defense Test and Evaluation; or their respective designees, and such other individuals as designated by the DDR&E. Other representatives of the system development community will provide input to the DTB as appropriate to ensure that technology base projects are focused on technological challenges relevant to ongoing and future system development.

5.2. Representatives from the other DoD Components and Federal Government Agencies, as designated by the DTB Chair, may be invited to attend specified meetings of the DTB.

5.3. The DDR&E may establish working groups to support the DTB.

6. **OPERATIONS**

6.1. The DTB shall meet at the call of the Chair to develop advice on appropriate Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System milestones. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

6.2. Facilities and support for the conduct of DTB meetings shall be provided by the DDR&E.
7. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Directive is effective immediately.

Donald J. Atwood  
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