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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Realignment of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research Development, Test and Evaluation (DASN RDT&E) Functions and Creation of the Department of the Navy Test and Evaluation Executive

The DASN(RDT&E) position was established five years ago to improve technology transition and test and evaluation (T&E) processes. Since then, the Future Naval Capabilities (FNCs) and Navy-led Joint Concept Technology Demonstrations (JCTDs) have been restructured to improve transition; new programs, such as Rapid Technology Transition (RTT), Technology Improvement Program for Savings (TIPS), and Rapid Development and Deployment (RDD), have been established and are compiling a track record of successful technology transitions; and ONR has established a Director of Technology Transition responsible for execution of technology transition programs. A T&E Enterprise Board of Directors (BOD) has been chartered and is delivering process improvements and savings across the Naval enterprise. The initial mission of DASN(RDT&E) to develop process improvements has been largely accomplished. I am, therefore, realigning the functions of DASN(RDT&E).
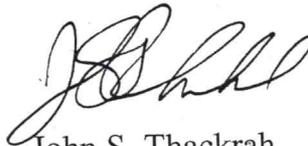
The Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VNCO), the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps (ACMC), and I have agreed to create a Department of Navy Test and Evaluation Executive (DON T&E Executive). For matters pertaining to T&E policy, requirements and operational test resources, the DON T&E Executive will report to VCNO and ACMC as needed. For matters pertaining to ASN(RDA) equities, the DON T&E Executive will report to ASN(RDA). The DON T&E Executive will work with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (PDASN), and all Program Executive Officers (PEOs) and Systems Commands (SYSCOMs) to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of T&E enablers across the Naval Acquisition Enterprise. The DON T&E Executive will have a senior civilian deputy whose full time focus is T&E. The DON T&E Executive will also co-chair the T&E Enterprise BOD with Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force (COMOPTEVFOR).

Effective immediately, RADM Bill Landay, Director, T&E and Technology Requirements (OPNAV N091) is designated as the DON T&E Executive with appropriate reporting to VCNO, ACMC, and ASN(RDA).

Other DASN (RDT&E) functions are assigned as follows:

- Technology Oversight Group (TOG). ASN(RDA) representation on the TOG is assigned to the PDASN. In this role, PDASN will be a voting member of the TOG with responsibility for oversight of FNCs, Navy-led JCTDs, and the RDD program. DASN(RDT&E) staff associated with these functions will be transferred to DASN(M&B), who will provide staff support to the PDASN in these areas.

- Other Technology Transition Programs. ONR is the principal RDA staff office for S&T and technology transition programs, including RTT and TIPS. Continuation of transition process improvements and representation on OSD and Joint committees previously covered by DASN(RDT&E) are transferred to CNR, and may be further delegated to ONR officers.

- Information Sharing. The Naval Information Sharing-People (NISP) project and associated staff are assigned to DASN(C4I). This project will be closely coordinated with Maritime Domain Awareness to maximize commonality in information sharing capabilities.

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