



CHARTER
of the
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORY RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND & NATIONAL SECURITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on National Security Laboratory Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Facilities and Infrastructure is hereby established by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). National security research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) facilities and infrastructure (F&I) at Federal laboratories are both unclassified and classified facilities and supportive infrastructure that provide the laboratories, centers, and agencies of the Federal Government the ability to conduct RDT&E in fulfillment of national and homeland security missions. Such facilities provide key capabilities utilized by national security mission agencies, including the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, and Intelligence Community.

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Subcommittee is to advise and assist the NSTC on the coordinated development of national security RDT&E F&I at Federal laboratories across the Federal Government. The Subcommittee will focus on communicating the importance of F&I for doing national security research and development with a strategic F&I plan, developing best practices, benchmarking, and collaborating.

C. Functions

The Subcommittee serves as part of the internal deliberative process of the NSTC. Reporting to and directed by the Chairman of NSTC, the Subcommittee will:

1. Provide a strategic National Security F&I plan supporting the National Security S&T strategy that communicates national security RDT&E F&I needs and priorities to the Administration, Federal agencies, Congress, and the public. In addition the National Security F&I plan should:
 - Identify and advise on priorities and policies for strengthening national security RDT&E F&I as a critical resource for meeting national priorities and achieving national goals.

- Identify cross-cutting national RDT&E goals and priorities that are aligned with agencies' missions and would benefit from partnerships for shared or jointly funded national security RDT&E F&I.
 - Support informed Federal policy development by providing technical and expert perspectives related to national security RDT&E F&I.
2. Facilitate efforts within and across Federal agencies to improve coordination of national security RDT&E capabilities and identify both effective investments in national security RDT&E F&I and areas of redundancy that could be optimized.
 3. Create a focused point of action for a national security RDT&E F&I community of practice and coordination point for academic and private sector collaborations.
 4. Develop and maintain standards for Departments/Agencies to adopt metrics, processes, and tools for identifying their RDT&E facility and infrastructure condition, utilization, and capabilities.

D. Membership

The Subcommittee Chair will be rotated annually among Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Homeland Security, and Office of the Director of National Intelligence. A Deputy Subcommittee Chair will support the Chair and the Subcommittee with the intention of transitioning to Subcommittee Chair the following year. The Subcommittee membership will be composed of representatives from the following departments and agencies:

Department of Agriculture,
Department of Defense,
Department of Education,
Department of Energy,
Department of Health and Human Services,
Department of Homeland Security,
Department of Justice,
Department of Veterans Affairs,
Environmental Protection Agency,
General Services Administration,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
National Science Foundation, and
Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President shall also be represented on the Subcommittee:

Office of Management and Budget,
Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The Chair may designate other Executive organizations, departments, and agencies for participation in or cooperation with the Subcommittee as he or she deems appropriate.

E. Private-Sector Interface

The Subcommittee may seek advice from the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and will recommend to the CHNS and/or the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology the nature of any additional private-sector¹ advice needed to accomplish its mission. The Subcommittee may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

F. Termination Date

Unless renewed and approved by the Tri-chairs of the CHNS prior to its expiration, the Subcommittee shall terminate no later than January 1, 2017.

G. Determination

We hereby determine the establishment of the Subcommittee on National Security Laboratory Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Facilities and Infrastructure is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



3/10/15

Patricia Falcone
Co-chair, Committee on Homeland and National Security and
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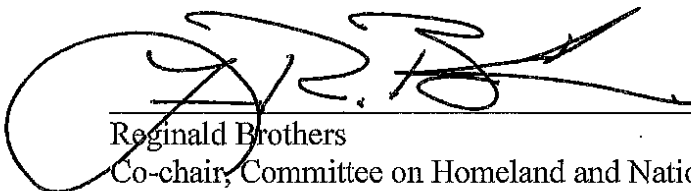
Date



9 Mar 15

Alan Shaffer
Co-chair, Committee on Homeland and National Security and
Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
Department of Defense

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Reginald Brothers
Co-chair, Committee on Homeland and National Security and
Under Secretary for Science & Technology,
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Date