



## DoD DIRECTIVE 5137.03

# DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING

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**Purpose:** This issuance establishes the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (DUSD(R&E)), pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Sections 113, 133a, and 137a of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.).

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## **SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION**

### **1.1. APPLICABILITY.**

This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

## SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES, FUNCTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, AND AUTHORITIES

As the principal assistant to, and under the authority, direction, and control of, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), the DUSD(R&E):

a. Pursuant to Sections 133a and 137a of Title 10, U.S.C., exercises the full powers of the USD(R&E) on any and all matters of which the USD(R&E) is authorized to act, pursuant to Title 10, U.S.C., and DoD Directive (DoDD) 5137.02, except in those areas where delegation of the USD(R&E)'s authority is otherwise restricted by a higher authority or prohibited by law. This all-inclusive authority may not be further delegated *in toto*; however, the DUSD(R&E) is authorized to make specific written delegations, where authorized and as required.

b. Helps the USD(R&E) carry out responsibilities, fulfill functions, manage relationships, and exercise authorities, as provided for in law and in accordance with DoDD 5137.02.

c. Advises on and assists the USD(R&E) with all responsibilities in providing staff advice and assistance to the Secretary of Defense.

d. Is the first assistant to the USD(R&E), pursuant to:

(1) Section 137a of Title 10, U.S.C.

(2) Sections 3345-3349d of Title 5, U.S.C., also known as the "Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, as amended."

(3) Section 3.b. of DoDD 3020.04.

## GLOSSARY

### ACRONYMS.

ACRONYM	MEANING
DoDD	DoD directive
DUSD(R&E)	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(R&E)	Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering

## **REFERENCES**

DoD Directive 3020.04, “Order of Succession Pursuant to Executive Order 13533 and the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998,” August 25, 2010

DoD Directive 5137.02, “Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)),” July 15, 2020

United States Code, Title 5

United States Code, Title 10