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EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR TACTICAL EXPLOITATION OF NATIONAL CAPABILITIES

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Purpose: In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5143.01, this issuance:

- Designates a Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities (TENCAP) Executive Agent (EA) and assigns responsibilities for TENCAP activities, pursuant to Section 430 of Title 10, United States Code.
- Establishes policy for TENCAP, and establishes the TENCAP Council to assist the TENCAP EA in support of TENCAP activities.

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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.

1.2. POLICY.

a. Each Military Department TENCAP office and the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) TENCAP office will increase warfighter effectiveness through the exploitation of national capabilities and integration of those capabilities into training and operations.

b. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and Commander, USSOCOM, will retain the authority to govern their respective TENCAP offices to meet the needs of each office's user community.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY.The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, as the TENCAP EA:

- a. Establishes policy and provides oversight for the DoD TENCAP Program.
- b. Monitors budget and programmatic matters for the DoD TENCAP Program.
- c. Receives annual TENCAP program performance briefings from DoD TENCAP program managers.
- d. Advocates for TENCAP resources, personnel, and funding within the DoD.
- e. Consults with the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Combatant Commanders, and the Directors of the Defense Intelligence Agencies, to develop methods to increase warfighter effectiveness and promote cross-domain integration of TENCAP capabilities into military operations, training, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance activities.
- f. Reports to Congress on TENCAP investments, activities, challenges, and opportunities, in accordance with Section 430 of Title 10, United States Code.
- g. Consults with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy on TENCAP matters affecting national policy.

2.2. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, COMBATANT COMMANDERS, AND DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments, Combatant Commanders, and Directors of the Defense Intelligence Agencies:

- a. Provide at least one representative at the rank of O-6 or General Schedule-15 to the TENCAP Council and the TENCAP Council auxiliaries in accordance with this issuance.
- b. Collaborate, as appropriate, to achieve unity of effort and eliminate duplication of capabilities to achieve effective DoD-wide strategy, planning, and programming in support of TENCAP activities.

SECTION 3: TENCAP COUNCIL

3.1. TENCAP COUNCIL OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The TENCAP Council:

- a. Meets semiannually at the direction of the TENCAP EA.
- b. Advises the TENCAP EA on investments, activities, challenges, and opportunities across the DoD TENCAP Program.
- c. Presents to the TENCAP EA:
 - (1) Unresolved TENCAP issues.
 - (2) Performance and program metrics and other relevant data showing progress and current status of DoD TENCAP programs.
- d. Leverages existing battlespace awareness capability portfolio processes to oversee TENCAP activities and promote unity of effort among OSD, the Joint Staff, and Defense Intelligence Components.
- e. Synchronizes TENCAP efforts to further improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the DoD TENCAP Program.
- f. Performs other TENCAP oversight activities as assigned by the TENCAP EA.
- g. Facilitates DoD-wide TENCAP collaboration.

3.2. TENCAP COUNCIL LEADERSHIP.

- a. The Director, Battlespace Awareness and Security Programs, in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, will chair the TENCAP Council.
- b. The TENCAP Council chair will:
 - (1) Manage the TENCAP Council and activities.
 - (2) Coordinate and assess information regarding TENCAP investments, activities, challenges, and opportunities and present the results to the TENCAP EA, when necessary.
 - (3) Implement TENCAP EA directions on budget and program oversight through the existing battlespace awareness capability portfolio and DoD Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution processes.
 - (4) Work with the Battlespace Awareness Functional Capability Board to assess TENCAP capabilities for applicability to joint requirements.

- (5) Evaluate metrics to assess the progress and efficiency of DoD TENCAP programs.

3.3. TENCAP COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP. Membership will consist of:

- a. The Council Chair.
- b. One representative in the grade of O-6 or General Schedule-15 from:
 - (1) Department of the Air Force TENCAP Office.
 - (2) Department of the Army TENCAP Office.
 - (3) U.S. Navy TENCAP Office.
 - (4) U.S. Marine Corps TENCAP Office.
 - (5) USSOCOM TENCAP Office.
 - (6) National Reconnaissance Office.

3.4. TENCAP COUNCIL AUXILIARIES. The TENCAP Council Chair will, when appropriate, invite the Joint Staff Deputy Director for Battlespace Awareness and auxiliary organizations to participate in council functions. Auxiliary organization representatives will be in grade O-6 or General Schedule-15:

- a. Combatant Commands (other than USSOCOM, which is a member organization).
- b. Defense Intelligence Agency.
- c. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.
- d. National Security Agency/Central Security Service.
- e. U.S. Coast Guard TENCAP Office.
- f. OSD PSA offices.

GLOSSARY

G.1. ACRONYMS.

ACRONYM	MEANING
EA	executive agent
TENCAP	tactical exploitation of national capabilities
USSOCOM	United States Special Operations Command

G.2. DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this issuance.

TERM	DEFINITION
Battlespace Awareness Functional Capability Board	Provides the assessments and recommendations required for the Joint Requirements Oversight Council to validate and prioritize, if required, joint military capabilities needed to comply with strategic defense and intelligence guidance.
Defense Intelligence Agencies	Defense Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency/Central Security Service, and the National Reconnaissance Office.
TENCAP	Defined in the DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms.
TENCAP EA	Defined in Section 430 of Title 10, United States Code. This TENCAP EA designation is not a DoD EA designation pursuant to DoD Directive 5101.01.

REFERENCES

DoD Directive 5101.01, “DoD Executive Agent,” February 7, 2022

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