

# Army Science Board Subcommittee Terms of Reference

## Systems Engineering and Sustainment Subcommittee

**1. Overview:** As authorized by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army and pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, the Chairman of the Army Science Board (ASB) establishes the Systems Engineering and Sustainment Subcommittee. The following Terms of Reference (TOR) outline the duties and responsibilities of the subcommittee in accordance with the ASB charter (May 2022).

**2. Mission Statement:** The Systems Engineering and Sustainment Subcommittee, as part of the ASB, shall provide advice and recommendations to the ASB for its thorough deliberation and decision at a properly noticed ASB meeting on matters relating to the Army's core competencies in science and engineering adoption, adaptation, integration and sustainment/disposal, to include:

- a. Digital engineering to include advanced physical and digital prototyping and experimentation in operational environments and advanced tools to support prototyping and experimentation.
- b. Adoption, adaptation, and integration of emerging technologies into existing weapons systems.
- c. Sustainment during widely distributed and contested large scale combat operations to include predictive logistics, engineered resilient systems, agile logistics, and health management.
- d. Disposal and divestiture of weapons systems through foreign military sales, demilitarization, and other means to better use existing resources.
- e. Acquisition, funding, fielding, and equipping policies affecting the modernization of weapon systems and the organizations in which they are employed.

The subcommittee shall not work independently of the ASB and shall report all its recommendations and advice solely to the ASB for its thorough deliberation and discussion at a publicly noticed and open ASB meeting, subject to the Sunshine Act. The subcommittee has no authority to make decisions or recommendations, orally or in writing, on behalf of the ASB. Neither the subcommittee nor any of its members may provide updates or report, orally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officer or employee, or member of the Armed Forces.

Neither this subcommittee nor the ASB shall advise senior leaders on individual Department of Defense (DoD) or Department of the Army acquisitions, nor require any subcommittee member to be placed in the position of acting as a contracting or procurement official, which may constitute a conflict of interest.

**3. Methodology:** The subcommittee may incorporate and apply any of several methodologies including, but not limited to, reviews of the literature, interviews, and

briefings necessary to support ASB study teams conducting work on topics related to the subcommittee's scope.

**4. Tasks:** The subcommittee shall support individual ASB study teams with expertise in its related fields. In addition, the subcommittee shall maintain cognizance of the Army's activities in its related fields, to include research and development, maintenance of the science and technology base, budgeting, policy, strategy, doctrine, and other factors that further the conduct of ASB study teams. At a minimum, the subcommittee will report annually to the ASB Chair on its activities.

**5. Support:** The Executive Director of the ASB and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)) will provide the necessary logistical and administrative support to the subcommittee to conduct its business as assigned.