

# Committee Meeting – Army Futures Command Research Program Realignment Study April 9, 2021

## **Agenda**

0900 ET (0600 PT) – 0905 ET (0605 PT) – Welcome and Introductions

- GEN Paul Kern, Committee Chair and Dr. Jennifer Hitchcock, Vice Chair, Steven Darbes, Study Director

0905 (0605) – 1000 (0700) – U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Presentation

- [Mr. Chris P. Manning](#), SES, Director of Science & Technology Integration, DEVCOM
- [Mr. John S. Willison](#), Deputy to the Commanding General, DEVCOM

1000 (0700) – 1015 (0715) – Break

### **Closed Sessions: Committee and Staff Only**

1015 (0715) – 1045 (0845) – Committee Discussion: Review of Sub Teams, Overview of Framing Questions, Report Draft Outline

1045 (0745) – 1145 (0845) – Committee Sub Team Breakout Sessions

Sub Team Breakout Session Objectives:

- Refine Framing Questions (ensure alignment with statement of task scope)
- Identify the individuals and information needed to answer framing questions
- Planning for speaker reach out and RFI collection

1145 (0845) – 1200 (0900) – Break

1200 (0900) – 1245 (0945) – Full Committee Discussion: Review of Sub Teams Discussion

1245 (0945) – 1300 (1000) – Committee Discussion and Wrap Up

## Speaker Biographies

### **Mr. Chris P. Manning, SES**

Mr. Chris Manning was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in May 2018. Currently, he is the Director for Science and Technology (S&T) Integration at CCDC Headquarters. He leads a world-class, science and technology planning program engaged in the research, development and engineering of experimental and state-of-the-art capabilities. Mr. Manning is responsible for planning, synchronization, and integration of the Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC) basic research (6.1), applied research (6.2), advanced technology development (6.3), technology maturation (6.4), and manufacturing technology (6.7) programs. His efforts shape Army technology gap investments through programs focused on mid and far-term warfighter capability needs. He serves as authoritative technical expert on joint service and international panels to shape strategic investments in technologies and capabilities required to support Army and DoD objectives. In his previous position, Mr. Manning served as the Director of Command, Power, and Integration for the CCDC C5ISR Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. There he was responsible for planning and executing the Army's Science and Technology investments in Assured Positioning, Navigation, and Timing; Mission Command; and Tactical Power and Energy.

### **Mr. John S. Willison**

Mr. John Willison is the Deputy to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM), having assumed that role when the Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) became the DEVCOM upon transition into the Army Futures Command on 3 Feb. 2019. Prior to that, Willison had served the same role within RDECOM since October 2017. As the Deputy to the Commanding General, he provides strategic direction for the organization and serves as a catalyst for research, development and engineering initiatives across the command.

Mr. Willison was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in August 2011.

In his prior assignment, he served as Director, Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate, U.S. Army Communications- Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground. His first assignment as an SES was from August 2011 to April 2015 as Director, Command, Power & Integration Directorate, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Mr. Willison has over 32 years of government service. His prior assignments include a range of positions in Program Executive Office Communications, Command, and Control Tactical (PEO C3T) Project Manager Battle Command (PM BC), CERDEC, and Communications-Electronics Command Software Engineering Center (CECOM SEC).

Mr. Willison's educational achievements include a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering from Monmouth College, N.J., in 1992; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Lafayette College, Pa., in 1986. He trained as a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in 2006. In February 2017, he completed the Executive Coaching for Organization Well Being program at George Mason University, and he is a certified professional coach.

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Mr. Willison has Level III Certification in Systems Engineering in the Army Acquisition Corps.

His awards and honors include: U.S. Army Infantry Association's Order of St. Maurice in 2011; Federal 100 Award in 1996; and Federal Technology Leadership Award in 1995.