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**IMPROVING DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE CAPABILITY IN DATA USE**

**Agenda for the First Committee Meeting**

The National Academies Keck Center • Room 201  
500 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20001  
October 28-29, 2019

***Meeting Goals:***

*Introduce committee members and discuss study process*

*Understanding the motivation, complexity, and urgency of this study*

*Review evidence and testimony framing the study*

*Develop a research and study strategy to accomplish the items in the*

**Monday, October 28, 2019**

*A working breakfast will be available in the meeting room beginning at 8:00am*

**08:00 – 12:00      Committee deliberation in closed session**

Committee introductions, discussion on committee biases and conflicts, overview of the study process, project overview, and review of the statement of task. Broad discussion on characteristics of the Defense Acquisition workforce and organization across the Department of Defense.

**12:00 – 13:00      Working Lunch**

**13:00 – 14:45      Perspectives from study sponsor**

*The study sponsors will discuss the motivation, complexity, and relevance of the study, as well as the likely audiences for the report recommendations and important stakeholders to engage.*

- Ms. Stacy Cummings, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Acquisition Enablers, Department of Defense
- Mr. Michael Conlin, Chief Data Officer, Department of Defense
- Mr. Mark Krzysko, Deputy Director of Enterprise Information for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Department of Defense

**14:45 – 15:15**                      **Break**

**15:15 – 16:00**                      **Understanding data training at military colleges and universities**

*Understand current data education efforts at select military higher education institutions and opportunities for future efforts.*

- Representative from the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) (*invited*)
- Dr. Bill Muir, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Defense Management, Naval Postgraduate School

**16:00 – 17:00**                      **Summary of RAND analyses on data use for Defense acquisition**

- Ms. Megan McKernan, Senior Defense Researchers, RAND Corporation

**17:00 – 17:30**                      **Committee continues deliberation in closed session**

The committee will discuss the study sponsor's perspectives and the findings from the RAND and Congressional Research Service reports.

**18:00 PM**                              **Working dinner**  
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**Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

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**08:00 – 12:00**                      **Committee reconvenes in closed session**

Committee reflects on discussions and testimony from the prior day and considers questions for the incoming speakers.

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The committee comes to agreements on next steps, such as:

- Frequency of committee and subcommittee discussions
- Selection of panel topics for future public meetings and the public workshop
- Suggestions of stakeholders, panelists, speakers, and participants
- Discussion of research needs