

Air Force Development Planning Roundtable

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Mr. Christopher Ristich (Ex Officio) is the director, Air Force Strategic Development Planning and Experimentation office (SDPE), Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Mr. Ristich is also a member of the Senior Executive Service. The office is responsible for facilitating air staff sponsored development planning activities, experimentation campaigns, and multi-domain modeling, simulation and analysis. Prior to his assignments in the SDPE office, Mr. Ristich served as technical director of the AFRL Plans and Program Directorate. There he was responsible for establishing and shaping new engagements with the Secretary of the Air Force Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and commanders of the Air Force major commands to integrate science and technology into Air Force corporate processes. Mr. Ristich has held numerous technical and leadership positions. As a subject matter expert in directed energy effects, he led counter-precision guided munitions red-team efforts that provided critical vulnerability insights for Air Force senior leadership. Through a series of management and technical leadership positions in AFRL, Mr. Ristich supported projects and special initiatives including space capabilities protection, directed energy task force, and the OSD software protection initiative. His multi-domain experience led to his selection as chief of the Layered Sensing Exploitation Division. Mr. Ristich's career includes more than 30 years of experience in research, development and test, and evaluation of Air Force, Army, Navy, and joint programs. He has provided leadership and technical expertise in programs that span air, space, and cyber domains.