

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Defense Innovation Board (DIB) Preparatory Session

Friday, 12 April 2024 9:00am-10:00am EDT

Virtual Session

External Participants: : Jon Chicky, Amanda Richardson, JD Barnes, Nathaniel Huston, Mike Tinker, Howard Strahan, Aaron Young

DIB Participants: Charles Phillips, Sue Gordon, Will Roper

DIB Staff: Marina Theodotou (DFO), Jacob Sharpe, Elliot Silverberg, Melanie Heinlein, Christina Hilf, Logan Hatfield, Juan Merizalde

Purpose: Preparatory session to gather information for "Allies and Partners" DIB report.

Session Summary:

The session discussed how the Defense Technology Security Administration, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and U.S. Special Operation Command are collaborating with allies on technology transfer, capability development, and industrial processes. The Task Force Deputy Director and Science Advisor are spearheading innovative solutions in areas like advanced manufacturing, 3D printing, border security, and AI integration. Despite bureaucratic hurdles, the Task Force has established partnerships with various naval forces under a contractor-operated model. A shift from the "Buy American" mindset is suggested for cost reduction and operational simplification, with a focus on the Arctic region. Cooperation with Scandinavian countries, particularly Norway, is being explored, with new members showing eagerness due to global concerns. Lastly, there's a strong focus on early design protections in critical technologies to maintain military advantage and facilitate safer sharing with allies.

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