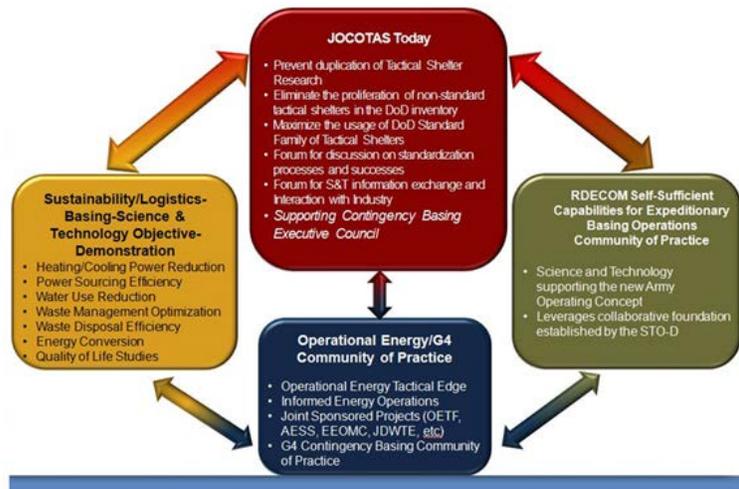


THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TACTICAL SHELTERS (JOCOTAS) AND JOINT STANDARDIZATION BOARD FOR SHELTERS AND EXPEDITIONARY BASING (JSB-S&EB) SPRING STRATEGY MEETING. On 19-20 May 2015 Natick Soldier Research, Development, and Engineering Center (NSRDEC) and PdM Force Sustainment Systems (PdM FSS) co-hosted a shelter and expeditionary basing strategy meeting for members from across DOD. JOCOTAS is chartered to promote standard solutions for Warfighter shelter requirements in the soft wall (tents) and rigid wall shelter areas. The JSB-S&EB recently expanded that role to include solutions that enable reduced use of energy and water, and systemic management of waste. Representatives from all Services and the Defense Logistics Agency participated in the discussions. The focus of the meeting was establishing a path forward to operationalize new areas of responsibility into actions and working groups. Forty-two participants attended the first day of the meeting that covered shelter and expeditionary basing project updates. The Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO), NSRDEC, PdM FSS, Joint Staff, Logistics Innovation Agency, TRADOC, Marine Corps, Air Force and RAND provided a total of sixteen briefings. The final topic, JOCOTAS Path Forward, was presented by the Executive Secretary and was the scene setter for the workshop. Synopses for each briefing will be posted on the NSRDEC JOCOTAS website. A two session workshop was held on 20 May and twenty-three multi service, senior staff participated. They were broken into three groups to work topic areas; "What does standardization mean" and "Identity critical elements for consideration when scoping the three new JSB-S&EB areas". In session one, all of the groups worked standardization further delving into their willingness to adopt another Service's system or component and interest in teaming on new Marine Corps or Army Shelter programs. In session two, each group worked on one of the new JSB-S&EB areas focusing on "What's important to Leadership/Users" and "What should be in or out of Scope". Each group presented results and discussed their findings at the end of the session. The out briefs were charted. A draft report detailing ideas and recommendations will be prepared for the JOCOTAS Voting Members and Officers. Once reconciled, a final report will be distributed to the participants.



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