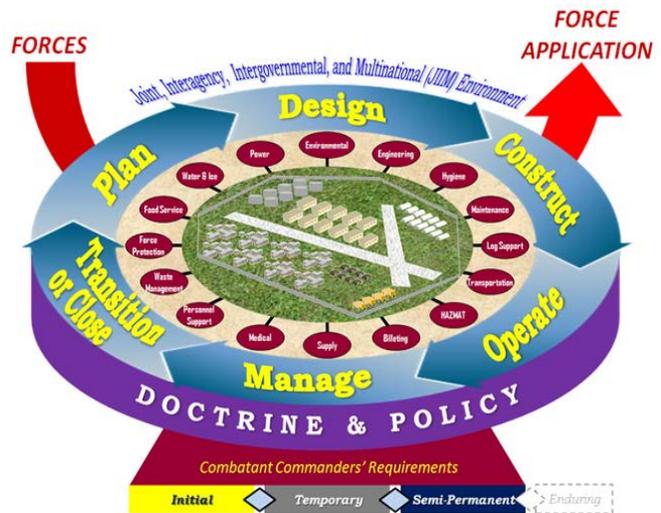


THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TACTICAL SHELTERS (JOCOTAS) AND JOINT STANDARDIZATION BOARD TRANSFORMATION MEETING.

On 18 Nov 2014 Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center (NSRDEC) and PM Force Sustainment Systems (PM FSS) met with shelter and expeditionary basing community members from across DOD. JOCOTAS is chartered to promote standard solutions to Warfighter shelter requirements in the soft wall (tents) and rigid wall shelter areas. Representatives from all Services and the Defense Logistics Agency participated in the discussions, and were provided fifteen briefings covering DOD contingency basing policy and directives, cargo airdrop, self sustaining basing technologies, expeditionary energy, combustion based black water disposal, shelter engineering development, reduced sustainment projects and standardization implications of commercial item proliferation. The briefings were structured as a discussion platform to underpin a senior level meeting held with the JOCOTAS Chairman's Action Officer, Executive Secretary, Service Voting Members and Joint Technical Working Group leads. In 2006 JOCOTAS was formally chartered as a Joint Standardization Board for Tactical Rigid Wall, Soft, and Hybrid Shelters; Special Purpose Covers and Shelter Accessories (JSB SCA). The DoD Deputy Principal Undersecretary /AT&L who is the lead on contingency basing wants existing JSBs to take a role in basing rather than setting up a standalone board. A recommendation was made by the JOCOTAS rep at the Contingency Basing Executive Council (CBEC) working group meeting in Sept 2014 to accomplish this goal. The first step in achieving the Undersecretary's directive is to figure out what the JSBs currently cover, what room they have to expand their charters and then assess the gaps. A formal tasking emerged that led to multiple discussions in October resulting in JOCOTAS action officers building a case for broadening the JSB SCA charter. This was presented to the senior level voting body. Deliberations are underway and a decision on what areas to broaden in the JSB Charter is due by COB 12 December 2014. A stand alone SIGACT will be prepared to cover the meeting discussions. Frank Kostka, JOCOTAS support contractor. PAO #U14-5111



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