

## THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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## **DETERMINATION TO CLOSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Defense Science Board (DSB) will meet in closed session May 23 and May 24, 2012, at the Pentagon, Room 3E863, Washington, DC. Board members will discuss interim findings and recommendations resulting from ongoing Task Force activities. Members will also discuss plans for future consideration of scientific and technical aspects of specific strategies, tactics, and policies as they may affect the U. S. national defense posture and homeland security.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), it is hereby determined that these DSB meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) and (4) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

The above determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve business proprietary information that comprises trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and are privileged or confidential. Concurrently, the discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such proprietary and classified material is so intertwined with the UNCLASSIFIED material and non-proprietary information that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meeting. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the Board's findings or recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

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