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Chairman, M&S Committee  
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Subj: Simulation Support to Acquisition

Dear Sir,

I believe your committee can make a very significant contribution to the combined efforts of the Department of Defense and our industrial partners to establish advanced systems engineering environments. The cost-effective harnessing of modeling and simulation is necessarily a central and essential element of such a system engineering capability. By providing an open, intellectually rigorous forum for examining this subject, the committee can shed light on the current state of the practice and reach consensus on actions required to advance towards our shared goals.

In the Department we are recommending that the Department cease operations of the Acquisition Functional Area Council of the Executive Council on Modeling and Simulation. As you know, until now this Council has served as the focal point for efforts to ensure simulation is supporting systems acquisition and test. A consideration in this recommendation was the fact that your committee offers an excellent alternative for carrying key elements of this work. It has the advantage of providing both broader participation and the stronger industry voice we will need to overcome the challenges ahead. Therefore, in my communications with the Council principals, I have encouraged their participation in the NDIA M&S Committee's activities.

I look forward to continued regular interactions with the NDIA Systems Engineering Division, including your committee. I invite you to keep me informed of significant developments in this arena and will be pleased to receive such reports as you may periodically see fit to produce.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Vitalij Garber  
Director of Interoperability

