



DEFENSE & AEROSPACE EXPORT COUNCIL

CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY ROBERT WORK

On Wednesday March 17th, the Chamber will host a discussion with DAEC Advisory Board Council member Secretary Robert Work, Vice Chair of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI). NSCAI released a [report](#) on March 1 offering a series of recommendations to the President and Congress to "advance the development of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and associated technologies to comprehensively address the national security and defense needs of the United States." Secretary Work will discuss this report and the implications it has for the future of Artificial Intelligence. If you wish to attend, please RSVP [here](#).

WEEKLY OUSD A&S CALLS

DAEC continues to participate in biweekly conference calls with the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD A&S) for updates on COVID-19 policy regulations and impacts to current and future business within the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). As many of you are aware, we are providing biweekly webinars to brief members on these updates and collect questions or concerns you would like us to relay on your behalf. Notes on these calls are published to our website, which you make access [here](#).

TRANSITION PAPER TO THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

On February 16, the Chamber formally submitted DAEC's Defense and Aerospace (D&A) policy recommendations to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin after socializing it with a key member of the transition team

at the end of 2020. DAEC worked closely with our members on key issues that impact both the D&A Industrial Complex and national security. These recommendations capture UAS, ITAR exceptions, institutionalizing focus on U.S. dominance in emergent technology, and a few other critical considerations deemed important by members of the Council. Copies of the paper and each of the two accompanying letters to the Secretaries are available [here](#). In response to our letter, the Office of the Secretary of Defense contacted the DAEC for a meeting Friday March 12th to discuss our recommendations. That meeting was fruitful and they have agreed to a follow up discussion later this month.



CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER (CAT) POLICY REVISION

National Security Council (NSC) staff reached out to the DAEC for input as they proceed with a revision of the CAT policy published by the previous Administration in April 2018. DAEC is working with members to provide input to the NSC by March 19th. We would like to thank all of our members who provided thoughtful and strategic comments on this topic.

OFFSET POLICY

The new administration is seeking guidance from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on the role of government in offset policy. Given the growing importance of offset policy to membership, DAEC has agreed to partner with the National Security Council on this front. With the support of the Chamber's influential bilateral councils, DAEC will leverage access to the appropriate foreign entities and officials to guide much-needed change.

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