

CHARTER FOR THE JOINT LOGISTICS OVER-THE-SHORE WORKING GROUP

1. Mission

The mission of the Joint Logistics Over-The-Shore (JLOTS) working group is to facilitate and streamline the coordination between Services and within the JLOTS community of interest; initiatives, doctrine, training and procedures in support of the Combatant Commanders' JLOTS requirements, and to advocate enhancements and sustainability of JLOTS capabilities.

2. Applicability, references, and governance

2.1 Applicability: Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Military Departments, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Geographic Combatant Commands (GCCs), Defense Agencies, Department of Defense (DOD) Field Activities, and all logistics organizational entities in the DOD.

2.2 References:

- Joint Pub 4-0, Joint Logistics, 18 July 2008
- Joint Pub 4-01.2 Sealift Support to Joint Operations, 31 August 2005
- Joint Pub 4-01.6, Joint Logistics Over-The-Shore (JLOTS), 5 August 2005
- DOD Directive 5158.04, United States Transportation Command, 27 July 2007
- DOD Instruction 5158.06, Distribution Process Owner, 30 July 2007
- Charter, Center of Excellence for Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise – Governance, 20 December 2011
- Joint Staff J4 Message, Subject: Aligning Joint Logistics Over-The-Shore (JLOTS) Governance under Distribution Process Owner (DPO), 18 February 2005.
- 1987 Joint Chief of Staff Implementation Plan Establishing USTRANSCOM and assigning oversight of JLOTS Program to USTRANSCOM

2.3 Governance: The JLOTS working group shall be aligned under DPO Governance and provide oversight of requirements, capabilities and training to ensure shortfalls and duplications are identified to the Logistics - Functional Capabilities Board (L-FCB) for joint resolution under the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) process.

3. Membership

The JLOTS working group shall be comprised of an action officer level (O4/O5 or equivalent representative) team to address specific JLOTS related issues as identified by the Distribution Steering Group (DSG), the Services, other logistics agencies, and the community of interest.

3.1 Chairman: The JLOTS working group will be chaired and facilitated by U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). The USTRANSCOM Director of Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics (TCJ5/4), will designate the military or civilian action officer (O5/O6 or civilian equivalent) representative to chair the JLOTS working group.

3.2. JLOTS working group members (voting)

- USTRANSCOM J5/4
- Joint Staff J-4
- OPNAV N95 (Expeditionary Warfare)
- Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Strategic Mobility Division (DALO-FPM)
- USMC Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, Logistics Plans, Policies, and Strategic Mobility Division, Logistics Plans and Operations Branch (LPO)
- GCCs: U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Northern Command and/or their designated representatives

3.3 Advisory Members (non-voting)

- Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense- Transportation Policy (ODASD-TP)
- USTRANSCOM J3
- OPNAV N42 (Strategic Mobility/Combat Logistics)
- Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G35 War Plans Division
- USMC Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policy, and Operations (POE)
- Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC)
- U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM)
- U.S. Army Training and Doctrine (TRADOC) Capability Manager – Transportation
- Product Directorate Army Watercraft Systems (PD AWS)
- Deployment Process Modernization Office (DPMO) CASCOM
- Marine Corps Combat Development Command
- Naval Surface Warfare Center
- Military Sealift Command (MSC)
- U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD)
- U.S. Forces Command (FORSCOM)
- United States Forces Korea (USFK) J4
- Defense Logistics Agency – Energy (DLA-E)
- Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific (EWTGPAC)
- Commercial Industry Representatives (upon invitation or request)

4. Responsibilities

4.1 Conduct/participate in an annual JLOTS symposium advocating JLOTS capabilities throughout the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise (JDDE).

4.2 Review and facilitate the development of JLOTS policy, doctrine, and training to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of JLOTS throughput and support to Combatant Commanders' JLOTS requirements. Policy, doctrinal and training issues should be coordinated with the appropriate Service agencies for resolution.

4.3 Enhance and streamline the coordination between Services, and within the JLOTS community concerning research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) of JLOTS interoperable systems/subsystems.

4.3.1 Review new JLOTS technology initiatives. Identify duplicate efforts by the Services when synergy can reduce expenditures of funds for similar capabilities.

4.3.2 Advocate for JLOTS oriented joint capability technology demonstrations (JCTD).

4.3.3 Evaluate commercial innovations and programs and assess their suitability for military requirements.

4.4 Provide a discussion and action forum among the Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, the Services, and Government agencies to identify JLOTS problems, deficiencies, and concerns and provide recommended solutions as appropriate.

5. Meetings and Procedures

5.1 The JLOTS working group Chair will be responsible for scheduling meetings, setting meeting agendas, publishing minutes and assigning tasks to members, as appropriate. USTRANSCOM will maintain an archive of JLOTS working group activities and meeting minutes.

5.2 The JLOTS working group will meet at a minimum annually in open general sessions to perform the group's mission. The Chair will conduct meetings via digital collaboration (VTC, DCO, telcon, etc) between general sessions as required. Participation from the principal (voting) member organizations is required in all general session working group meetings. Functional area and interested organizations will be invited to open general session meetings.

5.3 The JLOTS working group principal members will review the status of taskings, issues by the DOTMLPF domains, proposed initiatives, and proposed system development. For any issues or recommendations requiring DPO or L-FCB approval, the JLOTS working group will present those issues or recommendations to the Distribution Steering Group (DSG) for socialization and counsel.

6.0 Each JLOTS working group principal member and each member command will resource and provide support for meetings including any IPTs or groups set up to address issues and make recommendations for improvements to the JLOTS systems/subsystems. Resourcing includes funding for member TDY.

7.0 This charter may be modified by majority vote of principal members except for changes to mission or responsibilities. Modifications to mission/responsibilities will require approval by the Distribution Steering Group chaired by USTRANSCOM J5/4.