

Army Regulation 15-9

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

AR 15-9
National Science Center

This new regulation dated 14 July 2006--

- o Replaces HQDA Ltr 15-05-1.
- o Outlines responsibilities within the Army for the National Science Center Program.
- o Reflects changes in the composition of the Partnership Executive Committee.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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History. This publication is a new Department of the Army regulation.

Summary. This regulation assigns responsibilities for the National Science Center and covers the mission, composition, and concept of operation of the Partnership Executive Committee.

Applicability. This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve unless otherwise stated.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Chief Information Officer, G-6. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The proponent may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to a

division chief within the proponent agency or its direct reporting unit or field operating agency, in the grade of colonel or the civilian equivalent. Activities may request a waiver to this regulation by providing justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits and must include formal review by the activity's senior legal officer. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the commander or senior leader of the requesting activity and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent. Refer to AR 25-30 for specific guidance.

Army management control process. This regulation contains management control provisions, but does not identify key management controls that must be evaluated.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command and local forms are prohibited without prior approval from the Chief Information Officer, G-6, ATTN: SAIS-ZA, 107 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0107.

Suggested improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to the Chief Information Officer, G-6, ATTN: SAIS-NSC, 107 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0107.

Committee Continuance Approval. The establishment and/or continuance of

Army committees are made in accordance with AR 15-1, which requires that the proponent justify establishing and/or continuing the committees, coordinate draft publications, and coordinate changes in committee status with Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Committee Management Office (SAAA-RP), 13th Floor, Taylor Building, 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3926. If it is determined that an establishment group identified within this regulation later takes on the characteristics of a committee, the proponent will follow all AR 15-1 requirements for establishing and continuing the group as a committee. The Department of the Army committee management officer has reviewed this regulation and concurs in the establishment and/or continuance of committees outlined herein.

Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media only and is intended for command level D for the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1–1. Purpose

This regulation assigns responsibilities for the management of the National Science Center (NSC) and sets policies and procedures for the establishment and operation of the Partnership Executive Committee (PEC). It implements the provisions of Section 1459, Public Law 99–145 (Section 1459, PL 99–145) as amended by Section 280, PL 104–106, and Title 10, United States Code, Chapter 111 (10 USC, Chapter 111).

1–2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1–3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1–4. Responsibilities

- a.* The Chief Information Officer, G–6 (CIO/G–6), as proponent for the Secretary of the Army (SA), will—
 - (1) Coordinate the NSC requirements within the HQDA staff and secretariat.
 - (2) Serve as a member of the PEC, coordinating agenda and activities.
- b.* The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) will provide the required funding resources—\$2 million, adjusted annually for inflation—for the Army’s responsibilities in support of the NSC partnership.
- c.* The Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1 will provide, within allocated resources, the manpower resources for the Army’s responsibilities in support of the NSC.
- d.* The Commanding General (CG), U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon (USASC&FG), as the responsible official for the SA, will—
 - (1) Maintain a Department of the Army field operating activity (NSC–Army) within USASC&FG to perform national outreach from Fort Discovery.
 - (2) Ensure that Army funds and personnel located at the NSC facility will only support educational outreach programs authorized under 10 USC, Chapter 111.
 - (3) Account for funds that are collected from the public or other Federal departments and agencies for use of those areas of the NSC facility that are designated for use by the Army.
 - (4) Advise the SA, through the CIO/G–6, on the use of Fort Discovery and any Fort Gordon facilities by National Science Center, Inc., for functions and activities associated with the NSC and the Army’s educational outreach programs.
 - (5) Perform necessary contracting and related services in direct support of educational outreach programs authorized under 10 USC, Chapter 111, using the Army Contracting Agency (ACA), North Region, Regional Contracting Center, if the Fort Gordon Directorate of Contracting (DOC) office cannot provide the necessary support, or if the requirement is to be contracted for by ACA in the first place.
 - (6) Directly supervise the Army personnel assigned to the NSC.
 - (7) Serve as a member of the PEC.

Chapter 2 Operation of the Partnership Executive Committee

2–1. Purpose

The purpose of the PEC is to provide overall direction and oversight for the NSC and assess the effectiveness of the Education Partnership Agreement (EPA). The PEC assigns strategies and missions for the NSC based on the direction of Congress, the SA, the board of National Science Center, Inc., or other appropriate sources, or as a result of its own initiatives.

2–2. Composition

- a.* One chairperson, who is also chairperson of the National Science Center, Inc., Board of Directors (BOD).
- b.* The CIO/G–6.
- c.* The CG, USASC&FG, NSC responsible official for the SA.
- d.* Three members nominated by the chairperson, National Science Center, Inc., BOD and approved by the PEC.
- e.* Three members nominated by the CIO/G–6 and approved by the PEC.

f. Two at Large members nominated by the chairperson and approved by the PEC.

2-3. Conduct

The PEC will adhere to the following:

- a.* The PEC will meet at least annually. Additional meetings may be held when required.
- b.* All meetings will be at the call of the chairperson of the PEC.
- c.* The chairperson may designate another PEC member to preside over meetings in his or her absence.
- d.* A subordinate may be designated by a PEC member to attend meetings in his or her absence.
- e.* The chairperson may designate other members to act in an advisory capacity on a continuing basis or for a particular meeting.
- f.* All PEC actions will be consistent with the EPA and its bylaws.
- g.* All PEC actions require a majority vote approval.
- h.* The PEC will provide an interface between the NSC and all other entities, subject to the internal personnel functions of the parties and any other limitations imposed by law or regulation.
- i.* The PEC will create subcommittees, composed of PEC members and outside subject matter experts, as needed.
- j.* The chairperson will provide an annual report through the CIO/G-6 to the SA on its actions and recommendations.
- k.* The PEC participants will prepare and submit financial disclosure forms on request from the authorized Army ethics official.

2-4. Administrative support

- a.* The PEC member's parent company or organization will furnish funds for travel, per diem, and overtime, if required.
- b.* National Science Center, Inc., will serve as the action office for the PEC and will provide copies of the official minutes of all PEC meetings, reports, correspondence, and taskings to all PEC members.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

This section contains no entries.

Section II Related Publications

A related publication is a source of additional information. The user does not have to read a related publication to understand this publication.

AR 15-1
Committee Management

10 USC, Chapter 111
Support of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education

PL 99-145, Section 1459
Defense Authorization Act 1986

PL 104-106, Section 280
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996

Section III Prescribed Forms

This section contains no entries.

Section IV Referenced Forms

Unless otherwise indicated, DA forms are available on the APD Web site at <http://www.apd.army.mil>.

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Section I Abbreviations

ACA

Army Contracting Agency

APD

Army Publishing Directorate

BOD

Board of Directors

CIO/G-6

Chief Information Officer/G-6

CG

commanding general

DOC

Directorate of Contracting

EPA

Education Partnership Agreement

HQDA

Headquarters, Department of the Army

NSC

National Science Center

NSC, Inc.

National Science Center, Inc.

PEC

Partnership Executive Committee

PL

Public Law

SA

Secretary of the Army

USC

United States Code

USASC&FG

U.S. Army Signal Center & Fort Gordon

Section II

Terms

This section contains no entries.

Section III

Special Abbreviations and Terms

This section contains no entries.

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