

**Joint Intermodal Working Group (JIWG)
VTC Minutes
6 December 2011**

1. VTC was attended by US Transportation Command (TCJ5/4-IS; FY12 Lead Co-Chair), Defense Logistics Agency (J332 TP; Co-Chair), Joint Staff/J4-DD, Army G4, NAVSUP Logistics Operation Center, DASD TP and SDDC Global Container Management (GCM) Office. USAF and HQMC were unable to attend.
2. Agenda:
 - a. JIWG Charter Revision. Proposed changes at Tab 1.
 - b. Terms and Definitions.
 - c. USC 7 Issues/Way Ahead.
3. Charter Revisions: JIWG members present approved following changes to JIWG Charter at Tab 1: Changes outlined in paragraphs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 3, 3.1, 3.2.1, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.1.6, 4.2, 5.1, and 7.
 - a. Considerable discussion concerning keeping as is or modifying or deleting JIWG authority outlined in paragraphs 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Services raised concerns about the JIWG's role as "validating authority" before new container/platform initiatives could be submitted to the DPO for approval and inducted into the JCIDS process. Documentation from the 2004-2006 timeframe that reflected OSD's intent in granting JIWG this authority was provided to the participants. The DASD TP representative was not present during this part of the meeting. Participants agreed that DASD TP needs to confirm OSD's current intent with respect to the JIWG's role in the JCIDS process. Joint Staff/J4-DD representative agreed to set up teleconference between USTRANSCOM, Joint Staff/J4-DD, and DASD TP to discuss and present to JIWG. As such, action on paragraphs 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 was deferred.
 - b. It was agreed that DASD TP should be moved from non-voting advisory status to member with voting status. The need for some vote tie-breaking mechanism to go into charter was also agreed upon. This change will be made. Language for tie-breaking mechanism must be coordinated with JIWG members. USTRANSCOM TCJ5/4-IS will provide draft.
 - c. It was agreed that COCOMs will remain as non-voting functional and interested organizations. Joint Staff/J4-DD speaks for COCOMs and will staff any significant actions with them for input. COCOMs will still be welcome at meetings.

d. It was agreed to delete first occurrence of paragraph 4.1.4 concerning JIWG's role in the biennial ISO container/asset inventory. Original language was "Initiate DOD's biennial container/asset inventory through SDDC and report inventory results to the DPO." Proposed language was "Oversee DOD's biennial ISO container/asset inventory when initiated by USTRANSCOM through SDDC and report inventory results to the DPO." Since the JIWG does not initiate, establish procedures, conduct, or administer the inventory, members agreed that function does not need to be called out in the JIWG charter. JIWG can receive updates on the biennial container inventory as required.

e. It was agreed to delete paragraph 4.1.6 since the approved changes to paragraph 4.1.2 made paragraph 4.1.6 redundant.

f. Changes to paragraph 5.2 were put on hold pending a decision regarding the number and nature of JIWG meetings. Currently, the charter directs the JIWG to meet a minimum of twice each fiscal year in open general session. These have traditionally been face-to-face meetings. USAF requested we consider conducting one face-to-face and the other by video teleconference (VTC). USTRANSCOM TCJ5/4-IS will propose COAs for JIWG consideration.

4. Terms and Definitions. It was agreed to set up small group from the Services/DLA/ USTRANSCOM to review terms and definitions for containers, containerization, intermodal, etc. that are in doctrine, regulations, instructions, and other publications.

a. Services/DLA will review and provide compilation of terms and definitions from their doctrinal publications, regulations, policy, instructions, etc.

b. USTRANSCOM will review DOD, Joint Publications, ISO and industry terms

c. Group will provide a recommended consolidated list of existing terms, new terms proposed for adoption within the DOD, and outdated terms proposed for removal and report out next JIWG meeting.

d. Upon JIWG approval, final list will be provided to Joint Staff/J7 for inclusion in Joint Publication 1.02 (DOD Dictionary of Terms).

5. Tom Parker provided a brief summary of a 2 Dec 11 meeting between TCJ5/4-IS, TCAQ, and SDDC GCM on USC 7 issues relating to the solicitation, the 2 Nov 11 edition of the Performance Work Statement (PWS), and the absence of enabling provisions to support new DOD container use policy and the ARFORGEN 180 day plan for future contingencies. The discussion centered on the need, based on experiences/lessons learned in developing USC 7, to better engage the stakeholders/bill payers in the process, to provide feedback on proposed changes, and to better socialize defense needs related to the contract with our industry partners/prospective contractors so they better understand what we may be calling upon them to do. Also discussed was the need to ensure exceptions to normal day-to-day USC

procedures and additional services required to support contingencies are detailed in PWS Section 6 (Operations in Exigency Areas). This approach would provide a commercial-based USC that can support peacetime day-to-day requirements economically and efficiently while providing commercial-like operational flexibility necessary to support fast-breaking contingency or disaster/humanitarian relief operations. Finally discussed was the need for a timeline to get proposed contract provisions crafted and approved in time to incorporate them at the next available opportunity.