SUBJECT: Deputy Secretary of Defense

References: See Enclosure

1. PURPOSE. This directive reissues DoD Directive 5105.02 (Reference (a)) to prescribe the responsibilities and functions of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in accordance with the authorities in Titles 10, 31, and 5 of the United States Code (References (b), (c), and (d)).

2. APPLICABILITY. This directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this directive as the “DoD Components”).

3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

   a. In accordance with the authorities contained in References (b), (c), and (d) and except as expressly prohibited by law, Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert O. Work has full power and authority to act for the Secretary of Defense and to exercise the powers of the Secretary of Defense upon any and all matters concerning which the Secretary of Defense is authorized to act pursuant to law. Included, without limitation, in these authorities is serving as the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Defense and the Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, who will:

      (1) Ensure Department-wide capability to carry out the strategic plan of the DoD in support of national security objectives.

      (2) Ensure the core business missions of the DoD are optimally aligned to support the Department’s warfighting mission.

      (3) Improve DoD management and performance, pursuant to section 1123 of Reference (c).
(4) Develop and maintain a strategic plan, pursuant to section 306 of Reference (d).

b. The all-inclusive authority reflected in paragraph 3a may not be further delegated in its entirety; however, the Deputy Secretary of Defense is authorized, except where otherwise restricted, to make specific written delegations.

4. **RELASABILITY.** **Unlimited.** This directive is approved for public release and is available on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Website at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This directive is effective February 18, 2015.

Ashton B. Carter  
Secretary of Defense

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REFERENCES

(b) Title 10, United States Code
(c) Title 31, United States Code
(d) Title 5, United States Code