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**CHARTER
FOR THE
ARMY SIMULATION STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICE**

"Provide the Warfighter with cost effective training, testing, and rapid prototyping through state-of-the-art modeling and simulation."

*Army Enterprise Strategy
The Vision*

I. PURPOSE.

This Charter establishes and defines the role and responsibilities of the Army Simulation Strategic Planning Office (SSPO). It describes, in general terms, the methods SSPO will use to improve the Army's strategic-level management of Models and Simulations (M&S). Models and Simulations are as defined in AR 5-11, Management of Army Models and Simulations (M&S).

II. BACKGROUND.

The Chief of Staff, Army identified a lack of strategic-level focus and synchronization for the Army's efforts in models and simulations. To correct this, he placed the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (DCSOPS) in charge of strategic planning for Army M&S. The DCSOPS made the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (ADCSOPS) the HQDA General Officer single Point Of Contact (POC) for coordination of major M&S actions by all external agencies, Major Commands (MACOMs), and the Army staff. The ADCSOPS executive agent for simulation strategic plans and operations is the SSPO (DAMO-ZS).

III. MISSION AND SCOPE OF THE ARMY SIMULATION STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICE.

A. The mission of the SSPO is to coordinate with other Army and DoD-wide organizations on M&S activities, and interact with Army M&S management to strategically plan and manage major M&S activities across all domains focusing the Army M&S efforts toward the fulfillment of the vision for Army 2010 M&S. Specifically, the SSPO will monitor activities across all domains to preclude duplication of effort and wasted resources.

B. As the HQDA focal point for strategic-level M&S matters, the SSPO is the DCSOPS's instrument for providing guidance, assistance, and coordination for a very broad range of M&S subjects. This requires oversight of all major M&S activities by a single office. Although this concept provides centralized strategic management with a single leader, the DOTS, it will not stifle the benefits that the Army has enjoyed with a decentralized execution of M&S programs. As the DOTS' executive agent, the SSPO will perform the specific functions and tasks as outlined in the next section.

IV. SSPO FUNCTIONS AND TASKS.

A. Coordinate M&S activities. The SSPO will coordinate M&S activities with, but not limited to, the following: Domain managers, the Army Models and Simulations Management Office (AMSMO), U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command (SSDC), the U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense Office, the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), other services' M&S agencies, Defense Modeling and Simulation Office (DMSO), the Joint Staff, and any other agency with major M&S activities in order to assimilate the latest thrusts and advances in M&S to lead the Army to achieving its vision for Army 2010 M&S.

B. Validate requirements. The SSPO will validate major M&S requirements. The intent of this validation is to ensure that M&S requirements across all three domains (Training, Exercises, and Military Operations [TEMO]; Advanced Concepts and Requirements [ACR]; and Research, Development, and Acquisition [RDA]) are integrated, architectural control is institutionalized, and resource allocation is synchronized. SSPO will ensure that AR 5-11, Management of Army Models and Simulations, is modified to require these validation and coordination actions. Prepare and maintain the Army Vision for M&S and the Army M&S Master Plan. The Army Vision and M&S Master Plan will be published as required, in coordination with the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Operations Research [DUSA(OR)] and Army Models and Simulations Management Office (AMSMO).

C. Prepare and maintain investment strategies. The SSPO will prepare and maintain investment strategies that support validated requirements leading to the achievement of the Vision for Army 2010 Models and Simulations. The SSPO will coordinate across all three domains (TEMO, ACR, and RDA) to assess valid major M&S requirements, to prioritize major M&S thrusts across the domains, and to derive a sound investment strategy to achieve the coordinated needs of the synthetic battlefield.

D. Justify and defend essential resources. The SSPO will coordinate and consolidate M&S priorities across the domains into a single recommendation to the separate Program Evaluation Groups (PEGs). The SSPO will justify and defend M&S programs in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) that are consistent with the M&S Vision and Master Plan.

E. Synchronize resource allocation. The SSPO will monitor PEG and POM actions in order to help synchronize efficient allocation of resources and will serve as HQDA clearing house for M&S related program budget decision (PBD) actions.

F. Assess progress towards strategic plan. The SSPO has staff responsibility for monitoring and assessing progress in achieving the goals of the Army Vision and M&S Master Plan.

G. Promote Army concepts and needs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and joint arena. The SSPO and AMSMO will coordinate Army representation to M&S management organizations outside the Army. This includes steering committees, councils, and other decision making bodies of DoD and the other Services.

H. Advise the DCSOPS on policy issues. The DUSA(OR) is responsible for Army M&S policy. SSPO and AMSMO will coordinate all Army M&S Policy issues in order to advise the DCSOPS.

I. Coordinate information system standards, M&S standards, M&S research, and Distributed Interactive Simulation (DIS)/Synthetic Theater of War (STOW). As the HQDA M&S integrator,

SSPO will coordinate the above areas with their respective lead agencies: Information system standards, Director of Information Systems Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (DISC4); M&S standards, DUSA(OR); and M&S research with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Army for Research and Technology [DAS (R&T)]. SSPO may develop memorandum of agreements (MOAs), if required, with each of these agencies and ensure current and appropriate input to the Army M&S Master Plan and AR 5-11.

J. Interact with M&S management bodies. The SSPO will coordinate with and support M&S management bodies such as the Distributed Interactive Simulation General Officer Steering Committee (DIS GOSC) and the Army Modeling and Simulation Executive Council (AMSEC). The roles of these and other existing groups will not change as a result of establishing the SSPO other than to make sure the SSPO is an integral part of their efforts. Any changes to the existing management bodies will be done via the Army M&S Master Plan and AR 5-11.

K. Coordinate Verification, Validation, and Accreditation (VV&A) Policy. Coordinate with Defense Modeling and Simulation Office (DMSO) and DUSA(OR) via AMSMO on development of validation, verification and accreditation policy, methodology and application.

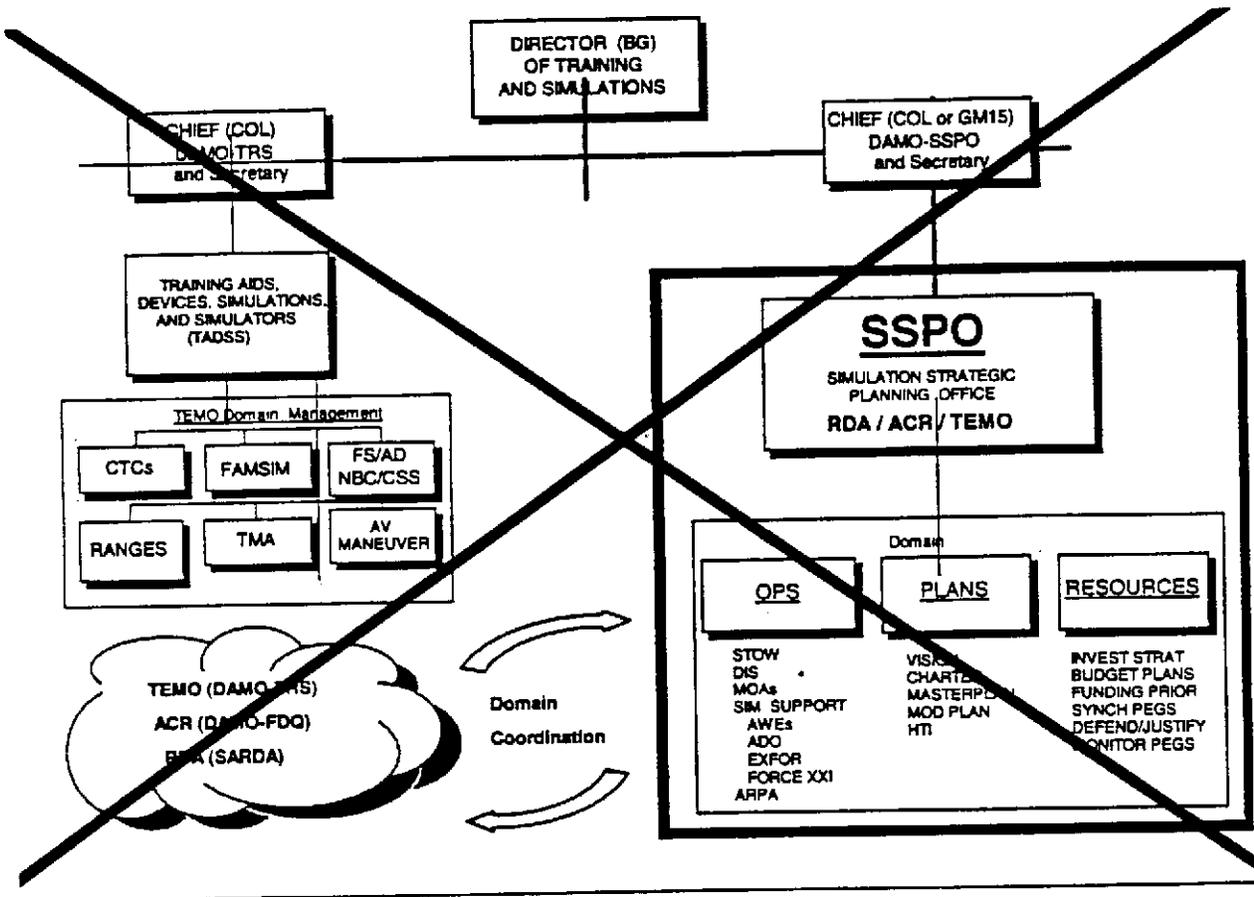
L. Synchronize M&S Initiatives. The SSPO will synchronize M&S initiatives to achieve a synergy of vision, effort, and resources across the three domains.

V. ORGANIZATION OF THE SSPO/COORDINATION WITH DOMAINS.

A. SSPO is part of the Training and Simulations Directorate of DCSOPS. Its primary focus is to coordinate across the three domains: TEMO, ACR, and RDA.

B. The SSPO will coordinate with the domain managers on strategic-level M&S issues. As depicted in the diagram below, TEMO domain management resides in DAMO-TRS. Domain management for the other two domains are in DAMO-FDQ for ACR and SARDA for RDA.

Note: Updated AMSO Organization and Army M&S Structure approved by CSA on 18 Sep 95 attached at TAB C and TAB D, respectively.



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