CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CYBER OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation
The Subcommittee on Special Cyber Operations Research and Engineering (SCORE) is hereby re-established by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Committee on Homeland and National Security (CHNS).

B. Purpose and Scope
The purpose of the SCORE Subcommittee is to enhance coordination and collaboration across the classified cyber research community. The SCORE Subcommittee’s scope is science and technology for national security needs in cyber. The SCORE Subcommittee will address long-term research goals, policy issues related to high-value cyber collaboration, and identify near- and long-term priorities for cyber research and development. The SCORE Subcommittee will also serve as a forum to discuss the implementation of Administration priorities through coordinated agency-level activities.

C. Functions
The primary functions of the SCORE Subcommittee are to:

1. Enhance communication among Federal agencies that perform U.S. Government classified cyber research activities to coordinate and promote complementary efforts, encourage inter-agency collaboration, and provide access to subject matter expertise across the Federal Government.

2. Enhance communication between the classified and unclassified Federal cyber research communities, including the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program and Federal agencies that are not members of SCORE.

3. Coordinate strategic communication with academia and private sector subject matter experts.

4. Develop technical advice and strategic guidance for the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology the Chairs of the CHNS, and the Committee.

5. Establish ad hoc Task Forces, as needed, to advance specific priorities.
6. Respond to requests from the CHNS and other NSTC Committees and Subcommittees.

D. Membership

The NSTC departments and agencies within the intelligence, defense, and homeland security communities that conduct classified cyber research are represented on the SCORE Subcommittee:

Department of Commerce;
Department of Defense;
Department of Energy;
Department of Homeland Security;
Department of Justice;
Department of State;
Department of Treasury;
Central Intelligence Agency;
National Science Foundation; and
Office of the Director of National Intelligence (Co-chair).

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President are also represented on the Subcommittee:

National Security Staff;
Office of Management and Budget;
Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) (Co-chair).

NSTC departments and agencies that perform or manage research for national security missions may also be represented at the discretion of the Chair.

E. Private-Sector Interface

The SCORE Subcommittee may seek private-sector advice from the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) and will recommend to the CHNS and/or the OSTP Director the nature of any additional private-sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The SCORE Subcommittee may also interact with and receive ad hoc advice from various private-sector groups consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.¹

F. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the Co-chairs of the CHNS prior to its expiration, the SCORE Subcommittee shall terminate March 20, 2017.

¹The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., as amended, does not explicitly define “private sector,” but the phrase is generally understood to include individuals or entities outside the Federal government such as, but not limited to, the following: non-Federal sources, academia, State, local or Tribal governments, individual citizens, the public, non-governmental organizations, industry associations, international bodies, etc.
G. Determination

I hereby determine that the re-establishment of the Subcommittee on Special Cyber Operations Research and Engineering is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the executive branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:

Patricia K. Falcone
Co-chair, Committee on Homeland and National Security, and
Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs,
Office of Science and Technology Policy

Date

Alan Shaffer
Co-chair, Committee on Homeland and National Security, and
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering,
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Date

Daniel Gerstein
Co-chair, Committee on Homeland and National Security, and
Deputy Under Secretary for Science & Technology,
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Date