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OFFICE OF SECURITY CAPABILITIES ENGAGEMENT GROUP**

**SYSTEMS ENGINEERING FOCUS GROUP
MEETING REPORT
November 21, 2013**

The Washington Homeland Security Roundtable (WHSR) hosted the fifth TSA Office of Security Capabilities (OSC) Systems Engineering Focus Group meeting on November 21, 2013. Participants attending the meeting consisted of representatives from industry, WHSR, and TSA.

The TSA/OSC representative and the industry lead began the meeting with a recap of the group's previous activities and then discussed areas to focus on going forward. TSA shared their need for input into the strategic planning activity in OSC and have recently spent time completing templates to define the initiatives and the steps needed to achieve these initiatives. They outlined six initiatives and are working to insert ongoing work into them. TSA also included a representative who is leading two of the strategic initiatives focused on the Transportation Security Capability Analysis Process (TSCAP). The TSCAP is an effort to take a holistic look at people, processes, procedures, and technologies.

TSA would like to leverage this focus group to provide input on requirements development and trade analysis up front. They shared that there are industry engagement components to TSCAP where TSA wants feedback from industry, OEMs, and other consultants in the aviation industry. Industry participants agreed that this is an area they could provide input on.



TSA shared that they are building a Technical Requirements Handbook that will try to consolidate the volume of information used by OSC and Systems Engineering to guide them in their requirements development process. This internal document lays out the process and the roles and responsibilities for OSC.

The group also discussed how the TSA OSC Systems Engineering group influences the requirements development process and lifecycle, and the importance and value for systems engineering to have a voice in program development and requirements.

At the next meeting of the Systems Engineering Focus Group on December 16, 2013 the group will be briefed on TSCAP and have the opportunity to provide input on the program.