

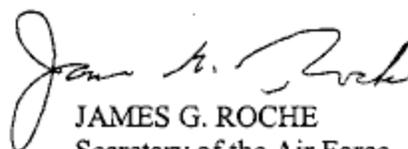
Foreword

The Air Force will meet 21st Century challenges by continued reliance on overwhelming technological superiority. Keeping pace with these challenges requires strong technical leadership and an intrinsic ability to respond quickly to the demands of a rapidly changing world. To clearly articulate our commitment to maintaining a dominant edge in technology and provide a clear path for our members, we set forth this vision for our Air Force Scientists and Engineers:

"Air Force Scientists and Engineers . . . guiding, producing and sustaining concepts, technologies and systems that are key to aerospace operations."

The Scientist and Engineer CONOPS that follows provides the foundation of how we will employ this vital element of our workforce. It reflects the invaluable contributions our Scientists and Engineers make in conducting our Air Force mission. The CONOPS also outlines our objective to evolve our aerospace force to ensure we sustain our technological dominance. Finally, it underlines our conviction that a strong in-house Scientist and Engineer capability is essential to meet our national security demands of the future.


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