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This comment is intended only to correct a serious inaccuracy in the testimony of the analyst supporting this article that may have negatively impacted the very credibility of the BRAC process. It is intended only to set the record straight. It is not in any way intended to influence the opinions or decisions of the Commissioners.

This item concerned to relocation of three organizations to the Operations Support Systems Wing at Hanscom AFB MA.

The Operations and Sustainment Systems Group (OSSG) at Maxwell-Gunter AFB AL is, as the analyst stated, primarily involved with the 24/7 operation and maintenance of AF-wide information systems. As the analyst stated, its mission does NOT fit well with the RD&A, T&E mission of the AF Electronic Systems Center (ESC) at Hanscom AFB.

On the other hand, the mission of the Development and Fielding Systems Group (DFSG) at Wright-Patterson AFB OH is very much an RD&A organization. DFSG is charged with the research, development and acquisition of next-generation AF information technology systems. It is NOT, as the analyst stated during his testimony, simply a “buying agency for COTS software”. The DFSG is an integral part of the ESC mission to achieve integrated AF command and control systems.

The Engineering and Integration Systems Squadron (EISS), also headquartered at Maxwell-Gunter AFB but with engineering resources located at all three locations, is the engineering arm of the OSSW. It also performs the test and evaluation of the systems being developed and acquired by the DFSG. Elements of the EISS assist the OSSG in the diagnosis and correction of AF legacy IT systems. Some elements of the EISS are very much a part of the ESC mission.

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