

# 2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Downloadable Security Technical Advisory Committee

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Federal Communications Commission	2015
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Downloadable Security Technical Advisory Committee	2519

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
Yes	01/05/2015		09/04/2015

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes		09/04/2015

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Agency Authority

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Public Law 113-200	12/04/2014	Ad hoc	No

**15. Description of Committee** National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 5

<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>
04/21/2015	Current Commercial Requirements
04/21/2015	Technology and Preferred Architectures
08/04/2015	Device Platforms, Variability, and Interfaces

08/04/2015 Security Requirements for  
Downloadable Security  
Final Report of the Downloadable  
08/28/2015 Security Technology Advisory  
Committee

## Number of Committee Reports Listed: 5

17a. 7 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 7  
Open

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
<p>The DSTAC is a federal advisory committee that will "identify, report, and recommend performance objectives, technical capabilities, and technical standards of a not unduly burdensome, uniform, and technology- and platform-neutral software-based downloadable security system" to promote the competitive availability of navigation devices (e.g., set-top boxes and television sets) in furtherance of Section 629 of the Communications Act. At this meeting, the Committee discussed (i) the scope of the report that it will deliver to the Commission, (ii) the ultimate goals of interested parties with respect to navigation device conditional access and content security, (iii) recommended working groups and the tasks for which they will be responsible, and (iv) other topics related to the DSTAC's work.</p> <p>At this second meeting of the DSTAC, the Current Commercial Requirements Working Group and the Technology and Preferred Architectures Working Group presented their findings, the Commission established follow-up working groups, and the committee discussed other topics related to the DSTAC's work.</p> <p>At this third meeting, the DSTAC received reports from the Current Commercial Requirements Working Group and the Technology and Preferred Architectures Working Group presented their findings, established follow-up working groups, discussed draft outlines for the committee report and discussed other topics related to the DSTAC's work.</p>	02/23/2015	02/23/2015
<p>At this second meeting of the DSTAC, the Current Commercial Requirements Working Group and the Technology and Preferred Architectures Working Group presented their findings, the Commission established follow-up working groups, and the committee discussed other topics related to the DSTAC's work.</p>	03/24/2015	03/24/2015
<p>At this third meeting, the DSTAC received reports from the Current Commercial Requirements Working Group and the Technology and Preferred Architectures Working Group presented their findings, established follow-up working groups, discussed draft outlines for the committee report and discussed other topics related to the DSTAC's work.</p>	04/21/2015	04/21/2015

At this meeting, the Committee received presentations from the Security Requirements for Downloadable Security Working Group (Working Group 3) and the Device Platforms, Variability, And Interfaces Working Group (Working Group 4). The Committee also considered other issues related to the DSTAC's work.

05/13/2015 - 05/13/2015

To discuss draft reports from the Security Requirements for Downloadable Security Working Group (Working Group 3) and the Device Platforms, Variability, And Interfaces Working Group (Working Group 4) and to consider other issues related to the DSTAC's work.

07/07/2015 - 07/07/2015

To discuss final draft reports from the Security Requirements for Downloadable Security Working Group (WG3) and the Device Platforms, Variability, And Interfaces Working Group (WG4) and to consider other issues related to the DSTAC's work.

08/04/2015 - 08/04/2015

To consider a final report that summarizes the reports from each of its four working groups and consider other issues related to the DSTAC's work.

08/28/2015 - 08/28/2015

#### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 7

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$255,415.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user</b>		
<b>charges, graphics, printing,</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>mail, etc.)</b>		
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$258,915.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support</b>		
<b>Years (FTE)</b>	1.50	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

In keeping with its advisory role, the duties of the DSTAC will be to gather data and information and to perform those analyses that are necessary to make recommendations on the questions or matters before it and to provide a report to the Commission not later than September 4, 2015. The initial meeting of the Advisory Committee shall take place not later than March 4, 2015, pursuant to the Act.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The DSTAC shall be comprised of representatives from the following groups - MVPDs, consumer electronics manufacturers, content companies and public interest groups) and, where appropriate, members appointed for their individual technical expertise (as Special Government Employees or SGEs).

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 7  
Estimated Total Meetings - 7

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (hereinafter "Act") requires the establishment of a working group of technical experts that represent

the viewpoints of a wide range of stakeholders to identify, report, and recommend performance objectives, technical capabilities, and technical standards of a not unduly burdensome, uniform, and technology- and platform-neutral software-based downloadable security system to promote the competitive availability of navigation devices in furtherance of Section 629 of the Communications Act.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Not Applicable

**21. Remarks**

Not Applicable

**Designated Federal Officer**

Brendan Murray DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ansari, Ahmad	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Director of New Product Development	Representative Member
Avila, Andrea	03/18/2015	01/05/2017	Director, Technology & Compliance	Representative Member
Candelore, Brant	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Senior Staff Member	Representative Member
Card, John	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Director of Standards and Technology, EchoStar Technologies, LLC	Representative Member
Clark, Matthew	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Principal, Business Development Digital Products	Representative Member
Clyne, Bob	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Senior Vice President of Engineering and New Technologies	Representative Member

Godfrey, John	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Vice President, Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Goldberg, Adam	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Principal, AGP, LLC SVP, Office of the Chief Technology Officer,	Representative Member
Hess, Mark	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Business & Industry Affairs	Representative Member
Love, Brad	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Chief Technologist	Representative Member
Lowe, Kenneth	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Vice President and Co-Founder	Representative Member
McClelland, Bruce	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	President of Network and Cloud & Global Services	Representative Member
Medin, Milo	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Vice President of Access Services	Representative Member
Rolls, Jay	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer	Representative Member
Sethumadhavan, Simha	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Association Professor of Computer Science, Columbia University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Brent	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	President and Chief Technology Officer	Representative Member
Tritt, Cheryl	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Senior Counsel, Wilkinson Barker Knauer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weber, Joseph	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Chief Technical Officer	Representative Member
Wilson, Robin	01/27/2015	01/05/2017	Vice President, Business Development	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 19**

**Narrative Description**

The DSTAC's mission is to identify, report, and recommend performance objectives, technical capabilities, and technical standards of a not unduly burdensome, uniform, and technology- and platform-neutral software-based downloadable security system to promote the competitive availability of navigation devices (e.g., set-top boxes and television sets) in furtherance of Section 629 of the Communications Act. The DSTAC must file a report with the Commission by September 4, 2015 to detail findings and recommendations. The Committee supports the FCC strategic goal of Protecting Public Interest Goals by promoting competition.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

4

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The DSTAC submitted its final report on August 28, 2015. The Media Bureau released the report for public comment. The Commission has not had an opportunity as yet to consider the recommendations.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒



**Agency Feedback Comments**

Not Applicable

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Not Applicable