Defense Technical Information Center Signs Agreement with CHORUS to Advance Public Access to Research

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Fort Belvoir, VA – The Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) and CHORUS, a not-for-profit membership organization of publishers, have reached an agreement to allow published journal articles to complement the material supplied by DoD-funded authors currently available in DTIC's search systems.

This agreement enables DTIC to provide the public with access to DoD-funded journal articles through a Public Access Search. During a 12-month embargo period the published articles will be available through a link to publishers' websites. Following the embargo period, DTIC will provide authors' accepted manuscripts as well as links to manuscripts and articles provided by CHORUS publisher members.

A 2013 Office of Science and Technology (OSTP) Public Access Memo requires all federal agencies with more than $100M in annual research and development expenditures, to support increased public access to research results funded by the federal government. This includes results published in peer-reviewed scholarly publications and the digitally formatted scientific data arising from unclassified unlimited research. The memo aims to accelerate the dissemination of federal government-funded research results, to advance the frontiers of knowledge and promote economic growth through use of research.

DoD's engagement with CHORUS represents a public-private collaboration, which was encouraged in the OSTP Memo. With this agreement, the Department of Defense joins with the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation, to supplement the results of government-funded research that the government receives, with the publishers' content that the government does not have.

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