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**T**he Joint Deployment Training Center (JDTC) at Fort Eustis, Virginia, offers a Joint Engineer Planning and Execution System (JEPES) course for joint engineer staff members. JEPES provides commanders and engineer staff with capabilities to tailor the time-phased force and deployment data (TPFDD) for engineer requirements. The application enables the staff to identify construction requirements, align engineer force structure, build engineer-specific requirements, and provide cost estimates within the TPFDD in coordination with the Joint Operation Planning and Execution System (JOPES) community.

JEPES operates through the Global Combat Support System–Joint (GCSS–J) web portal. Engineers can—

- Import JOPES plans.
- Generate engineer reports.
- Identify base complexes and construction requirements.
- Manage engineer units and resources.
- Construct an engineer-specific plan for use in JOPES.
- Extract facilities data using the GCSS–J Query Tool.

Engineer students learn how to—

- Use all of the JEPES menu functions.
- Construct a JEPES plan.
- Share and coordinate information with other GCSS–J portal users.
- Access federated applications, such as in-transit visibility (ITV), CIA [Central Intelligence Agency] *World Factbook*, and Port and Airfield Collaborative Environment (PACE).

JEPES is a one-day, certificate-awarding course. Engineer students should already have completed a GCSS–J portal course or be proficient with GCSS–J prior to taking

JEPES. GCSS–J courses are essential for any engineer student or engineer action officer who needs to manage engineering assets in a TPFDD or operational environment at any combatant command or joint task force.

Training is conducted at Fort Eustis or by mobile training team in conjunction with a GCSS–J portal course. A final U.S. secret clearance is required to attend. To schedule a JEPES or GCSS–J portal course, contact Mr. Keith Davison at DSN 381-0932 or <[keith.davison@disa.mil](mailto:keith.davison@disa.mil)>.

JDTC develops and delivers functional Global Command and Control System–Joint training. This includes joint deployment planning and execution, situational awareness, and global force management training and education through standardized curricula to combatant commands, Department of Defense and other agencies, and professional military education institutions. JDTC trains Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines as they will operate, using tools essential in the command and control of combat operations, joint logistics, force planning, and deployment. Training mirrors real-world operations in a hands-on environment, under the supervision and guidance of experts through resident, mobile training team, and virtual campus instruction. Distributed learning courses are available through Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) and JDTC websites. For more information, visit <[www.jdtc.jfcom.mil](http://www.jdtc.jfcom.mil)>. 

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