



# A-GRAM



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## MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT AND EVALUATION PROGRAM (MEEP)

### SYNOPSIS:

This supersedes A-Gram 95-14, dated March 1995. MEEP promotes testing and acquisition of commercially available vehicles, tools, and equipment that enhance performance and civil engineer work processes. The program allows the Air Force to test and try out unique equipment and non-equipment type assets prior to purchase. It also provides an evaluation of advertised leading edge technological advancements to verify whether the unique needs and requirements of customers are met. The program supports all active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units worldwide. Civil engineering has greatly benefited from MEEP by fielding a number of quality equipment and non-equipment assets.

### SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTS:

Below are some of the products tested under MEEP:

- a. JB Roller Screed - tested at Nellis AFB, Nevada, within the RED HORSE unit (purchased after conclusion of test).
- b. CMI RS - 650 Asphalt Reclaimer - tested at Nellis AFB, Nevada, within the RED HORSE unit (purchased after conclusion of test).
- c. Articulating Municipal Tractor - tested at Minot AFB, North Dakota (purchased snow blower, angler sweeper, boom mow, and rotator mow after conclusion of test).
- d. Power Hawk — tested at Langley AFB, Virginia, and Maxwell AFB, Alabama (recommended to be incorporated into the applicable allowance source for fire department acquisition).

(Visit the HQ AFCESA web site at [www.afcesa.af.mil](http://www.afcesa.af.mil) for detailed reports on other successful projects.)

### PROGRAM ATTRIBUTES:

MEEP evaluates ideas, techniques, methods, procedures, systems, and equipment designed to improve efficiency within everyday work processes at no cost to the government. The functional experts that possess the skills necessary to evaluate designed enhancements are the evaluators of the products. This is typically accomplished through hands-on

experience where working-level people are provided the opportunity to actually use a product to determine the benefits prior to the unit expending valuable tax dollars.

Historically, this program has supported transportation and civil engineer functions, but many other organizations could also benefit from the test results. The program acts as a bridge between commercial industry and the Air Force. The "test or try before you buy" concept allows units to verify that advertised benefits meet expectations.

### MEEP PROCESS:

MEEP projects begin when program monitors and functional experts from different trade specialties attend trade shows and screen manufacturers' brochures/trade magazines for new or improved products. The MEEP office researches assets to ensure these products have not been previously evaluated. When it is determined the product has not been previously evaluated, a product brochure is sent to a test base or bases. The base experts evaluate the brochure to determine if the product warrants testing and to identify expected benefits to be achieved by the Air Force. If base experts want to test the product, a bailment agreement is written between the vendor/manufacturer and the Air Force. Normally, the agreement is for a testing or evaluation period of 6 to 12 months and at no cost or obligation to the Air Force for purchase.

The MEEP office works with the product manufacturer to secure the product and to get the product to the test base; sometimes two bases will test the item. The MEEP monitor goes to the base or bases for the opening and closing of the project period. The monitor screens the project to ensure that items receive maximum utilization throughout the testing period, under real-time operating conditions. At the end of the testing period, base experts prepare a final report to include findings, savings, and recommendations. The study results are reviewed and evaluated further by major command(s) MEEP offices.

### PROJECT SUBMISSION:

Submit project proposal packages through your MAJCOM MEEP representatives or through the Program Management office:

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Provide the following information:

- a. Description of the problem and how the product or method could solve the problem.
- b. Description of the product or procedures that you will evaluate, including brochures, drawings, cost data, or other supporting materials.
- c. Explanation of the potential savings on procurement, productivity, energy, materials, safety, and other areas.

Technical assistance on civil engineer MEEP projects can be obtained from HQ AFCESA/CEOM.

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