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## [ANNEX 3-59 WEATHER OPERATIONS](#)

### **PRESENTATION OF WEATHER FORCES**

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Air Force [weather](#) forces supporting Air Force and conventional Army operations deploy under the air expeditionary task force (AETF) construct. Special operations weather forces deploy as special operations force (SOF) enablers as directed by United States Special Operations Command. Air Force weather personnel provide support through a combination of on-site and [reachback](#)<sup>1</sup> operations. Support is provided to: [Air Force components](#), [AETFs](#), [air operations centers](#) (AOC), Air Force expeditionary flying units, [Army conventional](#) modular force echelons, [Air Force SOF](#) and [Army SOF](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Reachback is the process of obtaining products, services, applications, forces, equipment or material from organizations that are not forward deployed. (JP 3-30 [Command and Control of Joint Operations](#)).