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SUBJECT: Approval of the 2017 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

On June 16, 2017, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics officially approved the 2017 DoD Maintenance Symposium consistent with the Deputy Chief Management Officer's DoD Conference Guidance, Version 4.0, issued June 26, 2016. While the Military Services or Commands may choose to place additional controls on attending, this approval covers attendance for all DoD participants. The Symposium is a key enabler for our maintenance community and I encourage you to support it with a robust level of participation. The success of our Symposium and our ability to shape our path forward in this critical time depend on it.

The DoD Maintenance Symposium is the preeminent conference focused solely on maintenance. It is the **only** forum sponsored and conducted by the Office of the Secretary of Defense that addresses maintenance of weapon systems and equipment. Additionally, the Symposium provides the platform to annually present the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards to the winning units, the highest awards for maintenance in the Department.

This year's Symposium will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Lake Palace Convention Center, December 4-7, 2017. The theme is *Maintaining the Joint Force Competitive Advantage through Innovative, Agile, and Adaptive Capabilities*. The DoD maintenance community, along with our Nation, is in a dynamic era – an era shaped by an ever-changing threat environment, transitions on many levels, and economic realities. How we, as a

community, respond to the emergent threats, evolving scenarios and strategies, and challenges of this era will determine our success in the future. Each and every attendee at this year's Maintenance Symposium has the ability to affect how our community does business, thus this forum is an excellent opportunity to make a contribution directly to our national defense. Our comprehensive agenda is structured to frame the key policy, strategy, resourcing, process, and technology issues affecting the maintenance and sustainment enterprise. I encourage all to take advantage of this unique opportunity to shape our future.

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*This venue IS our annual
collaboration opportunity for
the community... operationalizing
continuous maintenance & sustainment
improvement - readiness focused!*