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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MAINTENANCE MANAGERS

SUBJECT: 2017 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

I invite you to join your Government and Industry counterparts at the 2017 Department of Defense (DoD) Maintenance Symposium, December 4-7, 2017 at the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Lake Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Approved by DoD, this event meets the departmental guidelines for attendance by all Military Services, Defense Agencies, and Industry.

The DoD maintenance community, along with our nation, is in a dynamic era – an era shaped by global threats, political uncertainty, and economic challenges. This year's Symposium theme is *Maintaining the Joint Force Competitive Advantage through Innovative, Agile, and Adaptive Capabilities*. Topical areas cover shifting to a sustainment view, addressing increasing weapon system sophistication, exploiting technological innovations, growing and evolving an effective workforce, modernizing and enhancing the infrastructure of our organic industrial base, and maintaining software. The technical program includes:

- Plenary Panels focused on the health of the national industrial base and current and future maintenance and logistics challenges
- Senior Logistics Roundtable
- Focused Breakout Sessions
- Maintenance Innovation Challenge – a showcase of maintenance innovation offering real solutions and value to the DoD Maintenance Community

We will continue the tradition of recognizing the best maintenance units in the Department at the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards banquet and ceremony, presenting the highest awards for maintenance within DoD.

For additional details, please visit www.sae.org/dod, or contact Mr. Michael P. Hynes, michael.p.hynes.civ@mail.mil, (703) 697-1903, DSN 227-1903, or Mr. Chuck Field, charles.e.field4.ctr@mail.mil, (703) 697-9067, DSN, 227-9067.

I realize there are many demands on your time and resources, but I encourage all to take advantage of this unique opportunity to shape our future. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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