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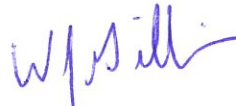
SUBJECT: Approval of the 2021 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

Due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing to protect attendee health and safety, I have made the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Department of Defense (DoD) Maintenance Symposium. However, I am pleased to announce that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has approved the 2021 DoD Maintenance Symposium consistent with the Deputy Chief Management Officer's DoD Conference Guidance, Version 4.0. While the Military Services or Commands may choose to place additional controls on attending, this approval covers attendance for all DoD attendees and participants. The Symposium is a key enabler for our maintenance and broader sustainment communities, and I encourage your fullest support in 2021.

The DoD Maintenance Symposium is the preeminent conference focused on restoring materiel readiness and the health maintenance and sustainment enterprises. 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, it is the platform by which we recognize excellence through the presentation of the annual Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards.

The 2021 Symposium will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the Wisconsin Center, on December 6-9, 2021. Our comprehensive agenda includes key policy, strategy, resourcing, process, and technology issues affecting our enterprise. In addition to the Symposium's technical program, the Military Services and agencies have the opportunity to conduct their own associated meetings to take advantage of the existing meeting infrastructure and support staff and to draw on the synergy and momentum of the event.

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