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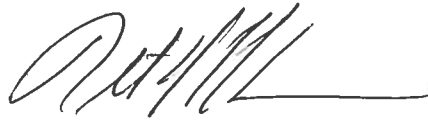
SUBJECT: Approval of the 2018 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has approved the 2018 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 and broader sustainment communities, and I encourage your fullest support.

The DoD Maintenance Symposium is the preeminent conference focused on restoring materiel readiness. It is the only forum sponsored and conducted by the Office of the Secretary of Defense that addresses maintenance of weapon systems and equipment. And, it is the platform by which we recognize excellence through presentation of the annual Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards.

The theme of this year's Symposium is *Maintaining America's Lethal Competitive Edge*. This year's Symposium will be held in Tampa, Florida, at the Tampa Convention Center, December 17-21, 2018. Our comprehensive agenda is structured to align with the new National Defense Strategy and frame key policy, strategy, resourcing, process, and technology issues affecting our enterprise.

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