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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MAINTENANCE AND
SUSTAINMENT LEADERS

SUBJECT: 2024 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

I want to invite you and your staff to join government and industry sustainment professionals at the Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium, December 10-13, 2024, at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is DoD approved and meets departmental guidelines for attendance by all Military Service and Agency personnel.

Threats to national security and the established international order are arising from every corner of the globe. The military advantage we once took for granted is no longer guaranteed. This year's symposium theme "*Advancing the Sustainment Enterprise for Global Competitive Advantages*" is designed to foster discussions about solutions to these challenges. Topics include shaping the sustainment enterprise, exploiting forward maintenance capabilities, supply chain resilience, organic industrial base mobilization, technology, software maintenance, corrosion prevention and control, and much more. Technical program features include:

- Keynote addresses from senior DoD and commercial industry sustainment leaders
- Plenary panels discussing the COCOM Perspective on Sustainment, a Senior Logisticians Roundtable on Advancing Sustainment Initiatives for Warfighter Dominance, as well as National Defense Industrial Strategy implementation
- Breakouts and technically focused sessions
- Maintenance Innovation Challenge showcasing valuable maintenance solutions

We will also continue the popular tradition of recognizing the best maintenance units in the Department at the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards banquet and ceremony. This includes announcing the 2024 winner of the prestigious Phoenix Award.

For additional details and to register, please visit www.sae.org/dod. If you have specific questions, you can contact Mr. John Shultz, (703) 571-2356, john.h.shultz6.civ@mail.mil; or Mr. Chuck Field, charles.e.field4.ctr@mail.mil, (703) 459-0701.

I look forward to seeing you and your staff in Salt Lake City in December.

Sincerely,

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