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SUBJECT: Conference Approval for the 2023 Defense Manufacturing Conference

I approve the 2023 Defense Manufacturing Conference (DMC), consistent with the Deputy Chief Management Officer's Department of Defense (DoD) Conference Guidance, Version 4.0, issued June 26, 2016. While the Military Services or Defense Agencies may choose to place additional controls, this approval covers attendance for all DoD participants. This annual event is the Department's principal mechanism for broad dissemination of advanced manufacturing priorities, investments, and solutions, and I encourage your support.

This year's theme, "Manufacturing Innovation: Propelling the Joint Force," highlights the development of manufacturing technologies and capabilities aligned with the National Defense Strategy and the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering's critical technology areas. Innovative solutions to complex defense manufacturing challenges underpin the competitive advantage of our joint force. Non-traditional small and medium manufacturers have demonstrated the ability to innovate and disrupt and can be harnessed to supplement our powerful defense industrial base.

The Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Panel (JDMTP) hosts the DMC, which is the Nation's annual forum for enhancing and leveraging the efforts of engineers, managers, technology leaders, scientists, and policymakers across the defense innovation community. The JDMTP will host the 2023 DMC in Nashville, Tennessee, from December 11-14, 2023. The agenda will include general sessions, technical sessions, an exhibit hall, and the presentation of the Defense Manufacturing Achievement Awards. For additional details, please visit www.dmcmeeting.com.

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