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#### MEMORANDUM FOR 2022 COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES (CTMA) PARTNERS MEETING

SUBJECT: Call to Action - 2022 CTMA Partners Meeting

The National Defense Strategy requires the generation of a more lethal, resilient, and rapidly innovating Joint Force. We are now challenged by near-peer adversaries and a changing character of war. Sustainable materiel readiness is a key to retaining the advantage that will allow us to continue to fight and win conflicts. The CTMA program is DoD's venue to collaborate with industry and academia to accelerate sustainment innovation, address materiel readiness challenges, and modernize our organic industrial base.

The theme for this year's CTMA Partners Meeting is "CTMA – DoD's Sustainment Technology Accelerator." This annual National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS) hosted event brings DoD, industry, and academia together to highlight weapon system and industrial base sustainment challenges, frame potential solutions, develop collaborative partnerships, and share lessons learned. While segments of our sustainment community are doing phenomenal work integrating best-in-class technologies and practices, the size of our enterprise necessitates that we periodically come together to share and collaborate across our communities. The DoD-NCMS team provides detailed guidance on how to leverage this streamlined venue where ideas become contracted technology demonstrations in 45-60 days, and the meeting is a fantastic opportunity to continue and expand sustainment innovation for CTMA partners.

Today's readiness challenges are daunting. We need to rapidly transform the way we tackle innovation across our vast sustainment enterprise. CTMA is designed to meet that objective and I encourage the sustainment community to leverage CTMA to the fullest extent. The 2022 CTMA Partners Meeting is scheduled May 3-5, and information may be found at <https://www.ncms.org/ctma-partners-meeting/>.

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