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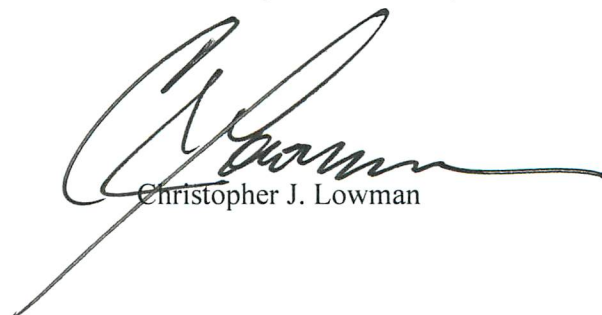
SUBJECT: Approval of the 2023 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has approved the 2023 Department of Defense (DoD) Maintenance Symposium consistent with the Deputy Chief Management Officer's DoD Conference Guidance. While the Military Services and commands may choose to place additional controls on attendance, this approval covers all DoD participants. The symposium is the only official DoD event focusing solely on maintenance and sustainment of our weapon systems and equipment and I ask your fullest support.

The theme of this year's symposium is *Cultivating Global Integrated Sustainment in a Contested Environment*. The 2023 Symposium will be held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California, December 18-21, 2023. Our comprehensive technical program is structured to align with the goals of the National Defense Strategy and Secretary Austin's priorities.

The DoD Maintenance Symposium also presents an opportunity for associated meetings, reducing the requirement for other separate meetings. During the 2022 DoD Maintenance Symposium, the associated meetings included the DoD Weapon Systems Software Summit; Army Field Maintenance Forum; Army Materiel Support Command – Korea Combat Power Generation Center Capabilities Meeting; Marine Corps Cross Commodity Meetings; Joint Robotics Organization for Building Technologies Meeting; Annual Condition Based Maintenance Plus Meeting; Joint Intermittence Testing Working Group Meeting; Joint Technology Exchange Group Meeting; Collaborative Business Arrangements Workshop; DoD Corrosion Prevention Control Forum; and the Air Force's Tesseract, Accelerating Innovation, and Theory of Constraints Meetings. Also, the Organic Industrial Base Commanders conducted their semi-annual meeting. The associated meeting opportunity is extended to all Military Services and Defense Agencies. I encourage your staff and offices to take advantage of this opportunity.

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