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MEMORANDUM FOR MAINTENANCE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Maintenance Innovation Challenge – Call for Abstracts

Based on the success of last year's inaugural event, I am pleased to announce the continuation the Maintenance Innovation Challenge (MIC) at the 2016 DoD Maintenance Symposium. The objective of the MIC is to elevate and expand the call for maintenance innovation beyond solely novel technology, but also to include unique partnerships, resourcing strategies, business practices, processes or any other transformative capability that promises to make maintenance more agile and affordable. Industry, Academia, Military Services and Defense Agencies are actively pursuing innovative technologies and processes aimed at improving maintenance efficiencies and effectiveness and I am challenging individuals and organizations to submit their innovative capabilities and forward looking sustainment enablers for the 2016 Maintenance Innovation Challenge.

A group of subject matter experts from the Joint Technology Exchange Group (JTEG) and SAE International will select six finalists who will be given the opportunity to present their new technologies, processes, or business practices to the Symposium audience during a special breakout session on Monday, December 5, 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Senior DoD sustainment leaders from the Maintenance Executive Steering Committee and the Joint Group on Depot Maintenance will select a winner which will be announced and formally recognized during the Symposium's plenary session on December 6, 2016. In response to feedback received from the 2015 challenge, the audience at the 2016 MIC breakout will have the opportunity to select the 2016 MIC People's Choice award from the six finalists presenting. Additionally, the six selected competitors will be provided space to showcase their maintenance innovation in the exhibition hall during the 2016 DoD Maintenance Symposium.

Members of the maintenance community are encouraged to submit abstracts that have the potential to significantly impact maintenance and sustainment of DoD weapon systems and equipment. The deadline for abstracts is Friday, September 14, 2016. For additional details on submitting an abstract please visit: www.sae.org/dod. For additional questions, please contact Mr. Greg Kilchenstein at (703) 614-0862, gregory.j.kilchenstein.civ@mail.mil.

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