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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS,
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY)
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: 2019 Energy Exchange Training Workshop Support Letter

The 2018 National Defense Strategy articulates that the homeland is no longer a sanctuary and that potential attacks against our critical defense, government, and economic infrastructure must be anticipated and mitigated. Maintaining access to reliable, resilient, and cybersecure energy in the face of these threats is critical to Department of Defense (DoD) mission execution. The Department is reliant on its installation energy professionals, encompassing a wide range of career fields including facility, utility, engineering and acquisition personnel, to ensure our military bases are energy resilient. As such, it is imperative that this critical workforce receive continuous and relevant training to enhance existing knowledge and skills to better support Component energy resilience efforts.

For these reasons and more, I strongly support and encourage DoD Component energy professional participation at the Department of Energy (DOE) sponsored 2019 Energy Exchange, in Denver, Colorado, from August 20-22, 2019. My office continues to work closely with the DOE to ensure the planned curriculum is closely aligned with Department priorities and adequately meets the training needs of our installation energy professionals. This year's Energy Exchange training workshop will address the latest in energy resilience planning and execution, data analysis and analytics, distributed generation, third-party financing, facility-related control systems cybersecurity and other topics relevant to DoD.

Understanding that there are constrained travel budgets Department-wide, it is important to ensure your Component's travel spending is justifiable. I strongly encourage each Component utilize this high-value opportunity for energy training and continuing education credits by supporting and approving attendance of energy professionals throughout your organization.

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