May 7, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Energy and Environment Innovation Symposium Approval and Logistics

The Department of Defense (DoD) Energy and Environment Innovation Symposium is set to take place December 3 to December 6, 2024, at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. This event is being hosted by Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP), Operational Energy Capability Improvement Fund (OECIF), and Operations Energy Prototyping Fund (OEPF). The enclosed approval to hold this in-person event was granted by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Sustainment and covers up to 299 DoD attendees.

The hotel is approximately seven miles from National Airport (DCA) and is accessible through public transportation or car service. Rental cars should not be necessary in most instances. Registrants will be provided breakfast each morning of the event. Lunch is also provided each afternoon with the exception of December 6.

Thank you in advance for your support and involvement in work SERDP, ESTCP, OECIF, and OEPF perform. If you require further information, you may contact the Symposium event organizers at symposium@noblis.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Spangler, Director
Strategic Environmental Research and
    Development Program
Environmental Security Technology
    Certification Program

Enclosure:
As Stated

SUSTAINMENT

ACTION MEMO

FOR: Ellen M. Lord, USD(A&S)

FROM: Jordan Gillis, ASD(S)

SUBJECT: Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental
Security Technology Certification Program Symposium

- Request your approval to hold the Strategic Environmental Research and Development
Program (SERDP) and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP)
Symposium in Washington, DC, on a recurring annual basis from 2021 to 2025.

- The Department of Defense (DoD) spends approximately $7.5 billion annually on
environmental issues and facility energy. SERDP and ESTCP invest approximately $100
million annually to develop, demonstrate, and transfer technologies to address these issues.

- Symposium technical sessions will be aligned with SERDP and ESTCP priorities, including
increasing training land availability, corrosion control on weapons systems to improve
sustainment, remediation of contaminants such as PFAS, underwater unexploded ordnance
detection and removal, and installation energy security and resilience.

- The SERDP and ESTCP Symposium assembles researchers and technology developers with
the defense user and regulatory communities to facilitate technology transfer of innovative
environmental and installation energy technologies.

- The estimated cost of the 2021 Symposium to the DoD is $475,074 (TAB A) and recurring
events are capped at $500,000. Planning for the Symposium will begin in early 2021.

- Symposia from 2017 through 2020 were approved on an annual basis. This Symposium is
now a well-established annual event so recurring approval is warranted. Justification
including historical attendee and cost data is at TAB B.

- Per Deputy Chief Management Officer Memorandum, "Updated Department of Defense
Conference Guidance," dated June 26, 2016, all recurring conferences hosted by the Office
of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment Components must be
submitted for Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment approval.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the request by initialing below.

Approve: _~Ellen M. Lord~_ Disapprove: _____ Other: _____
6.17.20

COORDINATION: TAB C

Attachments:
As stated

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