SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, US ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND, 9301 CHAPEK ROAD, FT BELVOIR, VA 22060-5527

SUBJECT: Designation of Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITE)

1. Based on authority of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 2474, I designate the depot-level activity at Pine Bluff Arsenal (PBA) as a CITE for Chemical and Biological Defense Equipment.

2. I authorize and encourage this CITE to enter into public-private cooperative arrangements referred to in Title 10 U.S.C. 2474 as "public-private partnerships" to perform work related to its maintenance competencies. Depot operations will comply with all applicable law, to include Title 10 U.S.C. Section 2208 and Title 22 U.S.C. Section 2770. Further, this Center will make its capabilities available to all interested entities to avoid even the perception of exclusive teaming arrangements.

3. Section 2474(b)(3) requires a report to Congress that evaluates the need for loan guarantee authority, similar to our loan guarantee program under Title 10 U.S.C. Section 4555 to facilitate the establishment of public-private partnerships and the achievement of the objectives set forth in Section 2474. Request that you take the lead in amending the previous report to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology no later than 60 days from the date of this memo.

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