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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND, 5001 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22333-0001

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

Based on authority of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 2474, I designate the following depot maintenance activities as CITEs:

a. Anniston Army Depot for combat vehicles (except Bradley), artillery, and small caliber weapons.

b. Corpus Christi Army Depot for rotary wing aircraft (less Avionics).

c. Letterkenny Army Depot for air defense and tactical missile ground support equipment (less missile guidance and control).

d. Red River Army Depot for tactical wheeled vehicles, the Small Emplacement Excavator (SEE), Bradley Fighting Vehicle series, Multiple Launch Rocket System chassis, Patriot Missile recertifications, and for rubber products necessary for sustainment and support to the United States and Allied forces and agencies.

e. Tobyhanna Army Depot for communications and electronics, avionics, and missile guidance and control.

I authorize and encourage each CITE to enter into public-private cooperative arrangements referred to in the statute as "public-private partnerships" to perform work related to the depot maintenance core competencies of the particular CITE. Depot operations will comply with all applicable law, to include Title 10 U.S.C. Section 2208

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and Title 22 U.S.C. Section 2770. Further, depots will make their respective capabilities available to all interested contractors to avoid even the perception of exclusive teaming arrangements.

Section 2474(b)(3) requires a report to Congress evaluating 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. Accordingly, the Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command will take the lead in preparing and submitting this report to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology NLT 30 days upon receipt of this letter.

Additionally, the Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command will notify the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, by written correspondence, of all current public-private arrangements NLT 30 days upon receipt of this letter.

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