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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: DE Educational Outreach Campaign Letter of Support

Directed Energy (DE) sources, to include lasers and radio frequency sources (high power microwaves and millimeter waves), and associated hardware and software enable a speed of light capability with precision application of energy and low collateral damage. DE should be considered for fielding to provide new and improved capabilities for our warfighters.

The specifics of DE technologies are unknown to most of the public and the warfighter. A good way to make informed decisions for fielding new systems is through education. The High Energy Laser Joint Technology Office (HEL-JTO) has been hosting a Directed Energy Educational Outreach event at the Pentagon and at the Rayburn building for the past four years. This event provides an educational display of technologies from across the DE community at one location, at the same time.

The HEL-JTO, with the Directed Energy Professional Society (DPES) as the sponsor, is hosting Directed Energy to DC (DE2DC) 2016 at the Pentagon on April 13, 2016, and the Rayburn building on April 14, 2016.

ASD(R&E) supports this educational activity and encourages the DoD DE community to participate to the greatest extent possible. Invitations to senior officials in the Pentagon for this event, to include executive classified sessions, will be sent out from the HEL-JTO. We look forward to this opportunity as we work to transition DE to the warfighter.

The DE2DC 2016 POC is Ms. Cynthia Kaiser from the HEL-JTO. Please direct all questions to [cynthia@stsincalb.com](mailto:cynthia@stsincalb.com).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Welby".

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