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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

26th Annual DoW CIO Awards Program

Team,

We are amid a bold transformation of our technological ecosystem to empower our warfighters with data supremacy and decision dominance on the battlefields of today and tomorrow. This transformation thrives on the ingenuity, passion, and unwavering commitment of our most precious asset: **our people**.

The Department of War Chief Information Officer (CIO) Annual Awards serves as our elite showcase, designed to celebrate the very best talent within our ranks - the innovators, the risk-takers, and the creative minds who are building a more lethal, resilient, and agile Joint Force. This is where we honor the champions who are turning our strategic vision into operational reality. This includes our Strategic and Federal Partners who play a vital role in strengthening, securing, collaborating, and advancing the DoW IT Enterprise/Ecosystem. The CIO Annual Awards Program is structured to recognize exceptional achievements across each of the pillars of our transformation strategy:

Pillar I: Building an Enduring Foundation: We will celebrate those who build and harden our vast network infrastructure, from undersea cables to our advanced cloud capabilities, providing the resilient foundation upon which our warfighters depend.

Pillar II: Delivering Agile Capabilities: We will honor the innovators who are delivering software, applications, and analytics at the speed of war, ensuring our forces have the tools they need to outpace any adversary.

Pillar III: A New Paradigm for Cybersecurity: We will recognize the innovators who are revolutionizing our cyber defense, moving beyond compliance to build a truly unified and impenetrable shield for our warfighting ecosystem.

Pillar IV: Forging our People & Partnerships: We will champion our people - the decisive edge in any conflict – who are building our cyber workforce and forging the powerful partnerships that amplify our strength.

The work we celebrate through the CIO Annual Awards Program has a single, vital purpose: empowering and enabling our warfighters. The innovations we recognize provide a direct and tangible advantage to our forces at the tactical edge, enhancing their readiness, resilience, and lethality.

I call on all leaders to seek out your most talented performers and nominate them, so their work can be recognized at the highest level. Let us use this program to showcase the passion, talent, and strength that makes our Joint Force the most formidable fighting force in the world.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission. "Peace through technical strength".

Sincerely,

KIRSTEN A. DAVIES
The Honorable Kirsten A. Davies
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