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SUBJECT: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Outreach Advocate of the Quarter Award Program

An essential element of the Department of Defense (DoD) is its agile, qualified workforce. The DoD workforce consists of over 734,000 civilian employees, in addition to 2.7 million active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel, many of whom are actively involved in STEM education. Our Nation depends on the Department's strong national capabilities in STEM. The Department actively supports the development of our national capabilities through the support of STEM education and outreach – helping educators, parents, and students.

The DoD workforce deserves recognition for its STEM efforts and the impact it makes to ensure the vitality of the STEM talent pipeline, both nationally and for the Department. As a way to recognize these individuals among their peers, we are establishing the STEM Education and Outreach Advocate of the Quarter Award Program. This competitively-awarded honor will recognize the extraordinary contributions of DoD personnel (both military and civilian) in promoting, enhancing, and developing STEM education and outreach activities.

To recognize these individuals, the STEM Education and Outreach Advocate of the Quarter award will be administered by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering for the USD(AT&L) through the DoD STEM Executive Board of Directors. If you have questions on the award program, please contact the STEM Development Program Office at [osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.mbx.stem@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-atl.mbx.stem@mail.mil).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen P. Welby", is positioned above the typed name.

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