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Welcome Cyberspace and Information Technology Leaders!

I extend my personal thanks for those that attended the 2016 Air Force Information Technology and Cyberpower Conference (AFITC) and highly encourage you to be a part of the 2017 event. As a Department and Service, we face an exciting time to embrace innovation and creative solutions to address and solve some very complex and challenging issues. More than ever, we must be agile, adaptable and responsive. To stay ahead of our adversaries and resolve these challenges, we must procure, operate and sustain war-winning cyber capabilities. Everyone – strategists, requirers, acquirers, costers, testers and cyber warriors – must all work together to enable all Airmen to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace. This conference is meant to help you and me do just that, by bringing former, current and future cyber leaders together to shape our national strategy and ensure the Air Force remains at the cutting edge of the fight by enabling command and control across multi-domains.

Last year, then-Commander of Air Force Space Command, General John Hyten, mentioned we were an Industrial Age Air Force operating in an Information Age. Our former Chief of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Lt Gen Bill Bender, picked an appropriate theme for this year's conference, encouraging us to think about a Digital Age Air Force.

The men and women of the Business and Enterprise Systems Directorate are proud to co-host passion, vision, time and talents. The Air Force cannot execute its various missions without your expertise and leadership. I welcome your full engagement throughout this conference to help us all shape the future. Again, my personal thanks for all you do in a very challenging domain.

Very Respectfully,

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