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SUBJECT: Executive Support for the Defense Senior Leader Development Program
(DSLDP), Class of 2010

Growing civilian leadership talent is a critical responsibility of the Department of Defense (DoD) and must be viewed as a top priority. Established to support this imperative, DSLDP is DoD's premier development program for senior civilian leaders. DSLDP focuses on building the critical, mission-related competencies for 21st century leaders. DSLDP provides leaders with the opportunities to understand and experience the issues and challenges facing the Department from an Enterprise-wide perspective. I fully endorse this program, its mission and objectives in developing civilians who are ready to fill critical leadership roles in support of our complex mission.

On March 6, 2009, the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, announced the call for nominations for the DSLDP Class of 2010. In that memorandum, support from each Component was requested at the highest level and to the fullest extent to support DSLDP as a primary vehicle for developing the leadership talent of those key civilians who will lead DoD into the future. The DSLDP Class of 2010 will begin in February, 2010.



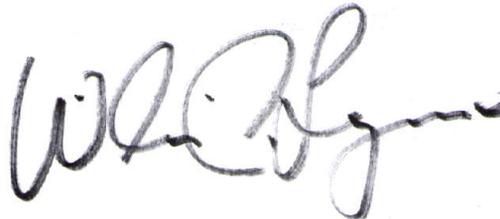
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This memorandum requests support from each Component's Senior Executive Service (SES) officials, General Officers (GOs) and Flag Officers (FOs) to support the incoming DSLDP Class of 2010, by participating as board members for the Selection Board and serving as Talent Development Executives (TDEs). Roles and responsibilities for each of these critical positions are attached. Additional information on the DSLDP is provided at http://www.cpms.osd.mil/lpdd/DSLDP/DSLDP_Program.aspx.

In support of the DSLDP Class of 2010, I request that each Component (Army, Navy, Air Force, Fourth Estate and Intelligence) select three SES/GO/FO executives to serve on the Selection Board and another three SES/GO/FO executives to serve as TDEs. Please provide your nominees and their contact information to Mr. David Rude, Chief, Leader & Professional Development Division (LPDD) at 703-696-9637 or via e-mail to david.rude@cpms.osd.mil no later than October 30, 2009. The first meeting of the Selection Board is scheduled for November 5, 2009 from 1000-1200 hrs in the Pentagon Conference Center.

Thank you for your support to DSLDP and to the development of our future Defense leaders.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. R. Rude". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W" being particularly large and stylized.

Attachments:
As stated