

## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

### **Defense Innovation Board (DIB) Preparatory Session**

**Friday, 29 March 2024 9:00am-10:00am EDT**

#### **Virtual Session**

**External Participants:** : James Hursch, Alan Gorowitz, Patrick Mason, Anthony Rossi, Mark DeLong,

**DIB Participants:** Charles Phillips, Sue Gordon, Will Roper

**DIB Staff:** Dr. Marina Theodotou (DFO), Jacob Sharpe, Elliot Silverberg, Melanie Heinlein, Logan Hatfield, Dr. Juan Merizalde

**Purpose:** Preparatory session to gather information for "Allies and Partners" DIB report.

#### **Session Summary:**

The session underscored the need for enhanced interagency cooperation, particularly involving the Department of Defense (DoD) and other departments. The Supply Chain Center was highlighted as a proactive entity focusing on supply chain resilience policy, with an emphasis on commercial aspects of supply chains. The center's Industry Analysis (IA) aims to provide economic and trade analysis and maintain industry relationships. Logistical challenges, such as bottlenecks and impediments in supply chains, were discussed, along with the importance of maritime issues in supply chain considerations. The White House Council on Supply Chains was identified as a potential coordinating function across the U.S. government. The DoD's multiple supply chain efforts were noted, with a suggestion for a centralizing function to improve efficiency.

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