DIB Public Meeting September 15, 2020

Public Comments

- 1. How does an established high tech consortium partner with the DIB, DIU, or agencies. Seems vague or favor insiders.
- 2. It's clear we don't have enough technologists to join and support disruptive, transformative technology (AI, RPA, Blockchain, etc.) ventures that ultimately contribute to our strategic needs. The costs of higher education are not justified by simply offering to add debt burdens to students. It's an unsupportable model when the greatest source of debt, after housing and healthcare, is education. Graduates (if they graduate) are more inclined to simply enter the workforce with the minimum education that's not enough and there aren't enough of them.
- 3. What policies can we promote for the further development of our workforce?
- 4. Given the direct hiring of the Executive Director of the Defense Innovation Board by Google Cloud, and his continued public involvement with the Defense Innovation Initiative, it seems prudent for the Defense Innovation Board to clarify its conflict of interest standards for its civil servant leadership.
- 5. Will the Government highlight some of the recent innovations within the Space Force and the Air Force on massive scale data management and the facilitation of advanced analytics and artificial intelligence.
- 6. In your description, it says you all will discuss recommendations on commercial sector hiring, workforce trends, & strategies for increasing competitiveness for human capital.
- Could you please share how you all will support the acquisition of government funds in the coming years to go towards education K - University + post- graduate education opportunities to achieve this goal?
- 8. Thank you so much for all your work and making these public.
- 9. Président Schmidt wants to build a tech University for future public servants. What are the incentives other than Patriotisme to attract those students?
- 10. The issues, it seems to me, include both developing innovations and overcoming DOD barriers to adopting them.
- 11. I have spoken to PEOs, PMs, Command Leadership across the DoD. 0% have heard of DIB and none have any intention of applying its recommendations. When will some kind of mandate occur?
- 12. Is the DIB actively participating in the "Skyborg" unmanned teaming efforts with the USAF?
- 13. Thank you for the invitation.

- 14. How is the DIB addressing ethics for fully autonomous weapon systems?
- 15. It seems that defense has been needing to focus more on cyber intelligence and network capabilities which are software driven technologies. How does the US manage its need for such innovation against a seeming entrenched thirst for ever expansive hardware?
- 16. What are the top 5 innovations of the past ten years ?
- 17. We look forward to the discussion; Ours is a non-profit interest in modernizing IT, get the ecosystem CMMC compliant, and streamline acquisition
- 18. The Naval War College Ethics & Emerging Military Technology (EEMT) Graduate Program has selected nine new candidates for the academic year 2020-2021. Currently 17 candidates, who are diverse deep thinkers, are engaging research questions on ethics and emerging technologies. EEMT research is an opportunity to inform DIB policy initiatives.
- 19. Recommend DIB support Knowledge Management Occupational Career Series to support linkage between Data Management, Information Management, and Artificial Intelligence careers.
- 20. Your initiative and vignette-4 about hiring the high school Hack the Pentagon winner was insightful. I've asked colleagues to write letters of verification of skill and experience citing OPM's own skill point system. OPM has the authority to accept this documentation. The problem is the practicing GS-5 HR person is unaware of the flexibility or is afraid to accept anything other than an SF-50. The boy in the vignette didn't have an SF-50. How will you overcome this resistance? It's not that OPM can't but HR practitioners won't.
- 21. Industry (small) continues to be challenged by "Valley of Death"... where/what are the recommendations to Congress and Defense to improve them?
- 22. What advances have been made for publishing or sharing enterprise architecture investments and technologies across the DoD, even down to the 4th estate?