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SUBJECT: DoD CIO Awards Program 2020 – Call for Nominations

The DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) Awards Program, now in its 20th year, recognizes individuals and teams within DoD for exceptional achievements within the DoD CIO portfolio of capabilities. Request Component CIOs submit no more than five total nominations (any combination of individuals and/or teams), for outstanding achievements towards the goals and objectives of the DoD Digital Modernization Strategy in the following areas: Artificial Intelligence; Cloud; Cybersecurity; Data; and Command, Control, and Communications (C3). Additionally, request Component CIOs submit no more than three total nominations (any combination of individuals and/or teams) for the following selected categories: Cyberspace Workforce, Transition to Electronic Records, and Section 508/Accessibility.

Nomination packages are due August 12, 2020. DoD CIO Award winners with strong cross-agency or cross-functional collaboration will be considered for DoD CIO nomination for the Gears of Government Award for 2020 through the Federal CIO Council. For specific details and eligibility, see the attached DoD Awards Program 2020 Guidance.

This year, in lieu of a centralized ceremony, the DoD CIO Awards will be sent to Component CIOs for Component presentation. After the Awards Panel makes the selections, anticipate an announcement of this year's honorees on the DoD CIO public web page.

Questions regarding this award program should be addressed to Mr. Steven Diessner, at [steven.d.diessner.civ@mail.mil](mailto:steven.d.diessner.civ@mail.mil), 571-372-8520 or Ms. Verna Ford, DoD CIO Awards Program Manager, at [verna.s.ford.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:verna.s.ford.ctr@mail.mil), (571) 372-4434.

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