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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND
ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: Redesignation of the Defense Innovation Unit

Since its inception, the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx) has generated meaningful outcomes for the Department and is a proven, valuable asset to the DoD. As a testament to my commitment to the importance of its mission, effective immediately, DIUx will be redesignated as the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU).

Removing "experimental" reflects DIU's permanence within the DoD. Though DIU will continue to experiment with new ways of delivering capability to the warfighter, the organization itself is no longer an experiment. DIU remains vital to fostering innovation across the Department and transforming the way DoD builds a more lethal force.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering will work with the Chief Management Officer to change the chartering Directive for what was DIUx, DoDD 5105.85, "Defense Innovation Unit Experimental," dated July 5, 2016 to reflect this name change to DIU and other recent changes to its reporting relationship within the Department.

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