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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-8

SUBJECT: Approval to the Conduct 56th Army Operations Research Symposium, 15–19 October 2018, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

1. References:

a. Army Regulation 1-50 (Army Conference Policy), 2 July 2018.

b. Memorandum, Center for Army Analysis, CSCA-ZA, 23 July 2018, subject: Request Approval to Sponsor the 56th Army Operations Research Symposium, 15–18 October 2018 (as modified on 29 August 2018).

2. In accordance with reference 1a, I have reviewed your request to conduct the 56th Army Operations Research Symposium, to be held 15–19 October 2018 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. As the hosting Department of Defense (DoD) component responsible for approving the event on behalf of DoD, I approve this symposium to proceed for 280 personnel at a cost of \$145,762. Please ensure that local attendees understand they are not authorized lodging reimbursement or per diem.

3. The total estimated cost to DoD is \$145,762 and includes:

- 275 Army attendees at an estimated cost of \$141,024;
- 5 DoD attendees at an estimated cost of \$4,738, 3 from the U.S. Navy and 2 from the U.S. Air Force.

4. This approval is based on your statement in reference 1b that this symposium provides a critical forum for sharing information and experiences gained from ongoing and recently completed operations research and systems analysis projects. This discussion of analytical breakthroughs supports efforts to improve or optimize Army initiatives and efficiently reduce Army costs. Further, the symposium provides professional development for Army operations research analysts.

5. This approval is contingent on your continued attention to this event to ensure the best use of Government funds and adherence to all applicable policies.

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6. In accordance with reference 1a, an after action report must be submitted to the
Special Program Directorate no later than 24 December 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark F. Averill', is positioned above the printed name.

MARK F. AVERILL
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