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1. References:

a. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Nov 6 2013, subject: Implementation of Updated Conference Oversight Requirements.

b. Army Regulation 1-50, Army Conference Policy, 24 August 2017.

c. Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2.

2. The following information is an announcement for a professional development opportunity. This announcement does not constitute an exception to the Army's policy on conference attendance and/or travel. In accordance with the references, all Army participants must request conference approval through their respective chain of command. All associated expenses and activities must comply with all applicable travel, conference, and acquisition regulations.

3. The ROCKS, Inc., will host their 2018 National Professional Development Conference, at the Fort Belvoir Community Center, Fort Belvoir, VA, 19-21 April 2018. The theme for this year's event is: "Legacy of Mentoring: Our Future Imperative." The training will feature seminars in leadership, recruitment, professional development, mentoring, and Veteran transition. This will be accomplished through seminars, presentations, and discussions by Army alumni, General Officials, and Senior Executive Service members.

4. Participation directly supports Army's Diversity and Inclusion initiatives to be a "global leader in embracing the strengths of diverse people in an inclusive environment; to invest in and manage talent, value individuals and develop culturally astute Soldiers and Civilians." Goals for attending this event include expanded understanding of Army professionalism, core values, inclusion, and talent management.

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5. Additional information regarding the ROCKS, Inc., 2018 Professional Development Conference is attached or can be found at: www.rocksync.org. The HQDA POC for this action is Ms. Delores Johnson-Davis. She may be reached at: delores.j.davis.civ@mail.mil or telephonically at: (703) 614-7019.

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