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Reagan Institute Announces Deputy Secretary Kathleen Hicks to Keynote Second Annual National Security Innovation Base Summit

Summit in Washington, DC, on March 20 will launch NSIB Report Card and feature in-person conversations on the state of the U.S. innovation ecosystem

WASHINGTON, DC – The Honorable Kathleen H. Hicks, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense, will deliver a keynote address at the second annual National Security Innovation Base (NSIB) Summit, hosted by the Ronald Reagan Institute’s Center for Peace Through Strength on March 20, 2024. The event will launch the second iteration of the groundbreaking Reagan Institute NSIB Report Card.

Deputy Secretary Hicks is working to improve the national security innovation ecosystem, aiming to make the Department of Defense a reliable partner for innovative companies. Her leadership has been instrumental in launching and implementing “Replicator” — an ambitious Pentagon effort to scale and field thousands of attritable autonomous systems.

The Reagan Institute’s NSIB Report Card evaluates the health, effectiveness, and resilience of the national security innovation ecosystem and proposes policy recommendations for improvement. In 2023, this first-of-its-kind assessment delivered harsh grades for customer clarity from the U.S. government and for the state of the innovation talent base and was widely cited as a trailblazing contribution to actors across the NSIB.

The Summit will feature in-person panels and discussions with Members of Congress, Executive Branch officials, innovative industry and technology companies, investors, national security experts, and other thought leaders.

Media can request credentials for the summit [here](#).

What: Reagan Institute National Security Innovation Base Summit

Who: Members of Congress, Executive Branch officials, innovative defense industry and technology companies, investors, national security experts, and thought leaders

When: March 20, 2024

Where: Ronald Reagan Institute
850 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20006

About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:

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