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CDAO Names Diane Staheli as the Lead for Responsible Artificial Intelligence
AI Technology Lead from MIT Selected to Spearhead DoD RAI Implementation Effort

Arlington, VA – The Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer (CDAO) has named Ms. Diane Staheli to lead its Responsible Artificial Intelligence (RAI) Division. Staheli comes to the CDAO from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Lincoln Laboratory and has vast expertise in AI ethics and research, data analytics, and technology development. Additionally, she has significant experience in military-oriented research and development environments, and is a contributing member of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence AI Assurance working group.

"I am honored to lead the RAI Division as the Department begins its RAI implementation journey, guided by the anticipated adoption of the RAI Strategy & Implementation Pathway," remarked Staheli. While Staheli provides day-to-day insight and leadership to the team, Dr. Jane Pinelis will continue offering executive-level guidance as Chief of AI Assurance, which includes the CDAO's RAI and testing and evaluation capabilities.

Staheli has spent more than 20 years in AI, technology development, and data analytics. In her previous role as MIT Lincoln Lab's assistant group leader of AI technology, she was responsible for managing an elite AI research group with a focus on responsible AI. Staheli also managed large AI-focused research groups supporting the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the U.S. Cyber Command, and the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center.

Dr. Pinelis asserted, "Diane Staheli has a strong record of AI ethics and research success, along with a penchant for directing dynamic teams. The CDAO AI Assurance team is excited to welcome Diane and believe her experience and proven leadership in these areas will bolster the RAI Division and the RAI implementation effort adopted by the Department."

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