CDAO Welcomes UK Defence AI Centre International Liaison Officer

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The Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) is welcoming an international Liaison Officer to their team from the United Kingdom (UK). Alice Hook is joining the CDAO in November to help foster work between the United States and UK on the development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities across defense.

"We are excited to welcome Alice Hook to the CDAO team. Having a UK Liaison Officer on our team will strengthen our collaboration with the UK and allow us to share best practices and lessons learned to promote the responsible adoption of data and AI in defense," said Ms. Margaret Palmieri, Deputy CDAO.

Hook will embed into the CDAO from the UK's new Defence AI Centre (DAIC). The DAIC is accelerating the ability of the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) to achieve strategic outcomes through AI by championing, enabling, and innovating its use.

Earlier this year, Department of Defense (DoD) and the UK MOD signed an Artificial Intelligence Cooperation Statement of Intent. This recognized the importance of collaborating and cooperating in this field to enhance interoperability, promote global leadership for the responsible adoption of AI in defence, and enable burden-sharing. The benefit of a UK Liaison Officer in the CDAO will be central to delivering these ambitions.

Lieutenant General Tom Copinger-Symes CBE, Deputy Commander UK Strategic Command said, "As we set out in our Defence AI Strategy, the UK is pursuing an 'international by design' approach to AI capabilities in defence. Our UK Liaison Officer in the CDAO will catalyse the increasing opportunities for collaboration with our most important international AI partner".

Hook is a UK Civil Servant and holds a master's degree from the University of Bristol. Prior to joining the Defence AI Centre, she worked on international policy at the UK MOD Defence Science and Technology unit and completed the Civil Service Fast Stream graduate programme.

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