2018 USA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FESTIVAL

WHO: Department of Defense Components; specifically Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Stakeholders

WHAT: USA Science and Engineering Festival is America’s largest K-12 STEM Education & Workforce Development Festival. Over 1,000 science and engineering organizations participate, providing 3,000+ hands-on activities and 50+ stage shows.

WHEN: April 6–8, 2018

WHERE: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

WHY: The mission of the USA Science and Engineering Festival is to stimulate national interest, knowledge, and appreciation of science and engineering through hands-on activities, theatre, comedy, music, art and film; to increase successful student access and entry to the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) career pipeline; and to demonstrate the importance of scientific discovery and engineering prowess to solving humankind’s grand challenges.

ON THE WEB: http://www.usasciencefestival.org/

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) STEM Development Office (SDO) will again be a premier sponsor at the 2018 USA Science and Engineering Festival. This sponsorship facilitates the participation of any Department of Defense (DoD) Component through discounted booth space and increased visibility as an “Americium”-level sponsor. The SDO will chair planning meetings beginning in September and will act as the liaison to the Festival organizers for all DoD efforts.

All DoD Components that choose to participate will be collectively housed in the “National Security Pavilion” on the expo floor. The expo provides DoD Components with the opportunity to engage a broad audience of over 400,000 that includes students, parents, educators, industry, academia, and job-seekers.

Participation in the expo will allow for premier exposure to the best DoD has to offer in the world of science and technology.

In addition to booth space, DoD will sponsor the event’s main stage—a central hub where elite guest speakers will present and videos will be played during the three-day event. With DoD’s unique sponsorship, videos may be submitted by defense organizations to be played between events on the main stage. Additionally, DoD may invite VIPs and select leadership to “Sneak Peak Friday,” where the expo floor is open only to military families and school groups.

This effort follows multiple successful events, the latest being the 2016 event with over 365,000 people participating over three days, including more than 60,000 students, teachers, and military families on Sneak Peak Friday alone. For its part, DoD’s STEM footprint spanned over 6,500 square feet and included fun, hands-on activities and interactive displays from all three Services and seven agencies.

The OSD SDO has been designated as the lead on planning this event for the Department. DoD Components will certainly have autonomy to use their booth space in how they see fit; however, we do ask that the SDO be the point of contact with the Festival organizers. For more questions/comments, please contact Lorien Proud at Lorien.proud.ctr@mail.mil.
Conferences, Workshops & Symposia

ATARC Federal DevOps Summit
The Advanced Technology Academic Research Center Federal Development and Operations (ATARC DevOps) Summit will be held March 1 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center in Washington, D.C. This educational, one-day summit will examine the DevOps tools and techniques being used by the Federal Government to create an agile development cycle that provides greater efficiency and cost savings than traditional methods. The morning session features speakers and panels with government thought leaders, while the afternoon includes the MITRE-ATARC DevOps Collaboration Symposium, where government, academic, and industry subject matter experts brainstorm and whiteboard DevOps challenge areas. Register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/26172/atarc-federal-devops-summit/.

2018 IEEE Aerospace Conference
The 2018 International Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Aerospace Conference will be held March 3–10 at the Yellowstone Conference Center in Big Sky, Montana. The 2018 conference—the 39th such event—is organized to promote interdisciplinary understanding of aerospace systems, their underlying science and technology, and their applications to government and commercial endeavors. The international conference is presented in a stimulating and thought-provoking environment targeted at aerospace experts, academics, military personnel, and industry leaders. The plenary sessions feature internationally prominent researchers working on frontiers of science and engineering that may significantly impact the world we live in. Registrants are briefed on cutting-edge technologies emerging from and intersecting with their disciplines. For more information, contact Erik Nilsen at 818-354-4441/818-687-9221 or e-mail Chair@aeroconf.org. Register online at http://www.aeroconf.org.

2018 IEEE 15th International Conference on Wearable and Implantable Body Sensor Networks
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Conference on Biomedical and Health Informatics (BHI) 2018 and the IEEE Conference on Body Sensor Networks (BSN) 2018, two premier flagships venues in the area of mHealth (mobile health), health analytics, and wearable computers, will be co-located this year along with the Health Information Management Systems Society Annual Conference (HIMSS) 2018. The joint event will take place March 4–7 at Treasure Island in Las Vegas, Nevada. The joint organization will provide a unique forum to showcase novel sensors, systems, signal processing, analytics, and data management services. The presentations will offer the latest findings of researchers on efficient and innovative signal acquisition; transmission; processing; monitoring; storage; retrieval; analysis; and visualization and interpretation of multi-modal signals, including physiological, biomedical, biological, social, behavioral, environmental, and geographical data. The joint program will feature world-renowned keynote speakers from academic research institutions, government agencies and industry, with seminars outlining the future direction for research in the area of biomedical and health informatics, and body sensor networks. Special sessions and workshops offering focused presentations on cutting edge research topics will be organized by experts in the field. For more information, contact Scott Woodhouse at 732-562-2670 or e-mail s.woodhouse@ieee.org. Register online at https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=42840.

Joint Civil & DoD CBRN Symposium
The 2018 Joint Civil and Department of Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Symposium will be held March 5–6 at the Mary M. Gates Learning Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The symposium theme will be “Advancing a Governmentwide Approach to CBRN Defense, Readiness, and Response.” The objective of the symposium is to examine the efforts and opportunities to enhance CBRN preparedness, prevention, and response across the full spectrum of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive threats, whether at the national or local level. The 2018 event provides a forum for members of the DoD, Federal Government, state and local government, private industry, academia, and other relevant CBRN stakeholders to discuss the latest updates from key organizations involved in advancing a whole-of-government approach to improving CBRN defense, readiness, response, and recovery. At the symposium, registrants will have the opportunity to:

- Gain Education & Insight: Walk away with knowledge gained from senior-level speakers on some of the complex challenges facing the Civil & DoD CBRN community.
- Build Partnerships: The agenda is designed to allow for ample networking opportunities and the ability to discover some of the latest technologies related to chemical and biological defense.
- Impact: Help foster ideas. Share your own insight and knowledge during interactive sessions. The town hall format is your opportunity to address speakers with questions or comments on the current mission.


Annual Review: Hot Issues in Federal Contracting
An Annual Review: Hot Issues in Federal Contracting will be held March 6 at the MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill,
Maryland. This one-day event, featuring influential government and industry leaders, is dedicated to the major developments in federal contracting. Learn everything you need to know and stay current in the ever-changing field of government contracts. The targeted audience for this event includes contract managers and administrators, government procurement professionals and ordering officers, corporate and private counsel, and executives of large and small businesses. Highlights are sessions on Fearless Forecasts for 2018, FAR Updates and New Legislation, Legal Compliance in the Trump Era, Bid Protests, GSA and VA Schedule Updates, and Small Business Issues. Register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25716/annual-review-hot-issues-in-federal-contracting/.

Future Soldier Technology 2018
The Future Soldier Technology 2018 Conference will be held March 12–14 at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, Scarsdale Place, Kensington, London, UK. Future soldier programs continue to be critically important for dismounted infantry operations around the world. As militaries are expected to operate in diverse environments—from arctic to urban landscapes—developing materials, technologies, and capabilities that enable soldiers to survive and thrive has become ever more important. As the only conference solely dedicated to enhancing soldier modernization programs, Future Soldier Technology 2018 will provide a unique opportunity to see how emerging technologies and materials are used to overcome challenges in soldier modernization programs from across the world. Registrants will explore the key categories for development, such as: survivability, lethality, sustainability, mobility, and C4I, along with human factors and ergonomics (size, weight, and power of systems), power requirements, and much more. Register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25188/future-soldier-technology-2018/.

2018 13th ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)
The 13th Association for Computing Machinery/Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (ACM/IEEE) 2018 International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) will be held March 5–8 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois. HRI is a highly selective annual conference that showcases the very best research and thinking in human-robot interaction. HRI is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary, reflecting work from researchers in robotics, psychology, cognitive science, HCI, human factors, artificial intelligence, organizational behavior, anthropology, and many other fields. For more information, contact Takayuki Kanda at kanda@atr.jp. Register online at https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=40233.

2018 Joint Undersea Warfare Technology Spring Conference
The 2018 Joint Undersea Warfare (USW) Technology Spring Conference will be held March 12–14 at the Admiral Kidd Conference Center, Naval Base Pt. Loma, San Diego, California. The theme for the 2018 conference will be “The USW Force the Nation Needs: Distributed, Netted, Capable, Agile.” This is a classified SECRET NOFORN conference, not-for-attendance venue with the opportunity for attendees to hear from senior Navy leadership about the Navy’s operational and programmatic experience with USW The National Defense Industrial Association USW conferences are one of the few opportunities industry has to learn about what is working and what is not working in USW, what the Navy needs help with, and how and when industry may contribute to future initiatives.

Areas of focus include, but are not limited to:
• Identifying issues in the USW arena that need to be solved (capability gaps) to improve future robustness of U.S. capability, with accompanying operational vignettes help provide clarity.
• Current and future opportunities for industry partners to make a difference in responding to new challenges and solicitations.
• Describing the fiscal situation and where there will and won’t be money for good ideas and implementations.

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SATELLITE 2018 Conference & Exhibition
The SATELLITE 2018 Conference & Exhibition will be held March 12-15 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. SATELLITE unites 14,500 aerospace and connectivity thought leaders, entrepreneurs, executives, engineers, end-users, and enthusiasts from over 150 countries for the largest and most important global satellite technology event of the year. This event is intended to serve all industries looking to better their business operations or enhance their strategy through connectivity. For more information or to register online, visit http://www.SATShow.com or https://www.govevents.com/details/25668/satellite-2018/.

2018 Human Systems Conference
The 2018 Human Systems Conference will be held March 13–14 at the Waterford at Springfield in Springfield, Virginia. The theme for the 2018 conference will be “Human Systems in Emerging Domains: Autonomy, Human Augmentation, and Cyber.” The 2018 conference offers a dynamic exchange of technical information and dialogue among government, industry, and academic leaders from the Human Systems community who are interested in advancing the field through education, consultation, future research, and collaboration opportunities. Former Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter endorsed the value of this partnership, noting “our strength [DoD] also comes from the longstanding link between the technology community and the government.” For more information, contact Andrea Lane at 703-247-2554, e-mail alane@ndia.org; or Tatiana Jackson at 703-247-9497, e-mail tjackson@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/3/13/human-systems-conference.

2018 Federal Innovation Summit
The 2018 Federal Innovation Summit will be held March 14 at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Americans now rely on mobile devices more than they ever have for every facet of life. Mobility is playing an increasingly important role in IT modernization efforts. Several agencies and private sector innovators have proven it is possible to transform mobility in government to better protect, serve, connect, and educate citizens. Join like-minded federal innovators at the 2018 Federal Innovation Summit as top government officials and industry experts discuss ways to drive innovation around public sector mobility—from wearables on the battlefield to virtual reality as a tool for training, and more. The summit will feature talks on the adoption of emerging technologies, driving improved endpoint security, and transforming the federal workforce to better support the digital enterprise. Learn more about the conference or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25785/2018-federal-innovation-summit/.

6th Annual DoD Unmanned Systems Summit
The 6th Annual DoD Unmanned Systems Summit will be held March 14–15 at the Mary M Gates Learning Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The target audience for the summit includes members of the Department of Defense (DoD), the U.S Government Military Services, DoD Components/Defense Agencies, and any organizations critical to the nation’s defense to come together to discuss the significance of UxS across multi-domains. Due to the effectiveness and practicality of UxS systems, particularly in contested environments, the nation’s military services are able to successfully fight and win. This program will facilitate discussion surrounding near-term initiatives of UxS and capabilities focused on enhancing interoperability amongst systems to ensure mission success. Learn more about the summit or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25592/6th-annual-dod-unmanned-systems-summit/.

Precision Strike Annual Review (PSAR-18)
The Precision Strike Annual Review (PSAR-18) will be held March 20 at the Lockheed Martin Global Vision Center in Arlington, Virginia. The theme for the 2018 event will be “Strategic and Agile Acquisition Response to the Growing National Security Threat.” In an era of constrained resources, it is even more imperative today that the nation ensures the Department of Defense has the systems it needs to effectively deter and decisively win future conflicts. This will continue to require precision strike engagement across all spectrums of conflict. Further, the defense industry team must continue the focus on developing new and also upgrading existing technologies for emerging capabilities, promoting innovative concepts, and investing in critical technological modernization while refining the nation’s federal acquisition processes. Review and discussion by distinguished leaders will characterize the new strategic environment, define the new national security strategy agenda, and address requirements for future conflicts. A highlight of the review will be presentation of the 22nd Annual William J. Perry Award. For more information, contact Kimberly Williams at 703-247-2578 or e-mail kwilliams@ndia.org. Additional information will be forthcoming at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/3/20/precision-strike-annual-review-psar18.

19th Annual Science & Engineering Technology Conference
The 19th Annual Science & Engineering Technology Conference will be held March 20–22 at the AT&T Hotel and
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Conference Center in Austin, Texas. The theme for the conference will be “DoD Research, Engineering, Science, and Technology: Defense Agencies, Services, and COCOMs Collaborating to Maintain Our Edge.” This event will bring together government, academia, and industry members to discuss scientific and technological advances that directly affect the nation’s military advantage. Specifically, the conference will provide registrants with the following:

- Overview of FY19 S&T programs included in the president’s budget request
- Opportunities to meet face to face with Defense Department’s Science and Technology leadership
- Specific tracks for deep-dive sessions with selected Communities of Interest (Cols)
- Full-day optional classified session (SECRET/NOFORN level) to discuss combatant commands’ needs and how to meet them.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Richards at 703-247-2588, e-mail erichards@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/3/20/set-conference.

2018 Directed Energy Summit

The 2018 Directed Energy Summit will be held March 21-22 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by Booz Allen Hamilton and the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA), the Directed Energy Summit has become the premier national forum to address the impact directed energy weapons can have in supporting national security and defense priorities. Leaders from Congress and across the Department of Defense (DoD) concur that the nation is facing new and emerging threats from adversaries across a wide spectrum. This year’s event will again bring together more than 500 senior leaders from the U.S. Government and defense industry to explore the value of integrating directed energy capabilities into the nation’s order of battle. With strong industrial base participation, directed energy technologies drive high-end job growth as well as addressing critical national security gaps. Learn more about the summit or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/26058/2018-directed-energy-summit/.

Defense Intelligence Agency Science & Technology Industry Day

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Intelligence and the Defense Intelligence Agency are co-sponsoring the second Defense Intelligence Agency Science & Technology (DIA S&T) Industry Day on March 22 at the Heritage Conference Center in Chantilly, Virginia. This is an opportunity to engage directly with the Defense Intelligence S&T organization in a classified (TS/SCI) setting. Defense Intelligence S&T directly supports the DIA’s current operations and strategic planning. The industry day will highlight the organization’s capabilities along with areas where the private sector can help mitigate risk. Registration and more information will be forthcoming at https://www.govevents.com/details/25654/dia-sandt-industry-day/.

2018 AUSA ILW Global Force Symposium and Exposition

The 2018 Association of the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare (AUSA ILW) Global Force Symposium & Exposition will be held March 26-28 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama. This three-day event will include presentations from the U.S. Army Materiel Command, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology). Registrants will explore the capabilities outlined in the Army Operating Concept, and how the force transforms from being adaptive to driving innovation for Force 2025 and beyond. Special guest presentations, coupled with panel discussions from the nation’s senior military and industry leaders, will address critical points of acquisition, research and development, and partnering between military and industry. For the Army, this means restructuring military-industrial programs. The Army must take a hard look at its acquisition processes, with an eye towards the future, in order to continue maintaining a competitive overmatch against potential adversaries. Learn more about the symposium or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25347/2018-ausa-ilw-global-force-symposium-and-exposition/.

DAU Acquisition Training Symposium

Save the date for the upcoming April 3 Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Acquisition Training Symposium at the DAU Fort Belvoir, Virginia campus. The theme for the symposium will be “Defense in Transition—Organizing for a New Era of Acquisition.” This event is a training and learning event hosted and sponsored by the DAU, and presented to government and industry acquisition professionals with the co-sponsorship and support of the DAU Alumni Association. More information will be forthcoming at http://www.dauaevents.org.

2018 AFCEA Belvoir Industry Days

The 2018 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Belvoir Industry Days will be held April 3-4 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Oxon Hill, Maryland. In past years, this popular event has attracted over 1,000 attendees and hundreds of industry participants. This year’s AFCEA Belvoir Industry Days will be bigger than ever with industry and Army speakers, and more
sponsorship opportunities than ever. AFCEA Belvoir serves as a bridge between government requirements and industry capabilities, representing the top government, industry, and military professionals in the fields of information technology, communications, and intelligence. Learn more about the day’s events or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25725/2018-afcea-belvoir-industry-days/.

2018 IEEE Green Technologies Conference (GreenTech)
The 2018 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Green Technologies Conference (GreenTech) will be held April 4–6 at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin, Texas. GreenTech was conceived to address one of the most pressing challenges of our time—securing green and clean energy sources for the 21st century to protect the environment and help build a more resilient power grid. GreenTech is now in its 10th year, and the hope is to draw insights and encourage collaboration from many disciplines and backgrounds in order to address these challenges. The 2018 IEEE Green Technologies Conference theme is “Smart City.” Smart cities seek to increase efficiency and improve quality of life by creating systems that reduce costs and improve services through connectivity and automation, incorporating techniques from sensing to analytics and leveraging the complementary technologies of IoT, wireless, and virtualization to deliver scalable, trusted, and reliable solutions. For more information, contact Leslie Martinich at 512-423-5121 or e-mail lmar@ieee.org. Register online at https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=42012.

IT Modernization Summit
An Information Technology (IT) Modernization Summit will be held April 5 at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Legacy systems cripple federal agencies. They hamstring innovation, leave information vulnerable to bad actors, cost more and more to maintain as they age, and push away talented personnel who want to work with the latest technology. The White House and Congress have made major steps to bring agencies into the 21st century, releasing major IT modernization policy and providing funding to jumpstart a government-wide tech refresh. Join federal officials and other IT experts at FedScoop’s second annual IT Modernization Summit as they discuss the latest business cases for modernizing federal systems, the ongoing policy discussions around adopting emerging innovations, and how replacing legacy technology can help prevent the next major breach. Learn more about the summit or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/26096/it-modernization-summit/.

Sea-Air-Space 2018
The Navy League’s Sea-Air-Space Exposition will be held April 9–11 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Oxon Hill, Maryland. If the product is intended to enhance and advance the quality of America’s Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or U.S.-flag Merchant Marine, then it is on display at the Navy League’s Sea-Air-Space Exposition. This year’s event features over 275 exciting and interactive exhibits showcasing the latest in maritime, defense and energy technology. Educational seminars and sessions will be presented at both the strategic and tactical levels and geared towards all of the Sea Services. Registrants will be afforded numerous networking opportunities with other leading professionals within the industry as well as with key military personnel. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition will continue to support the mission of the Navy League and display the most current information and technology relevant to maritime policy. The Sea-Air-Space Exposition is free and open to the following qualified attendees:
- Active duty, reserve and retired U.S. Military
- U.S. federal, state and local government employees
- Members of Congress and Congressional Staff
- Representatives of foreign embassies, government and military
- Representatives of non-exhibiting defense industry companies
- Representatives of exhibiting companies
- Navy League members
- Invited guests of the Navy League

The Sea-Air-Space Exposition is not open to the public. Children over the age of 15 may attend the exposition provided they are accompanied by an adult at all times. Learn more about the exposition or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/23749/sea-air-space-2018/.

2018 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition
The 2018 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition will be held April 10–11 at The Waterford Reception Center at Springfield in Springfield, Virginia. This year’s theme will be “Adapting at the Speed of a Changing World.” The purpose of the 2018 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition is to provide a forum for industry and government stakeholders to engage in honest dialogue and determine how to realize the robotics and autonomous systems’ vision across all Services of the U.S. military. This conference will help industry clarify where best to focus research and development efforts across all Services and help government to provide an opportunity to see the latest and greatest in Robotics and Autonomous System problem solving.
This event is designed to:

- Showcase the latest innovations in robotic and autonomous systems technology.
- Outline how robotic and autonomous systems fit further within the Army’s new ‘Big 6’ pillars of transformation.
- Connect ideas and technology with current industry problems.

For more information, contact Trish Wildt at 703-247-2586 or twildt@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/4/10/2018-ground-robotics-capabilities-conference-and-exhibition.

SubCon Training Workshop 2018

The National Contract Management Association’s SubCon Training Workshop (SubCon) will be held April 12-13 at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. This workshop provides comprehensive subcontracts training led by experienced industry and government practitioners. This year, SubCon consists of both workshops and breakout sessions. Participants typically include industry procurement professionals and managers from small- and mid-sized businesses, who benefit from learning about compliance requirements, and leading and interacting with teams and organizations. Government buyers and program managers will learn the requirements the government places on subcontractors, prime contractor responsibilities, and government responsibilities when subcontracts are involved. The sessions directly align with NCMA’s Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK) “Acquisition Planning and Strategy,” “Contract Management,” “Subcontract Management,” and “Leadership” competencies. Learn more about the workshop or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25906/subcon-training-workshops-2018/.

2019 Munitions Executive Summit

The 2019 Munitions Executive Summit and Advanced Planning Briefing to Industry (APBI) will be held April 16-18 at the Hilton Parsippany in Parsippany, New Jersey. The theme for the event will be “Munitions Readiness & Modernization Meeting Current & Future Warfighter Needs.” This annual event will be attended by key leaders in U.S. Government acquisition, program management, technology, and academia. Likewise, industry leaders in the U.S. munitions industrial base will also participate. The purpose of the 2019 Munitions Executive Summit is to provide a meaningful interchange on the challenges confronting the U.S. Munitions Enterprise. For more information, contact Ashley Phayme at 703-247-2540, e-mail aphasisyear@ndia.org; or Loey Bleich at 703-247-2575 or e-mail lbleich@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/4/16/munitions-executive-summit.

34th Space Symposium

Widely recognized as the premier global space conference, the 34th Space Symposium will be held April 16-19 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This year’s event will convene space leaders to discuss critical issues affecting all space sectors. The symposium is considered the “must attend” event of the year for space professionals interested in cultivating a network of critical and profitable professional connections. Learn more about the symposium or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/26295/34th-space-symposium/.

ATARC Federal Emerging Technology Summit

The Advanced Technology Academic Research Center Federal Emerging Technology Summit will be held April 17 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center in Washington, D.C. This educational, one-day summit will examine emerging technology products and solutions being utilized by the Federal Government to provide agencies with increased efficiency and cost savings. The morning session features speakers and panels with government thought leaders, while the afternoon includes the MITRE-ATARC Emerging Technology Collaboration Symposium, where government, academic, and industry subject matter experts brainstorm and whiteboard emerging technology challenge areas. Register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/26171/atarc-federal-emerging-technology-summit/.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Award Dinner

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) will host the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award Dinner on April 18 at
The Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia. This year’s winner is Senator Jim Inhofe, a senior member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, for his unwavering dedication to national security and his priority to support and provide for the men and women who serve our country. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Award recognizes the significant contributions Dwight David Eisenhower made as President of the United States and as General of the Army to the long-term strategic posture of America’s defense industrial base. The award is given to an American citizen who has made an outstanding contribution toward increasing public awareness of our national defense needs. Previous Eisenhower awardees include: Congressman Mack Thornberry; country star Trace Adkins; former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta; actor, director and musician Gary Sinise; former Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter; former U.S. Rep. Buck McKeon; former U.S. Sen. Kit Bond; Gen. James Conway, USMC (Ret.); Gen. David Petraeus, USA (Ret.); as well as Adm. Thad Allen, USCG (Ret.). For more information on the award dinner, contact Britt Sullivan at 703-247-2587, e-mail bsullivan@ndia.org; or Carol Dwyer at 703-247-2582, e-mail cdwyer@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/4/18/eisenhower-award-dinner.

28th Government Procurement Conference
The 28th Government Procurement Conference will be held April 19 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The Government Procurement Conference is a national conference fostering business partnerships between the Federal Government, its prime contractors, and small, minority, service-disabled veteran-owned, veteran-owned, HUBZone, and women-owned businesses. Now in its 28th year, the Government Procurement Conference has become the premier event for small businesses throughout the United States. Participating firms will have the benefit of marketing their products/services to procurement representatives and small business specialists from government agencies. The conference also includes educational conference sessions, procurement matchmaking, and a dynamic exhibitor showcase. Learn more about the conference or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25720/28th-anniversary-government-procurement-conference/.

Insensitive Munitions and Energetic Materials Technology Symposium
TheInsensitive Munitions (IM) and Energetic Materials (EM) Technology Symposium will be held April 23–26 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Portland in Portland, Oregon. The theme for the symposium will be “InnovativeInsensitive Munition Solutions for Enhanced Warfighter Effectiveness.” The 2018 IM and EM Technology Symposium is the premier international gathering for the exchange of information on advancements in IM and EM and their benefits to the warfighter. The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the NATO Munitions Safety Information Analysis Center (MSIAC) are sponsoring this year’s event. New IM technologies, EM, and formulations are being developed and deployed into the field. This symposium will look at the benefits of these new solutions to the warfighter, logistics, cost, and safety of operations. For more information, contact Carol Dwyer at 703-247-2582 or e-mail cdwyer@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/4/23/imem.

SYSCON 2018: The 12th Annual IEEE International Systems Conference
The 12th Annual Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Systems Conference (SYSCON 2018) will be held April 24–26 at the JW Marriott Parq Vancouver in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. System-level thinking is essential in the world today, not only for technical systems, but also for society at large. SYSCON 2018 will address the discipline of systems engineering, including theory, technology, methodology, and applications of complex systems, system-of-systems, and integrated systems of national and global significance. The venue will also facilitate interactions among communities of interest on system-level problems and applications. Learn more about the conference or register online at http://ieeesyscon.org/.

2018 Product Support and Tech Data Workshop
The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA)’s Product Support & Technical Data Workshop will be offered April 23–26 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The 2018 event offers industry and government representatives an opportunity to exchange collective viewpoints on how life cycle product support concepts must realign with the complex technologies and the current state of “Affordable Military Readiness.” As military capabilities of nation states and non-state actors are improving across all domains, product support policies, integrated logistics support (ILS) specifications, and innovative technical data solutions are the cornerstone in helping the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Services stay abreast with the dynamic threat environment faced by today’s warfighter. AIA encourages participation in the 2018 workshop to ensure life cycle product support concepts, partnerships, and business processes are remaining effective and reliable. For more information on the 2018 Product Support & Tech Data Workshop, contact Gery Mras, director, Life Cycle Management, at gery.mras@aia-aerospace.org. Beginning in February, register online at https://www.aia-aerospace.org/event/2018-product-support-and-tech-data-workshop/.
2018 IEEE Radar Conference (RadarConf18)
The 2018 Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Radar Conference (RadarConf18) will be held April 23-27 at the Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This conference will be a continuation of the annual IEEE radar series (formerly the IEEE National Radar Conference). These conferences cover the many disciplines that span the applications of modern radar systems, including systems-level through subsystem and component technologies, antennas, and signal processing (deterministic and adaptive). The scope includes systems architectures of monostatic, bistatic and multistatic, and ground-based, airborne, shipborne, and spaceborne realizations. For more information, contact Nathan Goodman at 405-325-0404 or goodman@ou.edu. Learn more about the conference or register online at https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=39138.

Small Business Training Week 2018
Small Business Training Week (SBTW18) is slated for April 23-27, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana. It will feature an outstanding lineup of dynamic speakers as well as engaging workshops led by respected experts. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for government employees to learn, build relationships, and share best practices. Participants will be briefed on new legislation and policy changes. They will also make invaluable connections and learn about tools, tactics, and strategies that make them more effective at work. Registrants can also earn up to 27 Continuous Learning Points (CLPs). SBTW18 is restricted to government employees. Learn more about SBTW18 at https://medium.com/@BusinessDefense/sbtw18-ab449a45fb59.

13th Annual Military Space Situational Awareness (SSA) Conference
The 13th Annual Military Space Situational Awareness (SSA) Conference will be held April 25-26 at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, Scarsdale Place, Kensington, London, UK. With the defense industry becoming ever more data-driven, ensuring that space systems can operate both safely and efficiently is crucial for government and military agencies. SMi’s 13th Annual Military Space Situational Awareness (SSA) conference will bring together key military, government, civilian, and industry stakeholders to discuss leading approaches and strategies being adopted to generate a holistic approach to SSA, at a time when the domain is growing increasingly congested with active satellites, space debris, and adverse threats. Key focus areas include: Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) data, next-generation sensor and radar capabilities, space weather, intercontinental-ballistic missile strikes, space governance of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite launches, planned mega-constellations, and much more. Learn more about the conference or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25500/military-space-situational-awareness-2018/.

Robotics and Autonomous Systems
A Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Conference will take place April 25–26 at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, Scarsdale Place, Kensington, London, UK. The UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) has recognized the potential of RAS to provide strategic superiority in military operations. Toward that end, the UK MoD established five priorities in the development of RAS: Sustainability, Maneuverability, Situational Awareness, Lethality, and Survivability. These five priorities are what the RAS 2018 conference will revolve around. These will additionally encompass other main themes such as counter-Improvised Explosive Device, artificial intelligence, interoperability, or communication systems. 2018 conference attendees will:
• Hear the latest updates on the UK Ministry of Defence Robotics and Autonomous Systems Enhancement Programs.
• Attend exclusive military briefings from the United Kingdom, Israel, the United States, Finland, and France.
• Benefit from a comprehensive approach to emerging autonomous and robotic technologies with briefings from academia, defense research and procurement agencies, as well as the military.
• Discuss and debate the key role of unmanned technology in supporting land operations through enhanced survivability, situational awareness, lethality, sustainability, and maneuverability.

Learn more about the conference or register online at https://www.govevents.com/details/25373/robotics-and-autonomous-systems/.

2018 Systems and Information Engineering Design Symposium (SIEDS)
The 2018 Systems and Information Engineering Design Symposium (SIEDS) will be held April 27 in the Alumni Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. SIEDS is a student-focused international forum for applied research, development, and design in Systems and Information Engineering. The symposium is the leading showcase for undergraduate and graduate design projects or design-oriented graduate theses. Faculty, industry, and government project advisors are welcome co-authors. For more information, contact Dorothy Gardner at 434-924-5393 or e-mail dmg6x@virginia.edu. Register online at https://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=43046.
2018 Armament Systems Forum
The 2018 Armament Systems Forum will take place May 7-10 at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme for the 2018 forum will be “Armament System Response to the Evolving Threat Spectrum.” Sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), the 2018 Armament Systems Forum is planned as a single event with concurrent parallel events for each of the three NDIA Armaments Division committees: Guns, Ammunition, Rockets, Missiles Committee; Small Arms Committee; and Unconventional Emerging Technology Armament Committee. The forum is intended to promote synergism, communication, and networking opportunities across the armament community, thus ensuring value and benefits for attendees and exhibitors. The concurrent committee events will also allow for an expanded number of technical/oral presentations and poster presentations addressing subjects relevant to legacy and evolving future armaments. For more information, contact Ashley Phayme at 703-247-2540 or e-mail aphayme@ndia.org. Register online at http://www.ndia.org/events/2018/5/7/2018-armament-systems-forum.