

DoD Product Support Manager (PSM) Workshop Postponed

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Due to the current fiscal environment and certain travel constraints, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Materiel Readiness) has decided to postpone the third annual DoD Product Support Manager (PSM) Workshop. This PSM Workshop, which had tentatively been slated for June 18-20, 2013, has been delayed until FY14. When it is rescheduled, the plan is to retain the proposed three-day agenda (beginning on a Tuesday, at 8:00 a.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday). The PSM Workshop location and agenda will be published once finalized. This workshop has been in the past, and will continue to be, an extremely low-cost event, with a video teleconference option potentially being considered. The Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Materiel Readiness) has also requested that we disseminate this announcement to all program managers, program support managers, and members of the Life Cycle Logistics community, as well as industry counterparts who may have been planning to attend.

Live Fire Test & Evaluation Conference

The Live Fire Test & Evaluation Conference will be held July 8-9, 2013, at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, in Laurel, Md. Recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have highlighted the need for our combat systems to be survivable and effective. Many of our systems employed in combat have undergone statutorily-mandated Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E), and have benefited from the advanced understanding of how our weapons perform and how our systems will respond when hit. This conference will address the impact of global threats, including strategic, tactical (including ballistic, directed energy, and other non-ballistic threats), and unconventional threats (IEDs, others) on the safety and survivability of our armed forces. It will explore new survivability techniques and approaches to integrate survivability concerns within the broad considerations of system design and employment. The conference will also address issues related to lethality of our weapons systems, from small caliber munitions to missile defense. Lethality will be discussed within the operational context of increased precision of delivery and the desire to limit collateral damage. Other topics, which also play a vital role in this process, will include modeling and simulation, experimental design, test ranges, instrumentation, and environmental issues related to this type of testing. LFT&E policies, procedures, and best practices will also be addressed. This conference will be held at the SECRET/U.S. ONLY classification. For more information, contact Brant Murray at bmurray@ndia.org or

703-247-2572. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3390/Pages/default.aspx>.

4th Annual Integrated Air and Missile Defense Symposium

The 4th Annual Integrated Air and Missile Defense Symposium will be held July 11, 2013, at the The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, in Laurel, Md. The theme of the 2013 symposium is "The State of Integrated Air and Missile Defense." This classified, no-media-allowed symposium, hosted by the National Defense Industrial Association's Missile Defense Division and Strike, Land Attack, and Air Defense Division, will give participants unfiltered, unvarnished straight talk and discussion about the priorities and challenges of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Missile Defense Agency, and the Services with the global Ballistic Missile Defense System program and the state of Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) overall, including an update on the European Phased Adaptive Approach. Valuable 'off the record' insights and information sessions will feature key decision makers on:

- The current state of joint integration and interoperability in IAMD;
- Where IAMD stands today and where it is going, with an inside look at the administration's highest priorities in the longer term;

- The latest information on the Phased Adaptive Approach and how industry can effectively position itself to support it;
- The latest advances in IAMD capabilities and technologies.

For more information, contact Kimberly Williams at kwiliams@ndia.org or 703-247-2578. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3100/Pages/default.aspx>.

2013 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting

The annual Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power & Energy Society General Meeting will be held July 21-25, 2013, at the Marriott Pinnacle in Vancouver, BC, Canada. This year's event will bring together over 2000 attendees for technical sessions, a student program, an awards ceremony, committee meetings, and tutorials. The meeting will attract professionals from every segment of the electric energy industry. It will feature a comprehensive technical program with paper presentations, poster and panel sessions, a number of technical tours, a student program, and companion activities. This year's technical theme is "Shaping the Future Energy Industry." Highlighting the meeting program are these major topics:

- Electricity Supply to Rural and Remote Communities
- Transmission System Efficiency and Reliability Improvements
- Impacts of Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD) Events on Electric Power Systems
- Innovation and Advancements in Protection, Automation, and Control for Evolving Power Systems

- Generation Mix Strategies: Solving Energy Production Challenges of the 21st Century

For more information, contact Paula Traynor, Electric Power Research Institute, e-mail ptraaynor@epri.com or call 608-238-8843 or 630-215-6950. Register online at <http://www.pes-gm.org/2013/>.

2013 Warheads & Ballistics Classified Symposium

The 2013 Warheads & Ballistics Classified Symposium will be held Aug. 5-8, 2013, at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. The objective of the Warheads and Ballistics Classified Symposium is to provide researchers, developers, and program managers (from government, academia, and industry) a forum for the exchange of information on current work related to the advancement of the technology and application of ballistics and weapon systems. A jointly sponsored symposium, this event combines the Ballistic Division's Sixteenth Classified Ballistics Symposium with the Bomb & Warhead Division's 62nd Annual Bomb & Warhead Technical Symposium. Also presented at the symposium will be classified, export-controlled, and limited distribution papers in the areas of ballistics, weapons effectiveness, and bomb and warhead technology. The symposium is classified at the SECRET/NOFORN level and is limited to the following U.S. agencies: Department of Defense, Department of Defense contractors, Department of Energy, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, and Department of Homeland Security. For more information, contact Tia Pitt at tpitt@ndia.org or 703-247-9467. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3480/Pages/default.aspx>.