

7TH ANNUAL ARMY SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

The 7th Annual Army Small Business Conference was held at the Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner, Tyson's Corner, Va., Nov. 4-5, 2003. This yearly event, specifically directed at all of the Army's Small Business Contractors, provided a unique opportunity for members of the small business community to meet with government decision makers (Army and SBA) to discuss timely topics, including recent changes affecting small businesses. All of the Army's major commands throughout the United States were represented. The conference began mid afternoon on Nov. 4 and continued through 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 5. For more information call Phyllis Edmonson at (703) 247-2588 or e-mail: pedmonson@ndia.org.

JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS PROGRAM INDUSTRY DAY

The Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program (JNLWP) Industry Day was held Nov. 4, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, in Arlington, Va. This event was organized to be especially valuable to those technical managers, business development managers, program managers, planners, scientists, and engineers in industry who are interested in participating in the development and acquisition of advanced Non-Lethal Weapons systems. The JNLWP Industry Day provided an excellent opportunity for the exploration of requirements and developmental opportunities between service and industry representatives.

For questions regarding the JNLWP Industry Day event, please contact Naomi Mundy at (703) 247-9476 or via e-mail: nmundy@ndia.org.

3RD ANNUAL CMMI TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE & USER GROUP

The Systems Engineering Division of the National Defense Industrial Association, in conjunction with the Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, is pleased to announce the Third Annual CMMI® (Capability Maturity Model® Integration) Technology Conference and User Group. This important conference was held Nov. 17-20, 2003, at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center, in Denver, Colo.

The CMMI Project is a cooperative effort of the Department of Defense, Industry, and the Software Engineering Institute to develop an integrated Capability Maturity Model that encompasses Systems Engineering, Software Engineering, Integrated Product & Process Development, and Supplier Sourcing. Even though sponsored by the Department of Defense and NDIA, it is intended for use by commercial as well as aerospace/defense organizations, and this Conference ad-

ressed all applications. The purpose of the project is to provide for improvements in cost, schedule, and overall quality of projects in engineering development by eliminating "stovepipe" maturity models and allowing organizations to integrate their process improvement and engineering development efforts and strengthen the systems engineering component of all development programs.

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PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SYSTEM COMMANDERS' (PEO/SYSCOM) CONFERENCE

The PEO/SYSCOM Conferences/Workshops are a series of senior-level, invitation-only, non-attribution events that host approximately 400 Department of Defense and industry participants at each event. These fora provide a good opportunity for senior leadership from the Department of Defense and industry to meet and share their views and priorities. The Thirteenth PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' Conference, hosted by the Defense Acquisition University, will be held Dec. 3-5, 2003, at Scott Hall, Fort Belvoir, Va.

For more information on PEO/SYSCOM past and upcoming events, visit the PEO/SYSCOM Conference Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/Conferences/peoindex.htm>.

INTERSERVICE/INDUSTRY TRAINING, SIMULATION & EDUCATION CONFERENCE (I/ITSEC 2003)

The Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation & Education Conference (I/ITSEC 2003) will be held Dec. 1-4, 2003, in Orlando, Fla. This 25-year anniversary event represents the premier annual conference for the simulation, training, and education communities of industry, government, and education. The I/ITSEC promotes cooperation among the armed services, industry, academia, and various government agencies in pursuit of improved training and education programs, identification of common issues, and development of multi-service programs. I/ITSEC also promotes the use of technology that will enable the services to better and more efficiently train soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines to enhance their readiness to go in harm's way. This year's conference theme is *25 Years: Enhancing Warfighter Performance Through Advanced Learning Technology*.

To learn more about the conference or register, visit the conference Web site at <http://register.ndia.org/interview/register.ndia?#December2003>.