

48th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting—New Horizons Forum and Aerospace Exposition

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will hold its 48th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting, including the New Horizons Forum and Aerospace Exposition, Jan. 4-7, 2010, at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Fla. The AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting is the first major multidisciplinary event of the year for aerospace scientists and engineers from around the world. It provides an ideal forum for scientists and engineers from industry, government, and academia to share and disseminate scientific knowledge and research results with a view toward new technologies for aerospace systems. The New Horizons Forum will be held in conjunction with the AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting. The New Horizons Forum will feature keynote speakers from industry and government who will share their perspectives on the new challenges, future opportunities, and emerging trends in aerospace education, research, and programs. Register online at <www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=1812>.

Army Aviation Symposium and Exposition—A Professional Development Forum

The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will support an unclassified symposium and exposition for members of the defense industry and the military community at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Va, Jan. 5 - 7, 2010. The theme of the symposium is "The Army Aviation Enterprise: One Team, One Fight, One Future." The purpose of this symposium is to stimulate dialogue among senior government officials, military leaders, and industry executives concerning sustaining, equipping, transforming, and integrating technology of the current and future force. The symposium will explore the Army's aviation focus area and how the Army-Industry team is paired together to support today's fight and is prepared for the future with necessary capabilities. Ultimately, the symposium will involve discussions on how to best sustain and acquire the required materiel to directly support the warfighter. Register online at <www.ausa.org/news/meetings/aviation2010/Pages/ScopeandObjective.aspx>.

NCMA National Education Seminars

The National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will conduct two sessions of its newest seminar, "Risk Management for Complex U.S. Government Contracts & Projects," at the following locations:

- January 13, 2010, Boston Chapter; Hanscom Air Force Base, Minuteman Club, Kirtland Street, Bldg 1425, Hanscom AFB, Mass.
- January 22, 2010, NCMA National Office Chapter; Luxor Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.

Risk management, the ability to efficiently and cost effectively mitigate potential problems, is fundamental to good business in both the public and private sectors. This seminar provides a unique and comprehensive view of what it takes to successfully manage large, complex, high-technology U.S. government contracts and projects. Led by author Gregory A. Garrett, Certified Professional Contracts Manager, and a team of 12 subject-matter experts, this one-of-a-kind seminar is loaded with process diagrams, tools, techniques, and best practices to help acquisition professionals in both the U.S. Government and industry improve business results. Every attendee will receive a copy of Garrett's book, *Contract Negotiations: Skills, Tools, and Best Practices*. Register online at <www.ncmahq.org/Learn/nescdescription.cfm?itemnumber=4969>.

AIAA Strategic and Tactical Missile Systems Conference

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Strategic and Tactical Missile System Conference will be held Jan. 20-21, 2010, at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. The conference will offer an excellent opportunity to hear senior Department of Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force leadership, congressional staff, and other noted authorities from the strategic and tactical missile community speak about the issues and challenges that face the administration. It offers a careful balance between policy and programs, as speakers explore budget challenges, emerging requirements, threats, industrial base, and other issues. A question-and-answer period will follow each presentation to permit audience interaction with our national security leadership and with those charged with the responsibility of keeping it strong. Register online at <www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=2274>.

2010 Biometrics Conference

The 2010 Biometrics Conference will be held Jan. 20-21, 2010, at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Va. The theme of the 2010 conference is "Matches to Missions." Matches to Mission is the challenge to "find the needle"—those individuals who may do harm to Americans and the nation in the national haystack of data and agencies. New, rapidly emerging biometric and forensic technologies are moving toward interoperability, but bureaucratic stovepipes and walls remain. This conference will foster discussion focused on exploring steps toward creating a holistic architecture to accommodate the use of biometrics, today and in the future, to support an expanding variety of federal, state/local, international, and private sector missions. For more information, contact Holley Slabaugh at hslabaugh@ndia.org or 703-247-2561; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/O860/Pages/default.aspx>.

NCMA Mid-Year Leadership Conference 2010

The National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Mid-Year Leadership Conference 2010 will be held Jan. 22-23, 2010, at the Luxor Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev. The Mid-Year Leadership Conference is an excellent learning and sharing event for present or future NCMA chapter leaders. Register at <www.ncmahq.org/Events/MYLC2010Detail.cfm?ItemNumber=6104&navItemNumber=4362>.

Marine Corps Expeditionary Power & Energy Symposium

The Marine Corps Expeditionary Power & Energy Symposium will be held Jan. 25-27, 2010, at the Marriott New Orleans in New Orleans, La. The theme is "Lightening the Load: Reducing the Footprint in the Expeditionary Environment." Power and Energy costs and dependency are posing a greater threat to national security and changing expeditionary warfare. Today, the Marine Corps is deploying and seeking a wide range of solutions to lighten the load on warfighters; reduce its overall footprint in Afghanistan; lessen energy consumption and dependence on fossil fuels; and achieve greater energy efficiency in combat zones and expeditionary environments. This symposium is about finding those solutions. Gain insights, access, opportunities and partners to power the Marine Corps' energy efficient vision. Join Marine Corps leaders and industry experts as they explore challenges and opportunities to lighten the Marine Corps' power and energy demands in an Expeditionary environment today and in the future. For more information, contact Kari King at kking@ndia.org or 703-247-2588; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0820/Pages/default.aspx>.

Annual Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Symposium

The Annual Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS) will be held Jan. 25-28, 2010, at the Doubletree San Jose Airport Hotel in San Jose, Calif. The RAMS is the premier event in the reliability, availability, and maintainability engineering disciplines. Combining tutorials, presentations, certifications, and networking into one week-long program, the RAMS delivers cutting-edge information to all technical industries. The theme of the 2010 event will be "Transcending Traditional Reliability Approaches—From Theory to Practice," which provides for a focused program that will enable participants and their organizations to optimize the mitigation of risk and the performance of systems. This is a great opportunity for engineers and managers from every technical industry to network and to share best practices in reliability, availability, and maintainability engineering. Register online at <<http://rams.org/register-now>>.

Federal Acquisition Institute: Increasing Competition and Structuring Contracts for Best Results

An Acquisition Learning Seminar (ALS) on "Increasing Competition and Structuring Contracts for Best Results" will be held Jan. 27, 2009, at the GSA Headquarters Building Auditorium in Washington, DC. This ALS will help acquisition professionals meet requirements set forth by the President and Office of Management and Budget on minimizing risk and maximizing the value of government contracts. The seminar will focus on methods that acquisition professionals can leverage to increase competition and reduce the use of cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, and labor-hour contracts. It will also introduce practices and techniques for mitigating risk through the use of competition and appropriate contract types. This event is free and may be credited toward "Continuous Learning Points" as described in OFPP Policy Letter 05-01. To register, please log into the Federal Acquisition Institute Continuous Learning System at <<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/faicl/>>. Visit <www.fai.gov> for more information on the Federal Acquisition Institute.

Mastering Business Development® Workshop

A Mastering Business Development® Workshop will be held Feb. 2-3, 2010, at the Westin Tampa Harbour Island in Tampa, Fla. This 2-day workshop is an educational and professional development program, which focuses on the thinking, process, and discipline required for professional business development. It fosters participants' understanding of the core competencies required for success. For more information, contact Michelle Hariston at mhariston@ndia.org or 703-247-9478; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/007B/Pages/default.aspx>.

U.S. Air Force Test & Evaluation Days 2010

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will sponsor the U.S. Air Force Test and Evaluation (T&E) Days 2010 Feb. 2-4, 2010, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. T&E Days 2010 will be the sixth consecutive conference focused on instituting an enterprise approach to performing test and evaluation in support of weapon systems research, acquisition, development, test, and evaluation. The purpose of the T&E Enterprise is to transform the way test and evaluation is conducted to meet future weapon system research, development, test, evaluation, and acquisition requirements. The U.S. Air Force T&E Days conferences are attended by test and evaluation and acquisition professionals from the U.S. military services, allied nations, industry partners, and academia. They offer a highly technical forum with unique opportunities to network with fellow professionals; discuss state-of-the-art advances in research; consider the impact of

changes in the acquisition processes on test and evaluation; and share the latest test, analysis, and evaluation results. Register online at <www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=2339>.

2010 INCOSE International Workshop

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Workshop will be held Feb. 6-9, 2010, at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel in Mesa, Ariz. INCOSE's International Workshop is the event of the year for systems engineers to contribute to the state of the art. Unlike the INCOSE annual International Symposium and other conferences, this event features no paper, panel, or tutorial presentations. Instead, attendees spend 4 days working alongside fellow systems engineers who are there to make a difference. Systems Engineers at all levels and from all backgrounds are encouraged to engage in working sessions, and contribute their knowledge and experience to take the discipline forward.

The INCOSE Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) Workshop will begin prior to and continue for two days concurrently with the INCOSE International Workshop (Feb. 5-7, 2010). This should be a very informative and energizing event for all involved, and provide an opportunity to both learn about the latest MBSE activities and contribute to the INCOSE MBSE roadmap and plans. Register for the INCOSE International Workshop at <www.incose.org/newsevents/workshop/index.aspx> For more information on the INCOSE MBSE Workshop, go to <www.incose.org/newsevents/events/details.aspx?id=90>.

2010 Tactical Wheeled Vehicles Conference

The 2010 Tactical Wheeled Vehicles Conference will be held Feb. 7-9, 2010, at the Monterey Conference Center in Monterey, Calif. The theme of the 2010 conference is "TWV Strategy During Challenging Times." This conference is the only one held annually that is specific to the military's Tactical Wheeled Vehicle community. Open discussions and the information presented are valuable to program managers, engineers, planners, and marketers. The conference historically has brought the military services, industry, prime contractors, subcontractors, and their suppliers together to discuss present and future wheeled vehicle requirements for all Services. It has afforded an atmosphere for open discussions between the customers and the suppliers based on the needs of the military users. For more information, contact Angie R. DeKleine at adekleine@ndia.org or 703-247-2599; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0530/Pages/default.aspx>.

2010 Munitions Executive Summit

The 2010 Munitions Executive Summit will be held Feb. 8-10, 2010, at the Loews Coronado Bay in Coronado, Calif. The theme is "The Challenge: Aligning Industrial Capabilities with Munitions Requirements and Resources." This year's summit will focus on the ongoing challenge of aligning industrial capabilities with the evolving munitions requirements and resource parameters. Expected to attend are industry executives, acquisition leaders, program managers, and academia involved in the U.S. munitions enterprise. The summit will also feature world-renowned experts in related disciplines to better assess the current and future. Register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0650/Pages/default.aspx>.

21st Annual SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) invites you to attend its Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Symposium and Exhibition, Feb. 9-11, 2010, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The 2010 theme is "The Evolving National Strategy: The Impact on Special Operations and Its Partners." The prevailing thoughts on the nation's future security challenges talk of smaller conflicts, irregular warfare, insurgencies, terrorism, and increasing use of special operations forces. There continues to be an evolving National Security Strategy and National Military Strategy that calls for international partnerships, interagency approaches, and modification of the way general purpose forces will contribute to future conflict. Clearly, Special Operations Forces cannot succeed by themselves. This 21st Annual SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition will address the evolving national strategy and the impact of that strategy not only on special operations forces, but its partners in government, internationally, and from the private sector. For more information, contact Meredith Geary, at mgeary@ndia.org or 703-247-9476; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0880/Pages/default.aspx>.

Precision Strike Winter Roundtable and William J. Perry Award Ceremony

The Precision Strike Winter Roundtable and William J. Perry Award Ceremony will be held Feb. 10, 2010, at the Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Va. The winter roundtable will present and clarify national defense policy and strategies to achieve the goals of precision engagement, expose the precision strike community to the latest thoughts from Defense Committee Members of Congress, and highlight major precision strike achievements through presentation of the William J. Perry Award. The Perry Award recognizes public or private sector leadership or achievement that results in significant contributions to the development, introduction, or support of precision strike systems. More information on this event will be posted soon at <www.precisionstrike.org/events.htm>.

Human Capital Management for Defense 2010

The Human Capital Management For Defense 2010 conference will be held Feb. 16-19, 2010, at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Va. Conference participants will hear presentations from the top strategy setters and policy makers on current and future military and civilian human capital initiatives, as well as real life success stories on their implementation at all levels throughout the Department of Defense. Find out more information at <www.hcmd2010.com>.

NCMA National Education Seminar—Contract Negotiations

The National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will sponsor a session of its National Education Seminar, "Contract Negotiations," on Feb. 17, 2010, at Upper Chesapeake Chapter, The Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, Md. This seminar provides a comprehensive treatment of contract negotiations, with a compelling discussion of what skills, tools, and best practices are needed to become a master contract negotiator. How to build a better relationship while conducting complex contract negotiations. Every attendee will receive a copy of Contract Negotiations: Skills, Tools, and Best Practices by Gregory A. Garrett, Certified Professional Contracts Manager. Find out more information about this upcoming seminar at <www.ncmahq.org/Learn/nesdescription.cfm?itemnumber=3081>.

2010 International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICONN)

The 2010 International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICONN) will be held Feb. 22-26, 2010, at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Center in Sydney, Australia. The aim of the conference is to bring together the Australian and international community working in the field of nanoscale science and technology to discuss new and exciting advances in the field. ICONN will cover nanostructure growth, synthesis, fabrication, characterization, device design, modelling, testing, and applications. Register online at <www.ausnano.net/iconn2010/>.

26th Annual National Test & Evaluation Conference

The 26th Annual National Test & Evaluation Conference will be held March 1-4, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay in San Diego, Calif. The conference is sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Test & Evaluation Division; and supported by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and the Director, Operational Test & Evaluation (DOT&E). The theme is "Defense Test & Evaluation in a Net-Centric World." This national conference will address how test and evaluation can assure that those systems destined to func-

tion in such a net-centric highly interconnected combat environment will function as required. Recent policy initiatives to systematically apply Design of Experiments (DOE) methodology to test and evaluation activities of the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security will also be presented and discussed. For more information, contact Taryn Crowder at tcrowder@ndia.org or 703-247-2566; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0910/Pages/default.aspx>.

2010 IEEE Aerospace Conference

The international Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Aerospace Conference, with the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) as technical co-sponsor, will be held March 6-13, 2010, in Big Sky, Mont. The conference is organized to promote interdisciplinary understanding of aerospace systems, their underlying science and technology, and their applications to government and commercial endeavors. It is an annual, week-long conference designed for aerospace experts, academics, military personnel, and industry leaders, and is set in a stimulating and thought-provoking environment. The 2010 conference is the 31st conference since its inception in 1980. Register online at <www.aeroconf.org/>.

2010 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference and Exhibition

The 2010 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference and Exhibition will be held March 16-18, 2010, at the Doral in Miami, Fla. This conference will also provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and methodologies to provide U.S. forces with unmanned ground technologies. Robot evolution is at an important crossroads—developers need a better appreciation for "mission relation" and operators want to better understand the technology. This year's theme is "Dual Role of Robotics Technologies—Public and Private Sector." This annual event will bring together warfighters and homeland security users, technology developers (government, industry, and academia), and acquisition professionals to address increased responsiveness to user needs. A series of panels and speakers will present a wide array of thought-provoking insights from diverse perspectives. For more information, contact Mary Katherine Saladino at msaladino@ndia.org or 703-247-2540; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0380/Pages/default.aspx>.