

Invitation to Attend International Standardization Workshop

The Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO) will host an International Standardization Workshop May-15-17, 2012, in McLean, Va.

This workshop is designed to present an overview of U.S. domestic and international standardization policies, procedures, and practices. Also, attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about U.S. participation with its partners and allies—the American, British, Canadian, and Australian Armies (ABCA); Air and Space Interoperability Council (ASIC); European Defense Agency (EDA) Materiel Standards Harmoni-

zation Team (MSHT); and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)—as they jointly pursue standardization and interoperability.

The workshop is intended for military, DoD civilian, federal government personnel, and DoD contractors.

Advanced registration is encouraged, as seating may be limited. For more information, visit the DSPO website at www.dsp.dla.mil or e-mail Mirko Sohn at mirko.sohn.gib@dla.mil.

Twenty-Third International Defense Educational and Acquisition Arrangement (IDEAA) Seminar

The Twenty-Third International Defense Educational and Acquisition Arrangement (IDEAA) Seminar will be held at the Institut Des Hautes Études De Défense Nationale IHEDN campus in Paris, France, May 21-23, 2012. The theme for this year is “Acquisition Affordability—How to Achieve it, How to Train it.”

The overall seminar objective is to improve the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of international training and education for acquisition/procurement management by active cooperation among national defense educational institutions with similar goals.

The seminar will be a theme-based format, with seminar panels, will include an industry day, provide for individual participation, and will provide positive information exchange and feedback.

The seminar is sponsored by IDEAA, which consists of defense acquisition educational institutional representatives from the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Spain, Sweden, and Australia.

Attendees are Defense Department/Ministry and defense industry employees from the seven sponsoring nations who are actively engaged in international defense acquisition and training programs. Other nations may participate by invitation, and it is anticipated that several Pacific countries will attend this year.

Contact an IDEAA team member for additional seminar information:

- Comm: (U.S.): 1-703-805-2308 or 5151
- E-mail: internationalseminars@dau.mil

Updated information can also be found on the IDEAA website: www.pro-academia.de/ideaa/.

Product Support Manager's Conference Spring 2012

The Product Support Manager's (PSM) Conference will be held June 5-7, 2012, in the Howell Auditorium, Scott Hall, Building 226, at Fort Belvoir, Va. The Spring 2012 PSM Conference's intended audience is government and industry personnel. The purpose of the conference is to stimulate dialogue among government officials, industry executives, and academia on integrating government and industry for improved product support. The three-day conference will feature government and industry keynote presentations, a panel discussion on “Product Support Expectations and Challenges,” and workshops on “Logistics Integration through the Acquisition Process and Performance-Based Logistics.” Attendees can register by completing the registration form at www.acq.osd.mil/log/mr/PSM_conference.html no later than Friday, June 1, 2012.

Any questions regarding the PSM Conference may be addressed to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Materiel Readiness) conference coordinators: Lisa P. Smith, ODASD (MR), 703-614-8339/DSN 224-8339, Lisa.Smith@osd.mil; or John Boyce, ODASD (MR), 571-256-7070/DSN 260-7070, john.boyce.ctr@osd.mil.

Munitions Executive Summit

The 2012 Munitions Executive Summit will be held Feb. 28 – March 1, 2012, at the Arizona Grand in Phoenix, Ariz. The theme for the 2012 summit is “Achieving Efficiencies across the Munitions Enterprise; Collaboration, Communication, and Cooperation.” The purpose of this year’s event is to address the challenges of maintaining a stable and relevant munitions enterprise amidst an unstable DoD budget outlook. Further, this summit will explore the contemporary dynamics that affect both the current and future industrial manufacturing complex, which services the nation’s warfighting capability. It will bring together key practitioners within the ammunition and ordnance fields to work on effective solutions for the U.S. warfighter and the nation’s allies. Also attending will be industry executives and key leaders in munitions acquisition, program managers, technology centers, and academia. This summit is intended to create a thoughtful and meaningful discourse on the critical factors that will shape the future munitions landscape. For more information, contact Cindy Lynn Moore at cmoore@ndia.org or 703-247-2540. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2650/Pages/default.aspx.

2012 Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Conference and Exhibition

The 2012 Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Conference and Exhibition will be held March 12-14, 2012, at the Hilton Baltimore in Baltimore, Md. The theme of the 2012 conference will be “Beyond Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)...What’s next in CBRN Defense?” This conference will provide a forum for the exchange of CBRN defense information among warfighters, CBRN incident responders, technology developers, acquisition professionals, and the supporting industry. This exchange will focus on a better understanding and increased responsiveness to CBRN defense users’ needs. Selected speakers from CBRN defense stakeholder organizations will discuss current issues and future direction. The exhibition will showcase the broad array of CBRN defense equipment and technologies, as well as the latest in training and logistics capabilities. For more information, contact Julie Veldkamp at jveldkamp@ndia.org or 703-247-2577. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2300/Pages/default.aspx.

28th Annual National Test and Evaluation Conference

The 28th Annual National Test and Evaluation Conference will be held March 12-15, 2012, at The Westin Resort Hilton Head Island in Hilton Head Island, S.C. The 2012 conference will focus on the proper role(s) of Test and Evaluation (T&E) in the nation’s Defense Systems Requirements Process. Valid, measurable, realistic, and achievable requirements establish the foundation for successful materiel de-

velopment programs. Experiences gained through years of testing and evaluating successful and unsuccessful systems provide the T&E community with a unique perspective on what constitutes valid, measurable (i.e. testable), realistic, and achievable requirements. The role of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics in this process will also be addressed, with particular focus on the recently strengthened Developmental Test and Evaluation (DT&E) Office and the broader Systems Engineering context. In an era of shrinking defense budgets and increasing calls to eliminate wasteful spending on unnecessary or “gold-plated” systems reliant on immature or unproven technology, the T&E community needs to examine, consider, and implement ways it can accomplish the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E)’s initiative of engaging early and throughout the systems development process to improve the requirements process and, in the end, better serve the nation and its warfighters. For more information, contact Allison A. Doherty at adoherty@ndia.org or call 703-247-2570. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2910/Pages/default.aspx.

Supply Chain Risk 2012

The Association for Enterprise Information, in cooperation with the National Defense Industrial Association, will present Supply Chain Risk 2012 on March 14, 2012, at the Hilton Crystal City, in Arlington, Va. The theme of this one-day forum will be “Doing business in a Global Economy: What is a Trusted Supply Chain?” Supply chains are critical parts of larger enterprises. Attention must be paid to all things coming into that enterprise that could, like a mosquito carrying a disease, introduce vulnerabilities. The Defense Department, through efforts such as the Trusted Foundry program and use of standards like Common Criteria (ISO/IEC 15408), is working to reduce its supply chain vulnerability footprint. This is not a small problem. The cyber risks and vulnerabilities in an improperly managed supply chain, from counterfeit equipment to malware to other avenues of attack, are real and growing. Agencies and departments are developing policies to keep a more watchful eye on vendors, partners, and others in their cyber supply chains and adopt best practices for mitigating risks across their systems and processes. For more information, contact Tammy Kicker, tkicker@afei.org. Register online at www.afei.org/EVENTS/2A06/Pages/default.aspx.

10th Annual Conference on Systems Engineering Research

The 10th Annual Conference on Systems Engineering Research (CSER 2012), sponsored by the International Council on Systems Engineering, will be held March 19-22, 2012, at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, in St. Louis, Mo. During

the last decade, CSER has attracted systems engineering and architecting researchers throughout the world and has become the primary conference for disseminating systems engineering research and germinating new research ideas. The 2012 conference will push the boundaries of research and aid in responding to new challenges in the systems engineering field. Network with systems engineers from around the world as they present their papers on systems engineering and architecting research. Papers will be presented in 11 topical areas and published in the online *Procedia Computer Science*. Register online at <http://cser.mst.edu/>.

2012 Pacific Operational Science & Technology Conference

The 2012 Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference will be held March 19-23, 2012, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, in Honolulu, Hawaii. This year's event will focus on "Theater Shaping with Allies and Partners." The 2012 conference has been structured with presentations and discussions by speakers that will continue to strengthen relations between the science and technology (S&T) and international communities and develop concepts/future interactions that will address Pacific Theater issues. The event will host senior U.S. Department of Defense military and civilian leaders from across the Services and Defense Agencies, joining them with interagency, industry, university, laboratory, and international partners to understand S&T's role in addressing issues tied to regional defense, cyber security, power and energy, communications, and maritime security. With involvement of senior S&T officials from the United States and its international partners, participants will gain a better perspective on Asia-Pacific issues and opportunities for collaboration. For more information, contact Tia Pitt at tpitt@ndia.org or 703-247-9467. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2540/Pages/default.aspx.

Precision Strike Annual Review

The Precision Strike Association will hold its Precision Strike Annual Review March 20-21, 2012, at the Emerald Coast Convention Center, in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. This year's review will focus on "Weapons Reform-Adapting Acquisition Processes for Today." America is winning its war on terrorism, but the enemy's adaptability presents unique challenges to the nation's ability to stay within its decision cycle. As economic stressors further complicate system procurement, senior leaders from all Services continue to seek efficiencies in the current fiscal environment while faced with the prospect of further diminishing resources. By attending PSA's Precision Strike Annual Review, participants will hear from senior leaders on the Department's strategic direction for precision engagement and gain insight into select precision strike programs and requirements as viewed by warfighters,

program managers, requirements experts, DoD Acquisition leadership, and the nation's allies. Register online at www.precisionstrike.org/review_2012.htm.

2012 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition

The 2012 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference and Exhibition will be held March 21-23, 2012, at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, in San Diego, Calif. The theme of the 2012 conference will be "What Will it Take to Achieve the Vision?" Requirements, Technology, Acquisition, Return on Investment." The purpose of the 2012 Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition is to provide a forum for industry and government to have an honest dialogue for identifying the technologies that will be able to meet the future needs of the nation's warfighters. The Department of Defense recently published its Ground Robotics Vision of establishing an integrated manned/unmanned force that strengthens the United States as the world's preeminent land power. To achieve this vision, four main goals that need to be achieved: Focused Technology, Balanced Requirements, Compelling Return on Investment, and Streamlined Acquisition. With support from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise, the National Defense Industrial Association has put together a conference that will feature distinguished speakers and panels of subject matter experts to engage in point-counterpoint debates to answer the question, "What will it take to achieve the vision?" For more information, contact Taryn Crowder at tcrowder@ndia.org or 703-247-9478. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2380/Pages/default.aspx.

Agile in Defense

An "Agile in Defense" presentation will be held March 21, 2012, at The Waterford at Springfield, in Springfield, Va. The theme of this one-day event will be "From Teams to Enterprise-Agile at All Scales: Convergence of Agile and Lean for DoD." The Defense Department must deliver information technology capabilities faster and at lower cost. Agile methods improve delivery of capability and are key to reforming DoD acquisition of software, and the convergence of Agile and Lean enhance their value to DoD. The current budget environment demands this. The Defense Science Board Task Force report and the 2010 NDAA Section 804 both recognized that information technology (IT) can, and must, be acquired in a different manner than the traditional waterfall approach. There are pockets of developmental activity that use agile methods in DoD, and the processes are gaining support. However, reconciliation of agile processes with waterfall acquisition documentation requirements and Earned Value Management can be very difficult. Governance of large programs with multiple teams can be a challenge.

This event seeks to address the challenges of Agile and Lean convergence. For more information, contact Tammy Kicker, tkicker@afei.org. Register online at www.afei.org/events/2A01/Pages/default.aspx.

National Contract Management Association's 50th Annual Aerospace + Defense Contract Management Conference 2012

The National Contract Management Association, will hold its 50th Annual Aerospace + Defense Contract Management Conference March 22-23, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Austin in Austin, Texas. This year's conference focuses on "Acquisition Leadership and Collaboration—Navigating through the Storm of Adversity & Challenge." Current topics such as the budget deficit and wartime contracting will be addressed as well as other timely issues affecting government contracting. Approximately 300 attendees involved in contract management, acquisition, and procurement processes from both government and industry are expected to attend. Register online at www.ncmahq.org/Events/adc-11detail.cfm?ItemNumber=10739&navItemNumber=11036&utm_source=press_release&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=Aerospace%2BDefense_Contract_Management_Conference_2012.

28th Annual National Logistics Conference & Exhibition

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) will hold its 28th Annual National Logistics Conference and Exhibition March 26-29, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Miami, in Miami, Fla. The theme of the 28th annual conference will be "Ensuring Operational Logistics Effectiveness—Balancing Affordability and Risk in a Resource Constrained World." NDIA's Annual National Logistics Conference & Exhibition has become the premier national-level forum for exchanging ideas and sharing insights into improving logistics support to the nation's warfighters across the spectrum of military operations. The conference brings together senior logistics policy officials and executives, and also attracts high-caliber government and industry logistics practitioners from throughout the government and defense industry. In addition, the expanded exhibit forum will highlight the best cutting-edge, interoperable technologies being developed to support joint warfighters. For more information, contact Megan Edwards at medwards@ndia.org or 703-247-2566. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2730/Pages/default.aspx.

10th Annual U.S. Missile Defense Conference and Exhibit

The 10th Annual U.S. Missile Defense Conference—hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

(AIAA) in cooperation with The Boeing Company, and supported by the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA)—will be held March 26-28, 2012, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The conference aims to provide a world-class, secure environment for the U.S. missile defense community to meet and discuss the future of homeland and regional missile defense. The national missile defense community includes senior executive leaders, program managers, scientists, and staff in government, defense, and industry, as well as members of active duty, Reserve, and National Guard forces. Register online at www.aiaa.org/MissileDefense2012/.

2012 Joint Undersea Warfare Technology Spring Conference

The 2012 Joint Undersea Warfare Technology Spring Conference will be held March 26-29, 2012 at the Admiral Kidd Conference Center at Naval Base Pt. Loma, San Diego, Calif. This year's theme is "Undersea Warfare—Meeting the Challenges of Delivering Access and Exerting Influence in the Execution of the Nation's Maritime Strategy." This theme focuses on the execution of Undersea Warfare and allows discussion at all levels of command—unit, squadron, group, theater, area, and force. The conference concentrates on the Navy's key core competency mission of countering submarine and mine threats to the free and open flow of sea borne commerce and to the conduct of power projection from the sea. At this conference, attendees will:

- Gain insight on the latest requirements and developments in undersea warfare, countering submarine and mine threats, and power projection from the sea;
- Join professionals from the active duty Navy, key Navy Secretariat, the Pentagon, Systems Command program offices, Navy and University labs, and the defense industrial base;
- Make valuable connections by networking with like-minded professionals.

For more information, contact Kimberly Williams at kwiliams@ndia.org or 703-247-2578. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2260/Pages/default.aspx.

Aerospace Industries Association/National Defense Industrial Association (AIA/NDIA) Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Workforce Division Meeting

The Aerospace Industries Association/National Defense Industrial Association (AIA/NDIA) Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM) Workforce Division Meeting will be held April 3-4, 2012, at the Rolls Royce Training Center in Indianapolis, Ind. The primary purpose of the quarterly meetings is to engage in local dialogues about how

AIA/NDIA can increase the quality of STEM education; the quantity of STEM-educated graduates that are eligible for employment in the Aerospace and Defense (A&D) industries; and the amount and effectiveness of engagement by A&D employers, working in partnership with others in their communities. Previous meetings have demonstrated the productiveness of bringing together participants in the national level AIA/NDIA workforce efforts with state and local STEM workforce and education stakeholders, to share best practices, expand the “toolbox” of ideas for engaging the community; and discuss issues and solutions. For more information, contact Rebecca Danahy at rdanahy@ndia.org or 703-247-2561. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/271B/Pages/default.aspx.

28th National Space Symposium

The 28th National Space Symposium will be held April 16-19, 2012, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo. The National Space Symposium has brought together space leaders from around the world to discuss, address, and dream about the future of space since the inaugural event in 1984. Attendees at that original event numbered barely 250 space enthusiasts, while expected participants at the 28th National Space Symposium will surpass 9,000. The National Space Symposium has become widely known as the premier U.S. space policy and program forum and as the “must attend” opportunity for information on and interaction among all sectors of space. Its attendees consistently represent all sectors of the space community from multiple spacefaring nations; space agencies; commercial space businesses and associated subcontractors; military, national security, and intelligence organizations; cyber security organizations; federal and state government agencies and organizations; research and development facilities; think tanks; educational institutions; space entrepreneurs and private space travel providers; businesses engaged in adapting, manufacturing, or selling space technologies for commercial use; and media that inspire and educate the general public about space. Bringing all these groups together in one place provides a unique opportunity to examine space issues from multiple perspectives, to promote dialogue, and to focus attention on critical space issues. Register now at www.nationalspace-symposium.org/register.

13th Annual Science & Engineering Technology Conference/Defense Technical Exposition

The 13th Annual Science & Engineering Technology Conference/Defense Technical Exposition will be held April 17-19, 2012, Embassy Suites Hotel at Charleston Convention Center, North Charleston, S.C. The theme for the 13th conference is “Outlook for Defense S&T in a Time of Austerity: Maintaining the Warfighter’s Edge During a Period of

Transition.” This event is a highly focused and concentrated program providing the most current overview and perspective on the latest developments in the fields of science and technology. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) decision makers will attend this event and discuss the FY 2013 budget. For more information, contact Brant Murray at bmurray@ndia.org or 703-247-2572. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2720/Pages/default.aspx.

DoD Enterprise Architecture Conference

The DoD Enterprise Architecture Conference will be held April 30 – May 3, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Miami, in Miami, Fla. The theme this year, “Agile and Secure Information to the Warfighter and Mission Partners,” will provide an opportunity to learn about the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) Campaign Plan, efforts of the military services and combatant commands to use architecture for better decision making, improved operational effectiveness, increased efficiencies, and interactions with all mission partners. This conference has become the one annual event where the architecture and operator communities gather to interact around the role of architecture in enabling a better Defense Department. Hosted by the DoD CIO office, this yearly event takes on a new urgency in 2012 as the budget environment coupled with operational needs means the information environment must do more with less, and faster. Participants at the conference come together for training, information sharing, and discussion of Enterprise Architecture practices and requirements. Register online at www.dodenterprisearchitecture.org/registration/Pages/default.aspx.

Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems 2012 Advanced Planning Briefing to Industry

The Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems 2012 Advanced Planning Briefing to Industry (APBI) will be held April 30 – May 2, 2012, at the Marriott Norfolk Waterside in Norfolk, Va. The focus of the briefing will be “Lighten the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF).” Network with 1,000 industry participants; visit product manager booths; attend tutorials; and hear U.S. Marine Corps priorities in a projected fiscally austere environment. Attend the only APBI focused solely on U.S. Marine Corps acquisition, U.S. Marine Corps critical requirements for innovation and sustainment, U.S. Marine Corps platform acquisition priorities, and U.S. Marine Corps product manager assessments. For more information, contact Brant Murray at bmurray@ndia.org or 703-247-2572. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2900/Pages/default.aspx.

Global Explosive Ordnance Disposal Conference & Exhibition

The National Defense Industrial Association and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Memorial Foundation present the Global Explosive Ordnance Disposal Conference & Exhibition, May 2-3, 2012, at the Emerald Coast Convention Center in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The theme of the 2012 conference will be "Partnership Strategies-Post Iraq & Afghanistan." The purpose of the event is to provide a public forum to discuss the utility of Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force EOD forces across the full spectrum of conflict—particularly in the areas of homeland defense, irregular warfare, stability operations, security force assistance, and major combat operations. Attendees will gain a greater understanding of the role of EOD forces in U.S. national security strategy; how these forces are integrated within the nation's military structure; and how they conduct joint, interagency, and multinational interoperability operations. The conference will facilitate contact and cooperation between industry and the EOD community with the goal of ensuring EOD forces have access to the ideas and technologies that originate in the nation's industrial and academic base. Further, the 2012 conference will facilitate the sharing of industry and academic viewpoints, recommendations, and advice on EOD support concepts, policies, plans, programs, requirements, and technologies; and assess the potential impacts of pending legislation, regulations, and procedures. For more information, contact Christy J. Mason at cmason@ndia.org or 703-247-2586. Register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/2950/Pages/default.aspx.