

21st International Integrated Program Management Conference

The 21st International Integrated Program Management Conference will be held Nov. 2-4, 2009, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Va. The theme of the 2009 event will be "Putting the PM Back into the Process." If you are new to the field, these sessions will help you gain a better understanding of the fundamentals of earned value management and its practical applications and benefits. If you are an experienced veteran, the conference will help you stay abreast of new developments and give you a chance to impact evolving trends. With 90 sessions of training seminars, practice symposia, workshops, and tools tracks, participants will be immersed in the dynamic world of EVM and how EVM can help them manage their projects for the future. For more information, visit <www.pmi-cpm.org> or contact Director of Testing Bob Reuter, 443-479-7212, rdreute@nsa.gov; or Vice President of Education and Certification Joe Houser, 301-529-6697, RHouser@KMSystemsGroup.com.

Mastering Business Development Workshop

The National Defense Industrial Association is sponsoring a Mastering Business Development® Workshop, Nov. 3-4, 2009, at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, Va. This workshop is an educational and professional development program that focuses on the thinking, process, and discipline required for professional business development. This two-day workshop fosters participants' understanding of the core competencies required for success. Business Development is primarily a relationship and intelligence gathering process. Participants learn how to leverage the principles of behavioral psychology to identify valid prospects, qualify them as opportunities, and develop mutually beneficial business relationships for their organizations, their clients, and themselves. For more information, contact Michelle Hariston at mhariston@ndia.org or 703-247-9478; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/007A/Pages/default.aspx>.

2009 PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' Conference & PM Forum

The 2009 Program Executive Officers'/Systems Command (PEO/SYSCOM) Commanders' Conference is set for Nov. 3-4, 2009, at the Officers Club, Fort Belvoir, Va. This year's theme is "Reshaping Defense Acquisition for 21st Century Customers." The under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics; senior industry executives; Office of the Secretary of Defense senior acquisition officials; service acquisition executives; and PEOs will discuss innovative ways of reshaping defense acquisition to ensure delivery of affordable, usable products for warfighting customers. Immediately following the conference, the fifth Program Manager's Forum will be held on Nov. 4-5, involving approxi-

mately 30 major program acquisition PMs. Point of contact is Al Moseley, Defense Acquisition University, alphronzo.moseley@dau.mil.

28th Annual Government Contract Management Conference

The 28th Annual Government Contract Management Conference will be held Nov. 5-6, 2009, at the North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Bethesda, Md. Connect with business, legislative, and political professionals to see how innovative acquisition and contract management processes can improve performance and enhance the bottom line for both government and industry. Explore recent and pending legislation, federal budgeting, service contracting, best practices, and small business utilization with outstanding speakers from government agencies, industry, private practice, and academia. Earn up to 12 continuing education hours by attending this two-day conference. Register online at <www.ncmahq.org/Events/GCMC09Detail.cfm?itemnumber=4901&navItemNumber=3769>.

14th Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference

The 14th Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference will be held Nov. 16-19, 2009, at the Marriott Bay Point Hotel in Panama City, Fla. The theme of the 2009 conference will be "Expeditionary Warfare in a Complex Joint Operating Environment." This conference continues to serve as the premier venue for defense and industry expeditionary warfare leaders to assemble each year and discuss the issues and challenges facing the forces of today and tomorrow. Sessions will focus on such topics as a review of Quadrennial Defense Review impacts on the roles/missions of the land and Naval forces; expeditionary warfare challenges/way ahead in the future joint operating environment; achieving the right capability balance; industry/small business adaptation to the new national security focus; and balancing resources in support of expeditionary warfare in complex joint operating environments. Make plans now to attend the myriad of events addressing issues that will continue to affect security challenges of the 21st century. For more information, contact Mary Anna Christiansen at mchristiansen@ndia.org or 703-247-2596; or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0700/Pages/0700_14thAnnualExpeditionaryWarfareConference.aspx>.

Fall 2009 Training Seminar—DoD 5000.02 and You

The Fall 2009 Training Seminar, "DoD 5000.02 and You," will be held Nov. 17-18, 2009, at the Waterford Conference Center in Springfield, Va. This event is an RMS/P (Reliability, Maintainability, and Supportability Partnership)-sponsored government-industry workshop and symposium. The 2009 theme is "The Impact on Reliability, Maintainability, Support-

ability/Logistics, and Systems Engineering.” Register online at <www.rmspartnership.org>.

Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation, and Education Conference

The Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation, and Education Conference will be held Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2009, in Orlando, Fla. I/ITSEC promotes cooperation among the Armed Forces, industry, academia, and various government agencies in pursuit of improved training and education programs, identification of common training issues, and development of multi-Service programs. Register online at <<https://secure.rhq.com/iitsec2009/selectreg.html>>.

13th Annual Small Business Conference

The 13th Annual Small Business Conference will be held Dec. 2-3, 2009, at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in McLean, Va. The theme of the 2009 conference is “Partners for Success: Small Business and the Military.” Providing for the nation’s security requires an effective partnership between the military and the small business community. This conference brings together leaders of the industry small business community and the government (Small Business Administration and Department of Defense) to discuss timely topics, including recent changes affecting small businesses. Participants will include key government decision makers from Washington to field commanders who conduct acquisitions. The conference provides a forum for open exchange of information and ideas between senior government officials and small business leaders. For more information, contact Kari King at kking@ndia.org or 703-247-2588 or register online at <www.ndia.org/meetings/0430/Pages/0430_13thAnnualSmallBusinessConference.aspx>.

Systems Engineering Annual Strategic Planning Meeting

The Systems Engineering Annual Strategic Planning Meeting will be held Dec. 9-10, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The agenda for this meeting will be posted soon. The event point of contact is Suzanne Havelis at shavelis@ndia.org or 703-247-2570.

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 fo-

cused 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/0860/Pages/default.aspx>.

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>.

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>.

CWID 2009 Pushes New and Emerging Technologies Closer to Reality for Warfighters and Emergency First Responders

HAMPTON, Va.—Assessments are in the final stages for technologies that could aid warfighters and emergency responders worldwide, following the month-long 2009 Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration execution that occurred in June.

“This year’s CWID went beyond our imagination with the possibilities that were realized for warfighters and emergency responder agencies,” said Joseph P. Angelone, of the Defense Information Systems Agency Chief Technology Office, which manages CWID’s daily operations. “We’re

optimistic that we'll see several of the interoperability trials in the hands of warfighters and first responders within the next six to eight months."

During CWID—a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed annual technology discovery, risk-reduction event—43 technologies were put to the test across the globe. More than 1,500 senior military, government officials, and other agency representatives saw new and innovative information-sharing capabilities that could enhance military, homeland security, and defense operations. Global participants included 216 warfighters representing U.S. Services, Coalition partners, local and federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Many of the technologies featured at CWID 2009 addressed enhancing communications and situational awareness between friendly forces; the use of social networking tools in a secure environment to improve real-time communications and awareness; and connecting and sending data effectively among coalition partners and agencies.

Technologies received one or more of three assessments: warfighter/operator utility—which determines whether the trial is ready for deployment to joint and coalition forces; technical performance interoperability—the technical ability to exchange usable data; and information assurance—the capability to identify and prevent security threats and enforce security policies. Altogether, 916 assessments were conducted, including 304 test cases and 31 information assurance assessments. The assessment findings will be published in the 2009 Final Report. While CWID is not an acquisition authority, assessments support the decision-making process, which saves Services, agencies, and stakeholders precious resources.

"CWID 2009 has been a success and is poised to continue building upon the gains made this year for 2010," said Navy Capt. Kevin Ruce, representing the CWID Oversight team, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

The CWID 2009 Final Report was released in October 2009. An electronic version can be found on the CWID Web site at <www.cwid.js.mil>.

Army and Marine Corps Seek Further International Participation for Future JLTV Program Phases

Ashley John

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Defense Exports and Cooperation) (DASA [DE&C]), in collaboration with the Product Manager for Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (PM JLTV), co-sponsored the JLTV International Conference

in Va., on July 16, 2009. The conference provided invited nations with information on the JLTV program and served as an extraordinary opportunity to explore cooperative partnerships for JLTV's Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) phase.

"Further international partnerships in the JLTV program will provide the Army and Marine Corps with an exciting opportunity to expand our international cooperation with our allied, friendly, and coalition partners," said Hank Themak, director, Armaments Cooperation, DASA (DE&C).

More than a dozen countries attended the conference, with the objective to gather additional information on the JLTV program.

"Specifically, interested nations received information on how they can become a partner in the JLTV program during the future EMD phase, while discussing mutual benefits of participation," added Army Col. John S. Myers, Project Manager for Joint Combat Support Systems.

The international conference served as the sole opportunity for international participation during the EMD phase of the program.

"The JLTV program has really set the framework and opened the door for coalition armed forces to jointly and simultaneously address similar capability gaps surrounding the tactical vehicle imbalance in protection, performance, and payload," said Kevin M. Fahey, Army Program Executive Officer for Combat Support and Combat Service Support (PEO CS & CSS).

International participation in the JLTV program will reduce program risk as the Joint Services prepare to meet the challenges of future operations. Both the U.S. Services and the nation's allies, friends, and coalition partners must be equipped with tactical vehicles capable of performing diverse mission roles around the globe.

"With JLTV still in the developmental stages, the Services are executing an immediate dual-track tactical vehicle approach to rapidly support immediate, theater-specific, warfighter needs while simultaneously focusing on the long-term JLTV objectives of balancing critical weight and transportability restrictions within performance, protection, and payload requirements for an expeditionary family of light tactical vehicles," said Lt. Col. Wolfgang Petermann, the Army's Product Manager for JLTV.



The BAE Systems-Navistar Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, called the Valanx, was innovatively designed especially for the warfighter. It features a modular, plug-and-play design to ensure unmatched capabilities today and into the future.

Photo courtesy BAE Systems.

While JLTV undergoes performance and reliability testing, along with assessments from joint warfighters, results will help reduce technical risks and validate design and cost estimates for long-term military modernization objectives. Urgent and theater-driven warfighter needs remain critical, and to support current operations the Services are rapidly acquiring a limited number of MRAP All-Terrain Vehicles (M-ATV).

“As the Army and Marine Corps’ combat developers work together to address both current and long-term warfighter needs, early evaluation of M-ATV will inform JLTV,” added Lt. Col. Ruben Garza, the Marine Corps’ Program Manager for JLTV. “This will significantly aid the development of a fully informed and executable set of requirements captured in JLTV’s final Capabilities Development Document [CDD] for the entire family of vehicles.”

Joint collaboration and consistent communication between the Army’s JLTV and MRAP program offices, under the same PEO, will only augment the Services’ ability to develop survivable, fully capable, and expeditionary tactical vehicle solutions to joint warfighters.

“M-ATV serves an urgent and immediate warfighter need, focusing primarily on force protection and current theater-specific mobility requirements,” added Fahey. “JLTV will be

a superior and cost-effective tactical solution that will satisfy the long-term warfighter needs in a transportable and expeditionary platform.”

M-ATV will provide warfighters with a tactical solution based on protection and off-road performance attributes, while JLTV’s performance, payload, and protection requirements are balanced for global operations. The joint protection requirements found within JLTV are designed to meet warfighters’ current and future survivability needs—all packaged in a mobile, transportable, supportable, and expeditionary solution.

The JLTV program is aligned with a joint program office under the management of the U.S. Army’s PM JCSS, which falls under the leadership of PEO CS & CSS. JLTV will restore balance to the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle (TWV) fleet while simultaneously setting conditions for the future in protection, payload, and performance.

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