

Invitation to Program Managers—Join NDIA's Program Management Systems Committee

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) wants to broaden membership in its primary government-industry forum for promoting integrated program management using earned value management (EVM) and related processes.

NDIA, America's leading defense industry association promoting national security, provides a legal and ethical forum for the exchange of information between industry and government on national security issues. Its members foster the development of the most innovative and superior equipment, training, and support for the nation's warfighters and first responders, through its divisions, local chapters, affiliated associations, and events.

The association's Program Management Systems Committee (PMSC) serves as the primary forum for building strong industry and government working relationships to promote integrated program management using EVM and related processes. The majority of committee participants, however, are focused on EVM, not on other areas of integrated program management, e.g., risk and opportunity management, personnel recruitment and retention, and project management tools.

A new PMSC working group formed in February 2010 seeks to widen the committee's participation and focus by attracting more program managers to the committee functions and strategic planning activities. To achieve this goal, the working group has taken on three objectives: 1) modify the PMSC charter and objectives to reflect broader focus; 2) promote the formation of additional PMSC working groups to address a range of topics essential to successful program execution; and 3) initiate a campaign to increase program manager participation in PMSC.

Already, representatives from 17 companies have concurred on the need to broaden the PMSC constituency and focus. As part of its outreach, the working group is looking for government (in addition to industry) participants. In addition to face-to-face quarterly meetings, the working group confers telephonically on a monthly basis. Its co-chairs are Jane Spriggs (Lockheed Martin), jane.spriggs@lmco.com, and Bill Altman (Battelle), altmanb@battelle.org. If you are interested in participating, contact the co-chairs. To find out more about the PMSC, including registration forms or details of the next quarterly meeting, visit the PMSC website at www.ndia.org/pmsc.

Unique Identification (UID) Forum

The next Unique Identification (UID) Forum will be held Sept. 7-9, 2010, at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Fla. The theme of the forum will be "eBusiness Enabled Life Cycle Traceability." The UID Forum is designed to provide practical guidance to help educate military program managers and DoD contractors in achieving successful UID implementation. Earn 9 Continuous Learning Points (CLPs) for the UID Forum curriculum. To secure your points, please use your component tracking system at www.dau.mil/studentInfo/Pages/Military%20personnel%20Welcome.aspx. Register online at www.uidforum.com.

A new feature of the conference will be the Item Unique Identification Awards (IUID) Program. The DoD UID Policy Office has initiated the IUID Awards Program to officially recognize individuals, teams, and those who contribute to the media arena with successful IUID adoption and lessons learned.

- **IUID Individual Contribution Award.** The IUID Individual Contribution Award officially recognizes individuals who have consistently made critical personal contributions to help drive IUID implementation.
- **IUID Team Excellence Award.** This award will be presented to project/program/organizational teams that have gone beyond IUID compliance, successfully driving IUID implementation and execution.
- **IUID Media Spotlight Award.** This award officially recognizes those individuals or teams who develop, submit, and publish IUID success stories within the logistics, maintenance, acquisition, standards, or supply communities.

Mastering Business Development® Workshop

A Mastering Business Development® Workshop will be held Sept. 8-9, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Texas. This workshop is an educational and professional development program, which focuses on the thinking,

process, and discipline required for professional business development. This 2-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 win-win business relationships for their organizations. For more information, contact Michelle Hariston at mhariston@ndia.org or 703-247-9478; register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/007D/Pages/default.aspx.

Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense Advance Planning Briefing for Industry

The Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD) will hold Department of Defense (DoD) Chemical and Biological Defense Advance Planning Briefings for Industry (APBI) on Sept. 8-9, 2010, at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, National Harbor, Md. Advance Planning Briefings for Industry are held annually to inform industry of future business opportunities, the direction of the Chemical Biological Defense Program, and future DoD requirements. This 2-day event will include details on the Joint Service mid- and long-range science and technology research, development, test and evaluation plans and programs, as well as future production projections and emerging military requirements. The briefings are designed to highlight specific contract opportunities over the next 5 years. Both days of APBI are open to interested contractors, large and small businesses, and universities. Opportunities exist for brief, one-on-one discussions with the joint project managers responsible for advanced development and procurement, and representatives from the Joint Science and Technology Office responsible for technology base efforts. For more information, contact Mary Katherine Saladino at msaladino@ndia.org or 703-247-2540; or register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/0370/Pages/default.aspx.

2010 Joint Undersea Warfare Technology Fall Conference

The Undersea Warfare (USW) Division will hold its next annual Joint Undersea Warfare Technology Fall Conference Sept. 20-23, 2010, at U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London, in Groton, Conn. The theme of the 2010 conference will be "Leveraging the Undersea Environment." The USW Division of the National Defense Industrial Association concentrates on the Navy's key core competency mission of countering submarine and mine threats to the free and open flow of seaborne commerce and to the conduct of power projection from the sea. All Navy platforms and elements of the Navy force structure are involved in undersea war-

fare: submarines, surface combatants, fixed and rotary wing aircraft, surveillance units, and the Navy's command and control infrastructure. This conference is classified SECRET, U.S. ONLY. For more information, contact Kimberly Williams at kwilliams@ndia.org or 703-247-2578; or register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/0240/Pages/default.aspx.

3rd International Conference on Model-Based Systems Engineering

The Third International Conference on Model-Based Systems Engineering, MBSE 2010, will be held Sept. 27-28, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. MBSE 2010 is a premier forum for the elicitation and exchange of ideas on issues and problems regarding systems engineering and its relation to the development, evolution, adoption, evaluation, and dissemination of languages, methodologies, and approaches for conceptual models of complex systems. In addition to research and practice papers, the conference will feature invited speakers, tutorials, and an industrial exhibition. Register online at <http://seor.gmu.edu/mbse2010/>.

15th Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference

The 15th Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference will be held Oct. 4-7, 2010, at the Marriott Bay Point Hotel in Panama City, Fla. The theme of the 2010 event is "Expeditionary Operations—What's Next?" The objective of the conference is to provide an opportunity for the Services to provide clear statements of their requirements and intent to industry, Service laboratories, and other interested parties. The conference also represents an opportunity for frank dialogue between the military services, industry, and other attendees. For more information, contact Mary Anna Christiansen at mchristiansen@ndia.org or 703-247-2596; or register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/1700/Pages/default.aspx.

USA Science & Engineering Festival

The USA Science & Engineering Festival will be held Oct. 10-24, 2010, on the National Mall and surrounding areas in Washington, D.C., and satellite locations nationwide. The Inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival will be the country's first national science festival. The festival promises to be the ultimate multi-cultural, multi-generational, and multi-disciplinary celebration of science in the United States. The culmination of the festival will be a 2-day Expo in the nation's capital that will give over 500 science and engineering organizations from all over the United States the opportunity to present themselves with a hands-on, fun science activity to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. Learn more about this exciting upcoming festival at www.usasciencefestival.org/.

2010 Insensitive Munitions & Energetic Materials Technology Symposium

The U.S. National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Insensitive Munitions European Manufacturers Group (IMEMG), and the NATO Munitions Safety Information Analysis Center (MSIAC) are sponsoring a joint industry/government symposium on Insensitive Munitions (IM) and Energetic Materials (EM) at the Munich Marriott Hotel in Munich, Germany, Oct. 11-14, 2010. The theme for this year's symposium is "International Progress in Insensitive Munitions and Energetic Materials." IM Technology is being deployed into more weapon systems internationally. As military operations become more multinational, the importance of common international IM standards and the understanding of technical solutions are critical. The 2010 IM and EM Technology Symposium is a major international gathering for the exchange of information on new technologies and innovations for energetic materials and for achieving IM. For more information on the 2010 IM and EM Technology Symposium, contact Dr. Paul Wanninger at paul.wanninger@rheinmetall-wm.com; or visit either of the following two websites: www.ndia.org/meetings/1550/Pages/default.aspx or www.imemts2010.eu.

Logistics Officer Association Conference 2010

The 2010 Logistics Officer Association Conference will be held Oct. 11-14, 2010, at the Caribe Royale All Suite Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. The theme of the 2010 conference will be "Logistics—The Combat Enabler." Don't miss the year's largest gathering of influential air and space logistics professionals from across the Air Force as well as senior executives from many top defense manufacturing companies. Learn more about the conference at www.loanational.org/conference/.

Disruptive Technologies Conference

The National Defense Industrial Association Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Division will convene the 7th Annual Disruptive Technology Conference Oct. 13-14, 2010, at the Federal Gateway-Navy Yard Metro, in Washington, D.C. The theme for the 2010 conference is "Creating Capability Surprise for Irregular Warfare." The conference serves as a forum of discussion and opportunity for government and industry senior technologists, product engineers, and strategists to identify and promote the development of technology that will "Create Capability Surprise for Irregular Warfare." Science and Technology (S&T) advancements are key enablers when it comes to the creation of capability surprise. The 2010 Quadrennial Defense Report (QDR) acknowledges the complex security landscape stemming from current conflicts, enduring trends, and a challenging

operational landscape. The report focuses its assessment on improving capabilities for a number of key mission areas; one being to "Succeed in Counterinsurgency, Stability, and Counterterrorism Operations." The right S&T investments will be key enablers for the capabilities required to be successful in this key mission area. Ultimately, the conference goal is to identify technologies that will enable the U.S. and its allies to fill gaps in capabilities required for the successful conduct of irregular warfare and defeat asymmetric threats. For more information, contact Allison Doherty at adoherty@ndia.org or 703-247-2570; or register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/1920/Pages/default.aspx.

CON 353 Advanced Business Solutions for Mission Support

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is offering CON 353, Advanced Business Solutions for Mission Support, Oct. 18-29, 2010, at NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va. The course is tuition-free, but travel costs must be covered by the individual's agency. To register, contact Cheryl Robertson, 202-358-0667, or Rhonda Newell, 228-813-6334.

48th Annual Targets, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and Range Operations Symposium and Exhibition

The 48th Annual Targets, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and Range Operations Symposium and Exhibition will be held Oct. 19-21, 2010, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, in New Orleans, La. The 2010 symposium brings together recognized experts from government, military, and industry to showcase the latest developments in targets, UAVs, and range operations. As threats and weapons systems evolve and robotics become ever more prominent in warfare, training and testing for these advanced scenarios becomes increasingly critical. Questions of threat replication and fidelity versus the realities of cost and funds availability make the planner's role in product selection difficult. This symposium addresses these realities through presentations on such cutting-edge developments as diverse as naval targets and control systems that can deal with swarm threats in a credible way, to testing of directed energy weapons systems and the challenges of making these systems affordable for the end user. Included in this symposium are presentations from high-ranking OSD officials concerning the way ahead, and from international experts concerning their perspectives in these areas. For more information, contact Meredith Geary, at mgeary@ndia.org or 703-247-9476; or register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/1410/Pages/default.aspx.

2010 Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC) Advance Planning Briefing for Industry

The 2010 Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC) Advance Planning Briefing for Industry will be held Oct. 20-22, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, in Dearborn, Mich. As the agenda is finalized, it will be posted online at www.ndia.org/meetings/1520/Pages/default.aspx. For more information, contact Holley Slabaugh at hslabaugh@ndia.org or 703-247-2561.

13th Annual Systems Engineering Conference

The 13th Annual Systems Engineering Conference will be held Oct. 25-28, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay in San Diego, Calif. This event represents the systems engineering community's annual forum to focus on improving acquisition and performance of defense programs and systems, including network-centric operations and data/information interoperability, systems engineering, and all aspects of system sustainment. The conference is sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association, Systems Engineering Division, with technical co-sponsorship by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Aerospace and Electronic Systems (IEEE AES), IEEE Systems Council, and the International Council on Systems Engineering; and is supported by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Director, Systems and Software Engineering; and the Office of the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer. For more information, contact Taryn Crowder at tcrowder@ndia.org or 703-247-2566; or register online at www.ndia.org/meetings/1870/Pages/default.aspx.

Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages & Standardization 2010 Conference

The Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) and Standardization 2010 Conference will be held Oct. 25-28, 2010, at the Rio All Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. The theme of this year's conference, "Bridging Acquisition and Logistics," will focus on the shift of these programs to earlier in the acquisition framework and how these changes will affect the DMSMS and standardization communities. Sponsored by the Defense Standardization Program Office, the 2010 conference will focus on the need for DMSMS and standardization policies, procedures, guidance, and automated tools to support the warfighter, and includes activities required to attain this goal such as value engineering, total life cycle management, and parts management. As the military seeks a quicker, more lethal warfighting capability, it must also implement business practices that respond to non-availability issues rapidly

and efficiently. Utilization of modern information technology to anticipate problems and share solutions becomes a requirement to support the warfighter. This conference will present an opportunity to hear the views of military and industrial leaders on what will be required to support the modern warfighter and a forum to discuss the best programmatic, technical, and logistics approaches. Register for the conference at www.dmsms2010.com/.

Precision Strike Technology Symposium

The Precision Strike Technology Symposium (PSTS-10) will be held Oct. 27-28, 2010, at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, Kossiakoff Center, in Laurel, Md. The theme of the symposium will be "Precision Strike Technology Improvements—Focusing on USCENTCOM's Needs." PSTS-10 will be conducted at the SECRET/NOFORN level. Nine technical topics will be highlighted: persistent intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); data fusion; decision support; engaging moving targets; defeating weapons of mass destruction; precision electronic attack; non-kinetic effects; camouflage, deception, and denial; and unmanned aerial vehicles (ISR & lethal). The first day of the conference will also feature an awards presentation for Technical Excellence in the Field of Precision Strike. Register online at www.precisionstrike.org/techsym.htm.

2010 Program Executive Officer/Systems Command (PEO/SYSCOM) Commanders' Conference

The 2010 Program Executive Officers'/Systems Command (PEO/SYSCOM) Commanders' Conference will be held Nov. 2-3, at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va. The theme of the fall conference will be "Best Practices: Acquiring, Delivering, Affordable Capabilities." The PEO/SYSCOM Commanders' conferences are a series of senior-level, invitation-only, non-attribution events that host approximately 300 Department of Defense and industry participants at each event. This annual forum provides a good opportunity for senior leadership from DoD and industry to meet and share their views and priorities. As the agenda is finalized, further details of the conference will be posted online at www.dau.mil/images/Pages/Conferences.aspx.

Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition

The 2010 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition will be held Nov. 15-18, 2010, at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Fla. The theme of this year's event will be "Maintenance: Sustaining Systems Today and in Tomorrow's Complex Environment." Register online at www.sae.org/events/dod/.