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Interested DoD-Industry Personnel, DSMC Graduates, Faculty, Staff



The Capital Area Chapter, Defense Systems Management College Alumni Association (DSMCAA) sponsors monthly "brown bag" acquisition seminars on timely acquisition subjects, featuring experts in the subject area. Seminars are open to interested DoD personnel; DSMC graduates/alumni and faculty; and DoD contractor personnel, subject to prior notification of attendance. Seminars are normally scheduled on the fourth Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and are held at the following new location:

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Individuals planning to attend a seminar should E-mail Tod Beatrice at beatrice@anser.org or call (703) 588-7747 no later than one work day prior to the seminar. If replying by voice mail, please provide your name, company/organization, and phone number.

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COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT SAVINGS INITIATIVE (COSSI) PROPOSALS DUE BY MAY 17

Leveraging Commercial Technologies to Reduce the Operations and Support Costs of Military Systems

The Commercial Operations and Support Savings Initiative (COSSI) is a joint program of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. This announcement seeks proposals from firms with a concept for inserting commercial technology into a fielded military system for the purpose of lowering the system's operation and support (O&S) costs. COSSI's mission is to develop and test a method for reducing Department of Defense (DoD) O&S costs by routinely inserting commercial items into fielded military systems. The insertion of commercial items is expected to reduce O&S costs by reducing the costs of parts and maintenance, reducing the need for specialized equipment, increasing reliability, and increasing the efficiency of subsystems. COSSI is a two-stage program. The first stage is the cost-shared adaptation, development, and testing of a prototype based on a commercial item. The second stage is the acquisition and installation of the prototype into a fielded military system. Proposals should be a clear

summary of your COSSI idea -- what you intend to do and how it will save the DoD money. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, May 17, 2000. Complete program information is included in a document entitled, "Program Description for the Commercial Operations & Support (O&S) Savings Initiative" Announcement No. 00-94058 dated Feb. 7, 2000. You are strongly encouraged to obtain the document in order to understand the program and submit a meaningful proposal. You may download this document from the Internet (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/es/dut/> or www.nslc.navy.mil/cossi/cossi.nsf); or request this document by phone: (703) 681-5457; or by mail addressed to: COSSI Program Office, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1403, Falls Church, Va. 22041; or by electronic mail: Internet address: cossi@acq.osd.mil. For further information for news media, contact Navy Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Cooper at (703) 697-3189.

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