

will be helping your fellow program managers, while simultaneously broadcasting the successes of your program.

We want to encourage you to participate in our IPPD study. We also welcome any information that you may want to submit anonymously or informally (without participating in the formal study).

Finally, we would like to know your response to the handbook. What helped? What didn't? How can we change the handbook to help you better, and what format do you think would be especially helpful for disseminating the results of our study? Contact Tom Parry at (703) 695-2300 or [parrytj@acq.osd.mil](mailto:parrytj@acq.osd.mil).

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## ST. LOUIS CHOSEN FOR DOD'S 1999 MAINTENANCE SYMPOSIUM

The 1999 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition will be held Nov. 15-18, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. The theme for this year's symposium, which is co-sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association, is "Transforming Maintenance with Technology."

Maintenance comprises the largest of DoD's logistics workforces, with more than 500,000 personnel and annual appropriations of more than \$40 billion.

This third annual conference is the single opportunity for the entire DoD maintenance community to come together to share information and focus on weapons systems and equipment maintenance. Maintenance managers, both military and civilian, from all ranks and Services will be in attendance. They represent the full range of DoD's maintenance operations, including depots, operating commands and units, and research and development activities, along with their commercial industry counterparts.

Senior Defense officials and congressional representatives also will attend and participate in the conference. In addition, the DoD Maintenance Awards are presented to outstanding maintenance units at a special awards banquet held during the symposium.

Symposium planners say their agenda will address key challenges and explore common interests for maintenance management systems and process technologies that will transform maintenance operations for the 21st century. Seminar sessions will:

- Identify the major management issues for maintenance.

- Review management and technical solutions in design or development.
- Demonstrate technology applications for maintenance management and processes.
- Identify needs for new management tools, research and products.
- Showcase world-class operations.

The entire 1999 DoD Maintenance Symposium is open for press coverage. The media point of contact is Glenn Flood, (703) 695-6294.

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