



## Conferences, Workshops & Symposia

### DEFENSE FINANCE 2007

**D**efense Finance 2007 will be held Sept. 17–20, 2007, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Va. The theme of this year's event will be "Transforming Financial Operations in Support of the Warfighter." To register, call 888-482-6012 or 973-812-5153, e-mail [defensefinance@wbresearch.com](mailto:defensefinance@wbresearch.com), or visit [www.defensefinanceusa.com](http://www.defensefinanceusa.com).

### UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION (UID) FORUM

**A**ll DoD serially managed assets must be registered in the Item Unique Identification Registry by September 2007. If you are a DoD contractor or are a military program manager, you are affected by this mandatory policy. This policy impacts all levels of supply, including small- to mid-sized businesses and all acquisition programs. The Department of Defense is sponsoring a UID Forum, Sept. 12–13, in Atlanta, Ga. This forum is designed to provide practical guidance to help military program managers and DoD contractors—particularly small- to mid-sized contractors—and all acquisition program managers achieve successful UID implementation as required by DoD policy memoranda and the issuance of the final UID Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement rule dated April 22, 2005. UID Forum participants will learn how to achieve successful implementation through sessions conducted by Department policy makers on:

- Military Standard 130 (MILSTD 130)
- Wide Area Work Flow (WAWF)
- Semantics and Syntax of Data
- Unique Item Identifiers (UII)
- Marking Guidelines
- Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS)

Register for the UID Forum at <http://www.uidforum.com>.

### INSENSITIVE MUNITIONS/ENERGETIC MATERIAL SYMPOSIUM

**T**he 2007 Insensitive Munitions/Energetic Material Symposium will be held Oct. 15–18, 2007, at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami, Fla. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <http://www.ndia.org>; click on "Schedule of Events." For more information, contact Veronica Allen at [vallen@ndia.org](mailto:vallen@ndia.org) or phone 703-247-9478.

### 2007 COMBAT VEHICLES CONFERENCE

**T**he 2007 Combat Vehicles Conference will be held Oct. 22–24, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, in Dearborn, Mich. The conference will be an opportunity to hear from and interact with distinguished combat leaders as they recount their most recent battle experiences and receive an update from both the Army and the Marine Corps current/future combat vehicle subject matter experts. As always, the conference will provide an opportunity for key combat vehicle issues to be dealt with head-on by means of the Q&A sessions and ample networking time.

Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <http://www.ndia.org>; click on "Schedule of Events." The point of contact for the conference is Kimberly Williams at [kwilliams@ndia.org](mailto:kwilliams@ndia.org) or 703-247-2578.

### 10TH ANNUAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

**T**he 10th Annual Systems Engineering Conference will be held Oct. 22–25, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Islandia Hotel and Marina in San Diego, Calif. The primary objective of the conference is to provide insight, information, and lessons learned into how DoD can improve the overall performance of defense programs through a better, more focused application of systems engineering that will lead to more capable, interoperable, and supportable weapon systems for the warfighter, with reduced total ownership costs.

The agenda and conference information will be posted online as they become available at <http://www.ndia.org>; click on "Schedule of Events." For more information, contact Britt Bommelje at [bbommelje@ndia.org](mailto:bbommelje@ndia.org) or call 703-247-2587.

### PRECISION STRIKE ASSOCIATION 17TH ANNUAL PRECISION STRIKE TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

**T**he Precision Strike Association will sponsor the 17th Annual Precision Strike Technology Symposium Oct. 23–25, 2007, at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory-Kossiakoff Conference Center in Laurel, Md. The 2007 theme is "Precision Strike Capabilities and Technologies for the Long War."



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Effective precision strike demands a timely and effective kill chain to some of the most important targets, which are, in the words of Dr. Paul Wolfowitz, "the ones that move around, staying put for only short periods." This year's event continues to provide a forum for exchanging insights, experiences, and ideas on Joint and Coalition Precision Strike Technologies to improve the kill chain. It also uniquely offers participants the opportunity to present to peers the latest and cutting-edge research and thinking in areas of strike weapons, desired weapons effects, targeting, and required C4ISR. Surveys from past symposia reflect that updates on current and kill chain technologies, concepts, capabilities, and processes for both near and future planning and operations are exactly what symposium participants desire.

Monitor the Precision Strike Association Web site <[www.precisionstrike.org/events.htm](http://www.precisionstrike.org/events.htm)> for future updates and registration information.

### 2007 TACOM LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT COMMAND ADVANCED PLANNING BRIEFING FOR INDUSTRY

**T**he 2007 Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (TACOM LCMC APBI) will be held Oct. 24--26, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, in Dearborn, Mich. The 2007 event will provide broad-based business planning information to industry relating to future TACOM LCMC plans, programs, and acquisition opportunities. TACOM, the Program Executive Officers, and other appropriate TACOM APBI Life Cycle Management Command organizations will present market opportunities and plans including research and development efforts, procurement of major end items, secondary items, maintenance, and other system support business.

Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <[www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org)>; click on "Schedule of Events." The point of contact for the conference is Kimberly Williams at [kwilliams@ndia.org](mailto:kwilliams@ndia.org) or 703-247-2578.

### 45TH ANNUAL TARGETS, UAVS & RANGE OPERATIONS SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION

**T**he 45th Annual Targets, UAVs & Range Operations Symposium & Exhibition will be held Oct. 29-31, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Islandia Hotel and Marina in San Diego, Calif. The agenda and conference information will be posted online as they become available at <[www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org)>; click on "Schedule of Events." For more information, contact Simone Baldwin at [sbaldwin@ndia.org](mailto:sbaldwin@ndia.org) or call 703-247-2596.

### 2007 COMBATANT COMMANDERS WORKSHOP

**T**he 2007 Combatant Commanders Workshop will be hosted October 29-30 in Suffolk, Va., by John J. Young, Jr., director of defense research and engineering, and R. Paul Ryan, director of the DoD's Defense Technical Information Center. The theme of this year's workshop is Rapid Technical Support for the Warfighter.

The event, for military officers (O-5 and above) and civilians (GS-14 and above), will focus on how DTIC's products benefit combatant commanders by delivering superior technical information to our warfighters.

For more information and to register, visit <<https://www.enstg.com/Invitation>>. To log in, use con-



ference code 20069924. There is no workshop registration fee. Space is limited.

### **DARPA ANNOUNCES THIRD GRAND CHALLENGE**

**T**he Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has announced plans to hold its third Grand Challenge competition on Nov. 3, 2007. The DARPA Urban Challenge will feature autonomous ground vehicles executing simulated military supply missions safely and effectively in a mock urban area. Safe operation in traffic is essential to U.S. military plans to use autonomous ground vehicles to conduct important missions. DARPA will award prizes for the top three autonomous ground vehicles that compete in a final event where they must safely complete a 60-mile urban area course in fewer than six hours. The DARPA Grand Challenge Web site <[www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge](http://www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge)> is the primary resource for information about the Urban Challenge event.

### **19TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATED PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

**T**he 19th Annual International Integrated Program Management Conference will be held Nov. 5–7, 2007, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, in Alexandria, Va. This year's event is cosponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association, the Project Management Institute-College of Performance Management, and the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis.

Conference highlights will include special guest speakers, professional education training seminars, practice symposia, topical workshops, tools track, as well as networking opportunities. Participants will earn 15 Professional Development Units (PDU).

If you would like to present at the conference, contact one of the following coordinators:

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### **11TH ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

**T**he 11th Annual Small Business Conference will be held Nov. 7–8, 2007, at the Hilton McLean Hotel at Tysons Corner, McLean, Va. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <[www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org)>; click on "Schedule of Events." The point of contact for this year's conference is Britt Bommelje at [bbommelje@ndia.org](mailto:bbommelje@ndia.org) or 703-247-2587.

### **SYSTEMS ENGINEERING ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DIVISION MEETING**

**A** Systems Engineering Annual Strategic Planning and Division Meeting will be held Dec. 5–6, 2007, at the Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, Calif. Conference information will be posted online as it becomes available at <[www.ndia.org](http://www.ndia.org)>; click on "Schedule of Events." The point of contact for this annual meeting is Britt Bommelje at [bbommelje@ndia.org](mailto:bbommelje@ndia.org) or 703-247-2587.