



## Conferences, Workshops & Symposia

### 44TH ANNUAL TARGETS, UAV'S, AND RANGE OPERATIONS SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION

**T**he 44th Annual Targets, UAVs, and Range Operations Symposium and Exhibition will be held Oct. 30–Nov. 1, 2006, at the Marriott Bay Point Resort Village Golf & Yacht Club. In today's environment there is an increased emphasis on joint operations by the Defense Department and the Defense Industry. This event will provide a forum for open exchange of technical and programmatic information between the Defense Department, its military services, industry representatives, and foreign organizations in the test and evaluation of air-to-air and ground-to-air weapons systems, which provide air/ground crew training for combat readiness. Watch the conference Web site for details on registration <<http://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ndia&Webcode=EventList>>. For more information contact Simone L. Baldwin, meeting planner, at 703-247-2596 or e-mail [sbaldwin@ndia.org](mailto:sbaldwin@ndia.org).

### ARMY SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

**T**he Army Small Business Conference will be held Nov. 1–2, 2006, at the Hilton McLean, in Tysons Corner, Vienna, Va. An agenda for the conference will be posted soon at <<http://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ndia&Webcode=EventList>>. For questions or inquiries contact: Carissa Mirasol, meeting planner at 703-247-2588 or [cmirasol@ndia.org](mailto:cmirasol@ndia.org).

### SAN DIEGO SPAWAR INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

**T**he 2006 SPAWAR Industry conference will be held Nov. 14–16, 2006, at the Bahia Hotel and Resort in San Diego, Calif. This year's event is presented by the National Defense Industrial Association and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. The Industry Conference is a major symposium for senior military, government, and industry officials to share their visionary and strategic perspective on the requirements, resources, development and implementation of initiatives that will provide direction for industry to shape business. For more information and details on upcoming registration, watch the conference Web site at <<http://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ndia&Webcode=EventList>>.

### 25TH ARMY SCIENCE CONFERENCE

**T**he 25th Army Science Conference will be held Nov. 27–30, 2006, at the JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, in Orlando, Fla. The 25th ASC marks a significant milestone for the Army science and technology community, with this year's conference theme paying tribute to 50 years of promoting and showcasing the Army's S&T program: *Transformational Army Science and Technology—Charting the Next 50 Years of Science and Technology for the Soldier*. The Army Science Conference is an annual event sponsored by the assistant secretary of the Army (acquisition, logistics and technology). Watch for details of the conference and registration information at <<http://www.asc2006.com/>>.

### 2006 NCMA GOVERNMENT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

**T**he 2006 National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Government Contract Management Conference will be held Dec. 4–5, 2006, in Tysons Corner, Va. Watch The NCMA Web site for upcoming details of the conference and registration information <<http://www.ncmahq.org/meetings/calendar.asp>>.

### THE INTERSERVICE/INDUSTRY TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE (I/ITSEC)

**T**he 2006 Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation, and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) will be held Dec. 4–7, 2006, in Orlando, Fla. This year's theme will be *Training the 21st Century Joint Force ... Mission Focused to Achieve Warfighting Excellence*. As in past years, this year's event will welcome participants from Army Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and industry. Its objectives are to promote cooperation among the military services, 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. Initiated in 1966 as the Naval Training Device Center/Industry Conference, the conference has evolved and expanded through increased participation by all the Services as well as industry. Registration for the conference will begin in fall 2006. Watch the conference Web site at <<http://www.iitsec.org/registration.cfm>> for more conference information and details on registration.



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### AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT MODERNIZATION PLANNING CONFERENCE

**T**he Agile Combat Support (ACS) Modernization Planning Conference will be held Dec. 5–7, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev. ACS is the capability produced by the forces and processes that create, sustain, and protect Air and Space Forces across the full spectrum of military operations. Over 80 percent of any Air Force deployment is comprised of ACS capabilities.

As the Air Force transforms from a threat-based to a capabilities-based planning and modernization construct, the need for lighter, leaner, ACS systems/capabilities in the realms of infrastructure, logistics, and force protection is a reality. Participants include military representatives from headquarters Air Force, Secretary of the Air Force/Acquisition, numbered Air Forces, major commands, government civilians, ACS functionals, national and DoD research labs, system program offices, battle-labs, and anyone with a stake in ACS Modernization Planning.

This year's event will:

- Give attendees an understanding of ACS, e.g., doctrine and contingency operations
- Discuss the planning processes and capability shortfalls in ACS with representatives involved in ACS modernization across the Air Force
- Provide an update on the status of efforts, and obtain a vector check on the direction for future modernization and planning issues
- Provide a venue for developers of potential ACS solutions to showcase their capabilities to the Air Force ACS customer base
- Provide a forum for networking with the ACS community.

Register at <<https://www.technologyforums.com/6AS/>>.

### 23RD ANNUAL TEST AND EVALUATION CONFERENCE

**T**he 23rd Annual Test and Evaluation Conference will take place March 12–15, 2007, at the Westin Resort Hilton Head Island, Hilton Head Island, S.C. This national conference is invaluable to those tasked with directing and executing system development programs for the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, and other government departments tasked with various elements of our nation's security. Test planners, M&S users and developers, range operators, program managers, military personnel charged with system acquisition respon-

sibilities, industrial professionals, and others under contract with the government to provide support to our nation's defenses will also benefit. For registration or more information on this year's event, watch the conference Web site at <<http://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ndia&Webcode=EventList>>.

### 23RD ANNUAL NATIONAL LOGISTICS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

**T**he 23rd Annual National Logistics Conference and Exhibition will be held March 19–22, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami Convention Center, in Miami, Fla. Share insights with senior DoD leadership, top industry executives, project directors and program managers, information technology providers and developers, government policy makers and regulators, defense contractors and design professionals, third party logistics providers, and equipment suppliers and manufacturers. For more information on this year's event, contact Meredith Geary, meeting planner, at [mgeary@ndia.org](mailto:mgeary@ndia.org) or call (703) 247-9476. For details on registration, watch the conference Web site at <<http://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ndia&Webcode=EventList>>.

### 5TH ANNUAL U.S. MISSILE DEFENSE CONFERENCE

**T**he 5th Annual U.S. Missile Defense Conference will be held March 19–23, 2007, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C. A key objective of the 2007 conference is to continue building the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) team relationships that will in turn make development of a global missile defense system a successful reality. The BMDS Team includes members of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Department of Defense, military service staffs, and industry.

The conference—hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), in cooperation with Northrop Grumman Corporation and supported by MDA—will expose the BMDS to the entire missile defense community, educate conference participants on the system-level approach to BMDS development, and serve as an exchange of ideas on BMDS evolution. Discussions will focus on the evolutionary development of a global, layered, integrated BMDS; the integration and testing of BMDS capability; the status of fielding BMDS elements; and the current political/policy environment, including the merits of extending BMDS capabilities to allies. Consistent with this focus is the theme of the conference, Global Ballistic Missile Defense—A Layered De-



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fense. Register for the 2007 conference at <http://www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=1475&viewcon=overview> >.

### **GUNS AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION**

**T**he 42nd Annual Armament Systems: Guns and Missile Systems Conference and Exhibition will be held April 23-26, 2007, in Charlotte, N.C. The 2007 conference will present topics that demonstrate how our nation's current gun, munition, and missile system technologies can be adapted and evolved to meet tomorrow's missions and operations. For more information on the conference, contact Heather Horan, meeting planner at [hhoran@ndia.org](mailto:hhoran@ndia.org) or call (703)247-2570. Watch for registration details at <http://eweb.ndia.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ndia&Webcode=EventList> >.

### **DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY ACQUISITION COMMUNITY CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIUM 2007**

**M**ark your calendar and plan ahead to attend the April 17, 2007, Defense Acquisition University Community Conference/Symposium, sponsored by the Defense Acquisition University Alumni Association. Watch the association Web site at <http://www.dauaa.org> > for future announcements, updates, and registration information.

### **25TH DARPA SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM**

**T**he 25th Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Systems and Technology Symposium (DARPA Tech) is scheduled for the week of August 6, 2007, at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, Calif. Registration for DARPA Tech 2007 is expected to open in April 2007. Watch the DARPA Web site at <http://darpa.mil> > for details on the 2007 event.

### **JOINT SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (JSEM) CONFERENCE**

**T**he Joint Services Environmental Management (JSEM) Conference will be held May 21-24, 2007, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. JSEM 2007 is a comprehensive summit on the evolving world of environment, energy, and geospatial information within DoD. JSEM 2007 will highlight the many new and innovative ways the Department of Defense, other federal agencies, states, and the defense industry are meeting mission needs while protecting the environment. The conference affords the opportunity to share ways to integrate environment, energy,

and geospatial information management into Defense operations. It also will address a wide range of perspectives, including policy, implementation, best management practices, data management, and technology.

The JSEM 2007 Conference and Exhibition is evolving, just as Defense business practices are evolving. Conference organizers are merging Energy and Geospatial Information Management into the 2007 event, which is now recognized as the most significant event for environmental policy makers, practitioners, and professionals. Future registration details will be posted to the conference Web site at <http://www.jsemconference.com/2007/registration.htm> >.

### **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. First prize is \$2 million, second prize is \$500,000, and third prize is \$250,000. To succeed, vehicles must autonomously obey traffic laws while merging into moving traffic, navigating traffic circles, negotiating busy intersections, and avoiding obstacles. The DARPA Grand Challenge Web site <http://www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge> > is the primary resource for information about the Urban Challenge event.

### **FEDERAL ACQUISITION CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION (FACE) POSTPONED TO 2007**

**T**he Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI), based upon recommendations of the Federal Acquisition Conference and Exposition (FACE) Steering Committee, composed of the FACE sponsors, determined not to hold FACE in 2006. The next FACE will be in 2007. It will continue to be sponsored by the Chief Acquisition Officers Council, Federal Acquisition Institute, U.S. General Services Administration, and Department of Defense. For more information on 2006 FAI scheduled events, visit the FAI Web site at <http://www.fai.gov/resource/face2006.htm> >.