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INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS CONFERENCE AND EXPO 2008

The most significant industrial engineering event of the year is the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) Annual Conference and Expo 2008. This year's conference will be held in Vancouver, Canada, May 17-21. IIE 2008 is the ideal place to gather your tools for today, fuel for tomorrow, and network with the best and brightest in your field. Educational sessions will address virtually every aspect of the profession; and awards will be presented to recognize superior achievement of top professionals and students. An exhibit hall will feature products from companies that value industrial engineers. Enjoy opportunities to build your network and reconnect with professional acquaintances. For more information, contact the Institute of Industrial Engineers at 1-800-194-0460 or fax 770-449-0460.

INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE AND GOVERNMENT ADVANCEMENT 3RD ANNUAL MILITARY ARMOR PROTECTION CONFERENCE

The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) will sponsor the 3rd Annual Military Armor Protection Conference May 19-22, 2008, at The Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, Va. The 2008 theme of the conference is "Advancing Vehicle and Body Armor Protection in an Asymmetric Environment." IDGA's Military Armor Protection Conference is the premier forum for the exchange of ideas on new armor technologies, challenges and developments in protective equipment, and recent research on armor components.

Participants will learn to identify and reduce armor shortcomings and increase performance by bringing together the military and government leaders tasked with ensuring the nation's warfighters and vehicles have the best possible armor protection against the persistent threats. Key decision makers will debate how capabilities and technology can be optimized and will evaluate current and future strategies and solutions. For more information on the 2008 conference, call 800-882-8684 or e-mail info@idga.org. Register online at < www.iqpcevents.com/ShowEvent.aspx?id=43762&details=82058 >.

OUSD(AT&L) BUSINESS MANAGERS' CONFERENCE

This year's Business Managers' Conference is scheduled for May 20-23, 2008, at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va. Sponsored by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition,

Technology and Logistics, in cooperation with the business, cost estimating, and financial management functional advisor, the annual conference is targeted toward senior DoD acquisition and comptroller executives as well as program executive office/program manager/systems command business managers and Service headquarters program and business staff. It offers two full days of high-level speakers, training opportunities, and exhibits, with valuable information and demonstrations of a variety of tools for managing organizational challenges. The yearly conference is an excellent way to stay abreast of current acquisition and business initiatives and provides opportunities for wide-ranging discussions with key leaders. For more information on the conference, e-mail bmc@dau.mil.

2008 SESSION-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The 2008 session for the American Society of Military Comptrollers Professional Development Institute will be held at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Fla., May 27-30, with a theme of "Aiming for a Bright Future." The National Professional Development Institute is a premier training event for resource managers in the Department of Defense and U.S. Coast Guard. Each year, more than 3,300 attendees converge for a four-day event, which includes a full day of Service activities, seven general sessions, more than 70 workshops, and many special events. Register online at < www.asmconline.org/development/pdi.shtml#1 >.

19TH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITS

The 19th Annual Association of Proposal Management Professionals (APMP) International Conference and Exhibits will be held in Rancho Mirage, Calif., May 27-30, 2008. This year's conference theme will be "Global Positioning Strategies for Capture and Proposal Professionals." This theme includes two thrusts: the international or global nature of APMP and the relevance of the capture phase of business development in the proposal profession.

The conference program will present case studies, panel discussions, and tips and techniques proposal professionals can take home after the conference and apply in the workplace. This year, presentations are from across the full spectrum of business development topics: market development and business strategy, capture development

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and strategy, proposal development and strategy, and professional strategies. Register online at <www.apmp.org/ca-29.aspx>.

4TH ANNUAL INNOVATIONS IN E-LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

The George Mason University Instructional Technology Program and the Defense Acquisition University invite you to attend the 4th Annual Innovations in e-Learning Symposium to be held June 3-5, 2008, in the Johnson Center on the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. The topics for this year's symposium are Mobile Learning and Gaming, Web 2.0 and Cyberinfrastructure, and Innovation Design and Research Partnerships. This event is ideal for managers, learning officers, instructional and/or curriculum designers, learning consultants, instructors, researchers and training and development professionals from small- to large-size businesses, vocational schools, community colleges and universities, and government agencies and organizations. Register online at <<http://innovationsinelearning.gmu.edu/index.html>>.

NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION 6TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The 6th Annual Leadership Summit of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will be held June 20-21, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, Calif. All NCMA chapter leaders and volunteers (experienced, new, and potential) are invited and encouraged to attend. Come meet your peers, learn from each other, and share experiences. Participants will benefit from substantive, career-enhancing presentations.

- Learn how to build and manage a successful chapter with case studies, best practices, and practical examples.
- Become a better chapter leader.
- Develop overall leadership skills.
- Connect with your peers and learn from each other.
- Train on fundamental chapter and national operations.

If you are in a leaderless or struggling chapter, scholarships are available to help you attend this important event. To apply for an NCMA attendance scholarship, e-mail chapterrelations@ncmahq.org. For more information or to register online, visit <www.ncmahq.org/meetings/LS08/>.

NAVY NEWSSTAND (JAN. 18, 2008) SUPPLY CORPS LEADERSHIP TACKLES TOP NAVY ISSUES

Debbie Dortch

NORFOLK—All Navy supply corps admirals and captains gathered Jan. 15-17 in Norfolk to share insights from December's Navy Flag Officer and Senior Executive Service (NFOSES) Training Symposium and align the supply corps community with the Chief of Naval Operations' intentions to build the future force, maintain warfighting readiness, and develop and support sailors and Navy civilians.

Navy Rear Adm. Alan S. Thompson, SC, commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and chief of Supply Corps opened the symposium stating, "As a community, we need to ensure we are aligned with where the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. [Gary] Roughead, is taking our Navy. We need to be powerful contributors to the success of this vision."

In addition to a focus on the CNO's Guidance and the Navy's Maritime Strategy, the agenda included updates on the fiscal environment, the evolution of the Navy Enterprise construct, Navy supply corps engagement in joint logistics at several combatant commands, and a wide-ranging update and discussion of community issues.

"The supply corps can continue to add value in Fleet Forces Command by providing a high-level of material support for our equipment and ensuring quality-of-life initiatives for our sailors and their family members remain in the forefront," Marine Brig. Gen. David G. Reist, assistant deputy commandant for installations and logistics, emphasized. "Shifting to a healthy menu afloat and ashore is one example of this. It's important, and we appreciate it."

NAVSUP's primary mission is to provide U.S. naval forces with quality supplies and services. NAVSUP oversees logistics programs in the areas of supply operations, conventional ordnance, contracting, resale, fuel, transportation, and security assistance. In addition, NAVSUP is responsible for quality of life issues for the nation's naval forces, including food service, postal services, Navy Exchanges, and movement of household goods.

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