

**PERFORMANCE BASED LOGISTICS ROADSHOW A HIT IN SAN DIEGO (JAN. 29, 2004)**

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics Plans and Programs) Lou Kratz, and Defense Acquisition University (DAU) professors Randy Fowler and Jerry Cothran successfully delivered the rescheduled Performance Based Logistics (PBL) Roadshow at San Diego on Jan. 29. Navy Cmdr. Steve Dolase from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition) and Jeff Klein, the Navy's Installations and Logistics Director (O4) at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), also spoke at the Roadshow and participated in the question-and-answer session at the end of the presentations. Daniel Solan, logistics manager at SPAWAR, his boss John Graham, and professors Dr. Hank DeVries and Tom Edison were instrumental in planning for the Roadshow.

About 80 attendees were present to hear this high-level presentation of the benefits and need for PBL, especially for the Navy. A few comments from the attendees highlight the quality of the information that was presented:

*"Very good, timely, and provided much needed information. It gave me a better understanding of what PBL is and how it may be applied to my systems/projects."*

*"The speakers (source of information) made the presentations more credible."*

*"I think the conference was great. It's rare to have access to the outstanding group of panelists to ask questions and learn this stuff in depth. I plan to take both the LOG-235 courses."*

Feedback from the panel was typical of the following:

*"All the speakers were very pleased with how things went, including attendance and active participation by the audience. They were also impressed with SPAWAR's openness and desire to get on with PBL. Specifically... Lou Kratz was very pleased with the outcome of the roadshow. Again, well done."*

**DAU SOUTH REGION'S 2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO**

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On Feb. 18-19, 2004, over 200 government, military, and industry contract management professionals met at the Huntsville Marriott to par-

ticipate in the DAU South's 2nd Annual Conference and Expo. "Contracting: Smart Business for Mission Support" was the theme selected by DAU South Region's Contract Management Department, who spearheaded this year's event.

The combined efforts of co-chairs Ron Fontenot, department chair, and Phyllis Roberts, professor of contracting, resulted in an agenda that included top leaders in the field of contract management and that served as "Rapid Deployment Training" for participants.

Jim McCullough, dean of DAU South Region, kicked off the conference. Linda Neilson, executive director, acquisition workforce and career management, gave an informative lunchtime presentation on AT&L Workforce Initiatives. General session and workshop topics included: Contingency Contracting; Contractors on the Battlefield; Revision of OMB Circular A-76—Acquisition Update; and DFARS Transformation. Guest speakers included Ron Poussard, deputy director, defense acquisition regulations system, Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP); and Mark Lumer, contracting executive, U.S. Army Space and Missile Command.

To underscore the timeliness of the conference, a memorandum from Deidre Lee, director, DPAP, entitled "Contract Period for Task and Delivery Order Contracts," was issued on Feb. 18. Conference attendees received the memorandum hot off the press.

The complete list of speakers and their topics may be found on the DAU South Region Web site at < <http://www.dau.mil/regions/South/conference2004.asp> > .

**GLOBAL INFOSEC PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE (GIPC) (MAY 4-6, 2004)**

Mark your calendars! The annual Global Information Security (INFOSEC) Partnership Conference (GIPC), hosted by the U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command (CECOM) Communications Security Logistics Activity (CSLA) at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., will be held May 4-6, 2004.

GIPC, a training conference designed for the professional exchange of INFOSEC and Communications Security (COMSEC) knowledge between COMSEC Custodians, Signal Officers, Warrant Officers, Senior NCOs, COMSEC Maintenance Officers, Accountable Officers, Serialization Officers, INFOSEC Program Managers, Department of the Army/Major Command Staff Officers,

and others working in the INFOSEC field, is centered around an annual INFOSEC/COMSEC theme. As in times past, GIPC 2004 will cover a wide range of topics addressing, among many others, both current and future INFOSEC Acquisitions, COMSEC Auditing, Policy and Procedures, Security, Threat, and Protective Technologies.

For the first time, the GIPC Web site at <<http://www.gipccsla.com>> has remained up and running throughout the year so that our customers can access the Web site to read about GIPC at their leisure. The interactive features of the GIPC Web site will be activated in early 2004 to facilitate such processes as registration, workshop selection, and payment options for the upcoming conference. So keep checking the Web site for the latest information, and we look forward to seeing you at GIPC 2004!

### **2004 BUSINESS MANAGERS' CONFERENCE (MAY 12-13, 2004)**

**T**he 2004 Annual Business Managers' Conference will be held May 12-13, 2004, at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va. As in past years, the 2004 conference will bring together members of the business, cost estimating, and financial management (BCEFM) workforce as well as members of the OSD comptroller/DoD financial management community. Also encouraged to attend are senior DoD acquisition and comptroller executives and Program Executive Officer/Program Manager/Systems Command (PEO/PM/SYSCOM) business managers/program control chiefs, and Service headquarters business staff for wide-ranging discussions of acquisition and financial topics. Several key acquisition leaders have accepted an invitation to speak at this year's conference:

- Michael Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics)
- Deidre Lee, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) (OUSD(AT&L))
- Nancy Spruill, Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, OUSD(AT&L)
- Dr. David Chu, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)
- Dave Muzio, Procurement Policy Analyst, Office of e-Government, Office of Management and Budget
- Navy Rear Adm. Stan Szemborski, Deputy Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense
- Richard K. Sylvester, Deputy Director, Property and Equipment Policy, Office of the Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, OUSD(AT&L)

- LeAntha Sumpter, Special Assistant to the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, OUSD(AT&L)

To encourage broader discussions, this year's invitations will be extended to a limited number of industry managers and members from other acquisition functional career fields such as contracting and program management who wish to attend. Conference attendees will receive information on the latest acquisition, financial management, personnel, and legislative initiatives. Registration opens April 1, 2004. For additional information, go to the following Web site: <<http://www.businessmanagersconference.com>> .

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY 2004 LOGISTICS CONFERENCE (MAY 17-20, 2004)**

**T**he Department of the Navy 2004 Logistics Conference will be held May 17-20, 2004, in Reston, Va. This year's event brings top-level Department of the Navy/Marine Corps leadership and industry leadership together to discuss future logistics policy and initiatives as pertinent to and implemented by the Naval Forces. Its focus shifts from "Future Requirements" to "Acquisition" to "Warfighting," respectively, over the course of the three days. To register or learn more about the conference, go to the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Web site at <<http://register.ndia.org/interview/register.ndia?#May2004>> .

### **5TH JOINT SERVICE CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DECONTAMINATION CONFERENCE (DECON) (MAY 17-20, 2004)**

**T**he Joint Program Manager for Decontamination and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency are hosting the 5th Joint Service Chemical and Biological Decontamination Conference (DECON 2004) May 17-20, 2004, at the Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor, Fla. The conference provides a forum for dialogue between civil and federal government, industry, academia, foreign representatives and first responders on critical decontamination issues on the battlefield, at fixed sites, and in our communities.

Conference attendance is open to all members of the scientific and industrial decontamination community. Attendees can register online at <<https://www.enstg.com/Signup>> . Enter the Conference Code: 5TH23624.

For more information on DECON 2004, contact the conference coordinator by phone at (410) 612-8247 or by e-mail at [bilotto\\_deborah@bah.com](mailto:bilotto_deborah@bah.com).

### 40TH GIDEP WORKSHOP AND INFORMATION SHARING CONFERENCE (MAY 18-20, 2004)

**T**he Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) in conjunction with the GIDEP Industry Advisory Group (IAG) is pleased to announce its 40th Workshop and Information Sharing Conference to be held at the Sheraton Society Hill in Philadelphia, Pa., May 18-20, 2004. The theme for the conference is "Networking for Solutions."

The Workshop provides an excellent opportunity for learning what GIDEP has to offer, how to derive benefits from using the program, and networking with members of the GIDEP community. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings will focus on government and industry "scenario-based" presentations respectively. During Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, a mini version of the GIDEP annual Clinic will be offered. Thursday the 20th will be dedicated to diminishing manufacturing sources and material shortages (DMSMS) topics.

Speakers include: Dr. Michael A. Greenfield, associate deputy administrator for technical programs, NASA Headquarters; Dr. Michael Stamatelatos, director, safety and assurance requirements division, Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, NASA Headquarters; Rick L. Malone, vice president, mission success, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company Space and Strategic Systems; John Becker, staff specialist, assistant deputy under secretary of defense for supply chain integration.

For complete information and online registration visit the GIDEP Web site at <<http://www.giddep.org>>. To contact the GIDEP operations center call 909-273-4677.

### DEFENSE PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE

**T**he Defense Procurement Conference, sponsored by the Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, will be held May 25-28, 2004, in Orlando, Fla. Attendance is by invitation only. More information will be posted as it becomes available at <<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/Conferences/index.htm>>.

### FEDERAL ACQUISITION CONFERENCE & EXPO (FACE) 2004

**T**he Federal Acquisition Conference & Expo (FACE) 2004, sponsored by the Federal Acquisition Council and General Services Administration, is a forum for acquisition professionals and policy makers to share their insights and experiences. This year's event will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 2-3, and Dayton, Ohio, on June 22-23. FACE provides a full range of training on

the latest acquisition issues and an opportunity to review exhibitors' products and services. Attendees receive Continuous Learning Points. The 2004 winners of two prestigious acquisition awards will also be announced: Procurement Round Table Elmer Staats Award and the Ida Ustad Award. For more information on the conference, please visit <<http://www.fai.gov/face>> or call toll-free 866-235-7400.

### 4TH ANNUAL INTELLIGENT VEHICLE SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION

**T**he 4th Annual Intelligent Vehicle Systems Symposium and Exhibition will be held June 22-24, 2004, in Traverse City (Acme), Mich. This year's event is jointly sponsored by the Vetronics Technology Area and National Automotive Center, and the Intelligent Vehicle Technologies Committee of the National Defense Industrial Association.

The objective of the annual Intelligent Vehicle Systems Symposium is to provide researchers, developers, and program managers (from government, academia, and industry) a forum for exchange of information on current work related to the advancement of technologies and applications of intelligent systems to Army and commercial vehicles. It also provides an opportunity to view the latest vendor technologies.

For more event information contact retired Navy Capt. Bruce Roulstone, (703) 247-2574, e-mail <[broulstone@ndia.org](mailto:broulstone@ndia.org)> or Angie De Kleine, (703) 247-2599, e-mail <[adekleine@ndia.org](mailto:adekleine@ndia.org)>.

### AMC'S ANNUAL NATIONAL INFORMATION ASSURANCE (IA) CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION (JULY 7-8, 2004)

**T**he Army Materiel Command (AMC), in conjunction with Technology Forums, Inc., will hold its Annual National Information Assurance (IA) Conference and Exposition July 7-8, 2004, at Rock Island, Ill. Conference planners are developing an IA conference targeted toward the needs of AMC, including panel discussions and presentations on communications, information security, and wireless technology. For further information on the conference, watch the conference Web site at <[https://www.technologyforums.com/upcoming\\_events/](https://www.technologyforums.com/upcoming_events/)>. Information will be posted as it becomes available.

### 2004 AIR FORCE ACQUISITION TRAINING MANAGERS CONFERENCE

**T**he date and location of the annual Air Force Acquisition Training Managers' Conference has changed. Instead of conducting the conference

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in March at the Southbridge Conference Center, Mass., the conference will now be conducted in San Antonio, Texas, during the summer. Tentative dates are 29 June – July 1, 2004. TDY costs, including lodging, must be incurred by each conferee's agency.

This conference is a chance for all Air Force acquisition training managers in the field to learn first-hand—and receive hands-on computer training—on all of the acquisition tools available to Air Force acquisition training managers and to the acquisition workforce. This year's conference will focus on Continuous Learning and will

include training on how to use the newly released *ACQ Now CL* for the Continuous Learning system as well as *ACQ Now* for the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Registration system, and *ACMS* for the Acquisition Career Management System.

Please continue to check the conference Web site for updates and registration: < [http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/acq\\_workf/training/conference/index.htm](http://www.safaq.hq.af.mil/acq_workf/training/conference/index.htm) > .

*(Anita J. Huddleston, SAF/AQXD, Chief, Air Force Acquisition Training Office)*

## ACQUISITION & LOGISTICS EXCELLENCE

### 2002 GREATEST INVENTIONS PROGRAM ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND (AMC) RECOGNIZES SOLDIER SYSTEMS CENTER FOR INNOVATION, CREATIVITY

**T**hree of eight Natick Research, Development, and Engineering Center nominations were selected by AMC in the 10 Greatest Inventions Program of 2002. These programs showcased Natick's best technology solutions for warfighters. A ceremony at the Soldier Systems Center on Dec. 11, 2003, honored all the nominees along with the three winning products. The nominees and their winning products were also recognized at a separate ceremony on Nov. 10, 2003, at Fort Belvoir, Va. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all nominated employees.

The three Natick selections receiving top honors were Interceptor Body Armor; the Modular Integrated Communication Helmet (MICH)/Advanced Combat Helmet; and Micro Climate Cooling Body Garment, all from the Individual Protection Directorate (IPD), and were on display at the ceremony.

"It's tough to calculate the number of lives saved with the Interceptor Body Armor," said Robert Kinney, Director, IPD, who estimated that dozens of lives have been saved. Kinney said the MICH also is responsible for saving lives and has more than a 90 percent approval rating by soldiers. It is a good example, he added, of a product that started as a Special Operations Forces item and transitioned to the Army. The cooling garment, according to Kinney, is one of the major significant results of a microclimate cooling research program in the last 20 years. Worn in conjunction with the microclimate cooling system as a part of the Air Warrior program, Kinney said that helicopter pilots now can fly for prolonged periods of time in full chemical/ biological pro-

TECTIVE clothing, which has never been done. "It's significant in that it puts microclimate cooling on the map," Kinney said. "Those who selected these products were part of the operational community...It's no wonder that those programs that are making a big impact today are those that were awarded this honor," he concluded.

Other nominations from Natick included the Dynamic Moisture Permeation Cell from the Science & Technology Directorate. This is a patented device that provides the ability to test clothing breathability and is now used within the government and throughout the protective clothing and sporting goods industries to quantify clothing performance. From the Airdrop Directorate, nominations were the Rough Terrain Cargo Parachute; Micro Rappel System; Screamer System; and Ripcord Grip Insert for the Modified Improved Reserve Parachute System.

The rough terrain parachute enables military and civilian firefighters to affordably and effectively drop equipment and supplies at low altitudes through trees and other obstacles, while the Micro Rappel System offers a very compact rappelling and safety tool for soldiers and safety personnel (e.g. mountain rescue). The Screamer is a low-cost, high-altitude deployable autonomous airdrop system used for accurate positioning of critical re-supply and sustainment payloads. The Grip Insert provides added protection against possible inadvertent activation of the reserve parachute during in-flight door check procedures by an airborne jumpmaster, following a number of jumpmaster extraction incidents over the past two years. Since fielding the grip inserts, no further extractions have been reported.

The complete list of Natick Soldier Center nominees are: