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USJFCOM REQUESTS INDUSTRY'S INVOLVEMENT IN CREATING CAPABILITIES FOR JOINT WARFIGHTERS

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CHESAPEAKE, Va.—With 48 percent of the world's population living in urban areas, joint and coalition warfighters need to be prepared to effectively act in urban environments. That premise served as the theme for a USJFCOM Focused Forum on Joint Urban Operations held at the Chesapeake Conference Center on July 13.

As U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) continues to train and equip joint warfighters for urban environments, command officials asked industry and academic leaders participating in the forum to listen to the command's joint urban operations requirements and deliver integrated capabilities.

"When facing an enemy that doesn't care if a target is a military target or a non-military target, we need to think in a non-traditional way," said Air Force Maj. Gen. James Soligan, USJFCOM chief of staff. "We have lots of room to grow, and I challenge you to think in non-traditional ways" and develop capabilities for non-traditional urban environments.

According to Soligan, places like Fallujah provide traditional urban environments, but the Global War on Terror requires a focus on non-traditional urban environments like Madrid, Spain; and New York.

More than 300 industry and academic leaders listened to Soligan and other command officials outline USJFCOM's mission and how joint urban operations concepts and requirements fit into the command's mission.

During the focused forum, command officials gave attendees a large list of major joint urban operations areas of interest:



Air Force Maj. Gen. James N. Soligan, U.S. Joint Forces Command chief of staff, speaks July 13, 2005, to defense industry representatives at a USJFCOM Focused Forum on Joint Urban Operations held at the Chesapeake Conference Center. USJFCOM periodically organizes various focused forums as a way to communicate its needs to industry. Soligan is responsible for managing the command's warfighting initiatives and providing guidance to the command's executive staff on day-to-day matters.

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- Difficulties associated with identifying and targeting adversaries
- Command, control, and communications (C3) systems that operate reliably in urban environments and underground
- Platform and personnel navigation systems that operate reliably in urban environments and underground
- Multi-spectral and integrated intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) sensors capable of seeing through roofs, walls, structures, and vehicles at some standoff distance.
- Tags for individuals and vehicles to support tracking, identification, and targeting that operate reliably in urban environments and underground
- Processes and procedures to systematically engage subject matter experts and institutions to assess and evaluate political, military, economic, social, infrastructure, and information issues
- Ability to pick targets out of severe background clutter and a means to separate military targets from civilian look-alikes
- Ability to disguise sensors and deploy them in stealthy ways.

"We are serious about engaging industry," said Richard Carter, the science and technology advisor for USJFCOM's Joint Urban Operations office. "We believe you have technologies that we don't know about. We want to know how you would address these areas of interest."

Focused forums are generally followed by technology information exchanges (TIE), which are industry's opportunity to supply USJFCOM with capabilities briefings.

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U.S. ARMY ACQUISITION SUPPORT CENTER PRESS RELEASE (AUG. 26, 2005) ARMY ACQUISITION SENIOR LEADERS CONVENE IN DETROIT

DETROIT—The 2005 Acquisition Senior Leaders and AMC Commanders Conference, held Aug. 22–25, was hosted by Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology/Army Acquisition Executive Claude M. Bolton Jr., and Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command. The conference provided the AAE, senior Army acquisition and AMC leaders the opportunity to communicate directly with program executive officers; program, project and program managers; acquisition commanders; and Life Cycle Management

Command (LCMC) commanders. This diverse group of Army senior leaders discussed acquisition transformation, guidance, and policies impacting the AL&T workforce.

This year's SLCC theme was *Together, Spiraling Tomorrow's Technology to Soldiers Today!* The conference focused on the progress made and challenges acquisition leaders still face in implementing the new LCMCs while at the same time striving to efficiently and effectively equip our soldiers fighting the global war on terrorism.

Building a comprehensive logistics sustainment base through LCMC implementation is an important Army goal and one of the main reasons that this year's invitation-only conference was held in Detroit. Detroit's rich history in automotive technology and industrial manufacturing provided the perfect backdrop for the SLCC and afforded conference attendees the opportunity to tour the Ford River Rouge Plant and the Henry Ford Museum. Conference participants also attended workshops, seminars, and forums that highlighted the Army's commitment to transformation and to spiraling tomorrow's technology to soldiers today.

More information about the 2005 SLCC can be found at: <http://asc.army.mil/events/conferences/2005/slc_conference/default.cfm>.

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17TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATED PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The 17th annual International Integrated Program Management Conference will be held Nov. 6–9, 2005, in Tysons Corner, Va. The conference will feature seminars, workshops, and symposia providing the latest information on Earned Value Management tools, best practices, and current trends. For more information, please visit the conference Web site at <http://www.pmi-cpm.org/public/pages/news_events/news_events.html>.

2005 FALL NATIONAL SBIR/STTR CONFERENCE

The 2005 Fall National Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Conference will be held Nov. 14–17, 2005, in Albany, N.Y. This conference will give partici-



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pants the tools they need to obtain part of the \$2 billion plus available to small business innovators. This conference will also provide participants with multiple opportunities to meet and network with SBIR and STTR program managers and fellow attendees including SBIR/STTR award winners, speakers, and experts from business and the government. For additional information, please visit the conference Web site at: <http://www.pmi-cpm.org/public/pages/news_events/news_events.html>.

2005 PEO/SYSCOM COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE (NOV. 15-16, 2005)

The 2005 Program Executive Officer/Systems Command (PEO/SYSCOM) Commanders' Conference will be held at the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 15-16, 2005. The PEO/SYSCOM Conferences and Workshops are a series of senior-level, invitation-only, non-attribution events that host approximately 400 Department of Defense and industry participants at each event. They provide senior leadership from the Department of Defense and Industry an excellent opportunity to meet and share their views and priorities. As the agenda is finalized, information on the 2005 conference will be posted to the conference Web site at <<http://www.peosyscom.com>>.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS 2005

Defense Logistics 2005 will be held Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2005, at the Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C. This leading cross-Service logistics conference will tackle key challenges associated with transforming logistics. Walk away with immediately actionable strategies that will positively impact the warfighter today. Key themes include:

- Acquisition And Procurement
- Total Life Cycle Systems Management
- Interoperability/Interdependence
- In-Theatre Support and Visibility
- End-To-End Distribution: The Last Tactical Mile
- Reducing The Mobility Footprint
- Sense and Response Logistics
- Implementing and Managing Performance Based Logistics
- Depot Partnerships and Maintenance
- Cross-Service Logistics Enterprise Integration
- RFID-UID Mandate
- Supplier Relationship Management – Networked Supply Chain Management.

A Networked Supply Chain Day will be held Nov. 28, while Dec. 1 will be designated Defense Acquisition and Procurement Day. Hear directly from acquisition and lo-

gistics leaders who are developing and implementing acquisition and logistics transformation strategies designed to create a fully seamless acquisition process.

- Army Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, Commanding General, Army Materiel Command
- Air Force Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command
- Gen. Sir Kevin O'Donoghue, Chief of Defence Logistics
- Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)
- Navy Vice Adm. Justin D. McCarthy, Director for Material Readiness and Logistics, N4
- Air Force Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, Director, Logistics, The Joint Staff
- Army Lt. Gen. Claude V. Christianson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4
- Navy Vice Adm. Keith Lippert, Director, Defense Logistics Agency
- Marine Lt. Gen. Richard Kramlich, Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics
- Air Vice-Marshal KJ Leeson, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Logistics Operations)
- Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen, Chief of Staff, U.S. Coast Guard
- Terry J. Pudas, Acting Director, Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Register today for Defense Logistics 2005 at <<http://www.wbresearch.com/defenselogisticsusa/>>.

NATIONAL CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (NCMA) WORLD CONGRESS 2006

The NCMA World Congress 2006 will be held April 10-12, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Ga. This year's theme will be *Achieving High Performance in Global Business: Leadership, Outsourcing, and Risk Management*. Keynote presenters will be Patricia Russo, CEO, Lucent Technologies, speaking on "Leadership in Global Business"; and Rik Kirkland, Global Editor, *Fortune Magazine*, on "Rising to the Challenges of Global Business."

At World Congress 2006 you'll discover networking opportunities; career fair (bring your resumes!); exhibit hall with vendor demonstrations; and over 120 concurrent track sessions, including Executive Leadership, e-Business, Contract Law, Commercial Contracting, and Knowledge Management.

Register for the NCMA World Congress 2006 at <<http://www.ncmahq.org/meetings/WC06/registration.asp>>.