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MDA Plans 9th Annual Small Business Conference

The Missile Defense Agency Office of Small Business Programs will host its 9th Annual Small Business Conference July 21-22 in Huntsville at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Theme for this year's conference is "MDA: Teaming for Global Missile Defense."

The conference will begin July 21 with a reception and opening program from 6 to 9 p.m. It will continue on the 22nd with information on MDA, its mission and procurement opportunities. The focus of the conference will be on the Missile Defense Agency Engineering and Support Services (MiDAESS) procurement, which includes service and support contracts. Lunch will be included as part of the second day's activities with breakout sessions conducted by the MDA functional offices that require contractor support under MiDAESS in the afternoon.

MDA's mission is to develop and progressively field a multilayered ballistic missile defense system to defend the United States, our deployed forces and our allies and friends against ballistic missiles of all ranges in all phases of flight. The small business conference is designed to assist contractors in being a part of that effort by doing business with the agency. With this year's conference concentrating on MiDAESS, information will be available for capable small and large businesses.

Cost for the conference is \$75 if registration is received before June 21 and \$100 thereafter. For registration and more information, go to <http://www.mdasmallbusiness.com/conference/>. On-site registration will also be offered on a space-available basis. Participation will be limited to the first 500 registrants.

For questions not answered by the web site, call Robert Sever, 256-955-4409 or Lorena Henderson, 256-4955-2885.

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