

NDIA Annual Acquisition Symposium

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Annual Acquisition Symposium will be held Jan. 14, 2013, at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans in New Orleans, La. This year's theme, "Framework for Success," includes subtopics such as "The Shrinking Environment and the Future of Defense Contractors: Sequestration and Budget Cuts," "Working Together in a Challenging Environment – EU/UK Procurement," and "Contract and Acquisition Management: Subcontracting Challenges." This year's event is expected to draw in members from all committees, top industry professionals, and government speakers and panelists to discuss current issues facing the defense industrial base and network on current challenges facing the acquisition and procurement community. For more information, contact Jennifer Sprinkel at jsprinkel@ndia.org or 703-247-2554. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3ACQ/Pages/default.aspx>.

NCMA Mid-Year Leadership Conference 2013

The National Contract Management Agency (NCMA) Mid-Year Leadership Conference will be held Jan. 18-19, 2013, at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. This conference is dedicated to inspiring participants to maintain the success of their NCMA chapter, network with peers and national leaders, and learn from others' experiences as chapter leaders. Mid-Year will cover the most critical aspects of chapter leadership, providing best practices and practical examples to help improve upon what NCMA leaders are already doing. Register online at <http://www.ncmahq.org/Events/conference.cfm?ItemNumber=13059&navItemNumber=10825>.

INCOSE International Workshop

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) will hold its International Workshop Jan. 26-29, 2013, at the Omni Hotel in Jacksonville, Fla. INCOSE's International Workshop is the event of the year for systems engineers to contribute to the state of the art. Unlike INCOSE's annual International Symposium and other conferences, IW 2013 hosts no paper, panel, or tutorial presentations. Instead, attendees spend four days working alongside fellow systems engineers who are there to make a difference. Systems engineers at all levels and from all backgrounds are encouraged to engage in working sessions, and contribute their knowledge and experience to take the discipline forward. IW 2013 facilitates working meetings for groups engaged in INCOSE's major projects and in international standards development, workshops to explore the systems engineering challenges in new sectors, opportunities for chapter leaders to meet and share best practices, support sessions to help participants get the most out of INCOSE's shared working environment, and a broad range of other techni-

cal meetings. Planned sessions and points of contact will be published as these become available. For more information, e-mail info@incose.org. Register online at <http://www.cvent.com/events/incose-international-workshop-2013/custom-37-754e33a102dc4d4fb17330d18778e4ea.aspx>.

2013 Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium

The 2013 Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS), sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Reliability Society – R, will be held Jan. 28-31, 2013, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Fla. This year's theme is "Reliability, the Key to a Better Bottom Line." RAMS is the premier event in the Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability engineering disciplines. Combining tutorials, presentations, continuing education units, certifications, and networking into one week-long program, RAMS delivers cutting-edge reliability and maintainability information to all technical industries. Register online at <http://rams.org/>.

24th Annual National Defense Industrial Association SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition

The 24th Annual National Defense Industrial Association Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Symposium & Exhibition will be held Jan. 28-30, 2013, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The theme of the 24th symposium will be "Persistent Engagement in the New Strategic Environment." This year's event will examine how special operations capabilities could be tailored to counter existing and potential national security challenges. As the United States rebalances its strategy to focus on the Asia-Pacific and Middle East areas, it will increase its reliance on the capabilities and capacity of existing allies and partners. This reliance, coupled with the strategic direction to employ innovative, low-cost, and small-footprint indirect approaches to prevent conflict, makes Special Operations Forces (SOF) a force of choice for the combatant commanders. Speakers will discuss how SOF can assist in building allied and partner nation capabilities. The symposium will also explore how SOF is addressing the change in focus from direct to indirect missions and the importance of interagency cooperation in an era of limited resources and fiscal constraints. For more information, contact Meredith Hawley at mhawley@ndia.org or 703-247-9476. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3880/Pages/default.aspx>.

2013 Tactical Wheeled Vehicles Conference

The 2013 Tactical Wheeled Vehicles Conference will be held Feb. 3-5, 2013, at the Monterey Conference Center in Monterey, Calif. The theme of the 2013 conference will be "Tactical Wheeled Vehicles – The Road Ahead." The conference

agenda and other details will be posted at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3530/Pages/default.aspx> in late November/early December, 2012. For more information, contact Angie R. DeKleine at adekleine@ndia.org or 703-247-2599.

NDIA Mastering Business Development Workshop

The National Defense Industrial Association is sponsoring a Mastering Business Development® Workshop Feb. 5-6, 2013, at the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel in Tampa, Fla. The Mastering Business Development® Workshop is an educational and professional development program that focuses on the thinking, process, and discipline required for professional business development. This 2-day workshop fosters participants' understanding of the core competencies required for success in the business development role.

Business development is primarily a relationship development and intelligence gathering process. Participants will learn how to leverage the principles of behavioral psychology to identify valid prospects and pipeline opportunities, effectively qualify them, and develop win-win business relationships for their organizations, their clients, and themselves. This interactive, participant-centered workshop introduces the MBDi Business Development Process®, with its early shaping Opportunity Identification & Qualification component and the MBDi HUMINT® Client Engagement Process. This Client Engagement Process guides participants through a series of planning phases and client engagement steps designed to change how participants think, behave, and engage prospects and clients within their business development role. For more information, contact Rebecca Danahy at rdanahy@ndia.org or 703-247-2561. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/307B/Pages/default.aspx>.

Logistics in Times of Crisis

The Association for Enterprise Information (AFEI) is sponsoring a Logistics in Times of Crisis seminar Feb. 5-7, 2013, in Savannah, Ga. Its theme will be "Optimizing Logistics and Supply Chain Effectiveness in Times of Crisis and Disasters." This seminar focuses on tools and methods logistics and supply chain professionals can use to optimize effectiveness in times of crisis and disasters. Advanced logistics and supply chain practitioners will increase their recognition and risk management skills, building resilience, and optimize organizational performance in times of crisis and disasters. It will bring industry, government, and academia together to examine how crisis situations are creating opportunities for optimizing logistics and supply chains, and the challenges of securing optimal solutions for logistics and supply chain participants. Four tracks will cover logistics in times of crisis topics in areas such as operating issues, contingency and risk management, small business capabilities, and models. At-

tendees range from supply chain management professionals and practitioners from profit and non-profit organizations to military logisticians and academicians. The seminar will be hosted by the Center for Advanced Logistics Management at Albany State University. This event will showcase and feature the contributions of logistics intermodal technology transfer as well as visioning and problem-solving. For more information, contact Tammy Kicker, tkicker@afei.org. Register online at <http://www.afei.org/events/3A08/Pages/default.aspx>.

2013 IEEE Conference on Reliability Science for Advanced Materials and Devices (RSAMD)

The 2013 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Conference on Reliability Science for Advanced Materials and Devices (RSAMD) will be held Feb. 24-25, 2013, at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center in Golden, Colo. Sponsored by the IEEE Reliability Society - R, the conference will provide a forum for academics, students, government, and industry professionals to collaborate on meeting the ever-increasing reliability challenges of advanced material and device systems. The conference will offer general tutorials in reliability science by practicing experts in the field, as well as focused oral and poster contributions. For more information, contact Carole Graas at cdgraas@miones.edu or 802-769-1214. Register online at <http://www.csmospace.com/events/rsamd/>.

2013 IEEE International Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Cognitive Methods in Situation Awareness and Decision Support (CogSIMA 2013)

The 2013 IEEE International Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Cognitive Methods in Situation Awareness and Decision Support (CogSIMA 2013) will be held Feb. 25-28, 2013, at the Embassy Suites San Diego Downtown in San Diego, Calif. Presentations will focus on:

- Cognitive situation theory
- Modeling of situations, events, goals, and actions
- Theories of situation perception, awareness, and human factors
- Models of situational learning, adaptation, and decision-support
- Theories of relevance and context
- Cognitive agents and collective behavior
- Spatial-temporal reasoning, reasoning about goals, intentions and actions.

For more information, contact Deidre Zeigler at d.zeigler@ieee.org or 732-465-6620. Register online at http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.htm?Conf_ID=21051.

29th Annual National Test & Evaluation Conference & Displays

The 29th Annual National Test & Evaluation (T&E) Conference will be held Feb. 25-28, 2013, at The Westin Charlotte in Charlotte, N.C. The theme for this year's conference will be "Assuring a Strong Defense in the Face of Austere Resources." Thoughtful, forward-looking T&E is a vital means to reduce acquisition life-cycle costs. In recent years, this conference has focused on how increased T&E efficiencies and productivity could be realized through cooperative integrated testing, design of experiments, modeling and simulation, early discovery of failure modes, better capital utilization, and keeping decision makers fully informed. The 29th Annual National Test & Evaluation Conference will focus on adapting T&E's vital defense role to serve an era of unprecedented challenges. Technical paper presentations will focus on executing the T&E mission to shape a post-conflict fighting force of the future resulting in thoughtful and creative consideration for existing and emerging threats. For more information, contact Laura Yuska at lyuska@ndia.org or 703-247-2596. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3910/Pages/default.aspx>.

NDIA Munitions Executive Summit & Advanced Planning Briefing to Industry

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Munitions Executive Summit (MES) & Advanced Planning Briefing to Industry (APBI) will be held Feb. 26-28, 2013, at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta Buckhead in Atlanta, Ga. The theme of the 2013 summit will be "Maintaining a Responsive Munitions Enterprise...Persevering in an Uncertain Landscape." This annual event will be attended by key leaders in the U.S. Government acquisition, program management, technology, and academia sectors. Likewise, industry leaders in the

U.S. Munitions Industrial Base will also participate in this executive forum. The purpose of this Munitions Executive Summit and APBI is to provide a meaningful interchange on the challenges confronting the U.S. Munitions enterprise.

Specifically, this MES and APBI will entail:

- Addressing the many challenges of maintaining a stable and responsive munitions enterprise in light of an uncertain DoD budget outlook;
- Exploring the industrial capabilities needed to service the nation's current and future warfighting capability;
- Developing a common understanding of the war readiness and modernization goals of the U.S. munitions enterprise; and
- Providing a thoughtful and meaningful discourse between all stakeholders on the critical factors that will shape the future munitions landscape.

For more information, contact Julie Veldkamp at jveldkamp@ndia.org or 703-247-2577. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/3650/Pages/default.aspx>.

2013 IEEE 15th International Symposium and Exhibition on Advanced Packaging Materials (APM)

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Components, Packaging and Manufacturing Technology Society will sponsor the 2013 IEEE 15th International Symposium and Exhibition on Advanced Packaging Materials (APM) Feb. 27 - March 1, 2013, at the Atrium Hotel in Irvine, Calif. Participants will learn about materials and processes for packaging the whole range of electronic and optoelectronic products. For more information, contact Sam Kari-kalan at samk@broadcom.com. Register online at <http://www.apm2013.org/>.