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## **IRM College Hosts Cloud Computing & Web 2.0 Cyber Security Solutions Symposia**

The Information Resources Management (IRM) College and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration)/DOD CIO are co-hosting two, upcoming symposia on the topics of "Cloud Computing" and "Web 2.0 Cyber Security Solutions." Both events will be held at the college's campus on Fort Lesley J. McNair (Washington DC waterfront), and are open to government, private sector, academic, and international attendees.

On Wednesday, July 15, 2009, the IRM College and DOD CIO will offer "The Cloud Computing Symposium." Cloud computing is the latest model of off-premises computing intended to increase capacity, enhance capabilities, and improve efficiency through virtual servers available over the internet. This one-day symposium will examine the utility of "cloud computing" from many angles and offer government IT executives insight into its promise and challenges. The full-day agenda includes a key-note speech by **Vivek Kundra, the nation's first Federal CIO**, and presentations by executives from Google, Lockheed Martin, OSD, IBM, HP, Gartner, TIBCO, NSA, NDU, and DISA. This symposium will feature a vendor fair and several opportunities for interactive participation by attendees. Topics include future cloud computing expectations, risks and challenges, lessons learned, and next steps. The college will broadcast live, streaming video of the conference. Registration is now open. Information on becoming a vendor and on how to register can be found at:

<http://www.ndu.edu/irmc/ilss/index.html>

On Thursday, September 24, 2009, the IRM College and DOD CIO will host the "Web 2.0 Cyber Security Solutions" symposium. The emergence of Web 2.0 has brought new challenges to the information space. Early World Wide Web challenges were largely technology oriented. The expansion into more "people oriented" applications has introduced new security challenges and complexities. This conference will focus on solutions for solving some of the complex security challenges in the arena of applications such as mash-ups, blogs, wikis, and virtual spaces. In conjunction with the September event, the college will be hosting its annual Academic Partner Open House, where more than 30 academic partners will be on hand to discuss their degree programs with interested

individuals who stop by their tables. Academic partners accept 9 to 15 credits toward Master's and Doctoral degree programs for successful graduates of IRM College certificate programs.

The IRM College, a critical component of The National Defense University, grew from a small IT school focused on technology and its applied uses in 1988, to a world-class graduate institution offering an array of programs with national and international influence. The college's certificates lay a strong foundation in critical information leadership topics, issues, and solutions. The IRM College fosters interagency and international collaboration and communication by providing learning opportunities for approximately 3,000 mid-to-high-level leaders across government annually.

The National Defense University is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education and national security education. The University is an accredited graduate-level institution that prepares military and civilian leaders from the United States and other countries to address national and international security challenges through multi-disciplinary educational and research programs, professional exchanges and outreach.

For more information, please visit the IRM College website:

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