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U.S. Army Official to Discuss Commercial Vehicle Platforms for Military Use at SAE 2011 Commercial Vehicle Congress

WARREN, Mich. – Mr. Paul Skalny, acting Executive Director of Product Development at TARDEC and the Director of TARDEC's National Automotive Center, will be moderating a panel discussion with industry and military leaders exploring how commercial vehicle platforms can be used for military and homeland security applications during the SAE 2011 Commercial Vehicle Congress on **Wed., Sept. 14th, at 9:45 a.m. at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill.**

The panel will discuss the effects of DOD budget constraints on military and homeland security vehicle requirements, and how integration of commercial vehicle base platforms for military applications can help bring vehicle technology to the market quicker and more economically. **“Although there are new budget constraints in the DOD, the government continues to conduct research and development on ground vehicle systems,”** said Skalny. **“We know government contracts have a significant economic impact on local communities where manufacturers and suppliers are located. Understanding the DOD’s changing priorities and requirements is vital to charting the right path forward.”**

Panel discussion members include:

- **Gary Schmiedel**, Executive Vice President, Technology, Oshkosh Corp.
- **Lennart Jonsson**, Executive Vice President and CTO, Eaton Corp.
- **Robert F. Combs**, Director, Military Applications, Allison Transmission
- **Brigadier General Michael A. Stone**, Asst. Adjutant General, Dept. of Military and Veteran Affairs, Joint Force Headquarters
- **Lieutenant Colonel Graham Compton**, Product Director for Non-Standard Vehicles.

The U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), located just north of Detroit in Warren, Mich., is the DOD's systems integrator for all manned and unmanned ground vehicles. TARDEC recently displayed its Future Tactical Truck System (FTTS), an Army concept truck; the Clandestine Extended Range Vehicle (CERV), a lightweight diesel-electric hybrid; and the Military Extreme Truck-Military Version (MXT-MV) a mid-sized vehicle between the Humvee and MRAP at the Chicago Auto Show in February.

If you would like to interview Paul Skalny about the panel discussion topic or any of TARDEC's research and development work in energy efficiency, power and mobility etc., please contact: **TARDEC PAO Bruce J. Huffman at 586.215.8763 or email at bruce.j.huffman.civ@mail.mil**

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