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## Military Officials to Address Security Concerns, Defense Role of Hybrid and Electric Trucks at Upcoming Forum

*Pentagon's Assistant Secretary of Defense, Army's National Automotive Center Director featured at 11<sup>th</sup> HTUF National Conference & Expo in Baltimore*

**U.S. ARMY DETROIT ARSENAL**, WARREN, Mich. – Two of the military's top energy professionals will address more than 800 expected attendees at the upcoming Hybrid Truck Users Forum 2011 National Conference & Expo ([www.htuf2011.org](http://www.htuf2011.org)) Oct. 12 in Baltimore. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs **Sharon E. Burke** and the U.S. Army's **Paul F. Skalny** will join an impressive array of high-level experts to address the world's largest gathering of advanced, clean high-efficiency truck and bus users, suppliers and makers.

For an assortment of reasons, the military is enthused about the potential benefits of hybrid-electric, electric and efficient vehicles. Leading that list of benefits is improved military capability through better energy performance including through increased range, endurance and efficiency. In addition, reducing fuel demand in military operations can cut the number of fuel convoys targeted by insurgents in combat zones.



Ms. Burke is the principal energy advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. A

renowned energy security expert, she will highlight critical economic and national security benefits of fuel-efficient fleets for commercial and military use.

“Assistant Secretary Burke’s participation is indicative of the serious commitment by the Secretary of Defense to have the military actively engaged in reducing energy consumption and increasing energy efficiency across platforms and facilities,” explained Skalny.

Skalny is employed at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) in Detroit. He is the Acting Executive Director of Product Development and Director of TARDEC’s National Automotive Center (NAC). The NAC was established in 1993 by the Secretary of the Army to serve as the Army focal point for the leveraging and development of dual-use automotive technologies and their application to military ground vehicles.

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“The United States leads the world in medium-duty and heavy-duty hybrid truck technology,” explained Brad McNett, NAC program manager for HTUF. “The HTUF conference allows you to learn about and experience – actually ride and drive – the latest hybrid trucks in one unique setting.”

Other scheduled speakers at HTUF include:

- **David Strickland** – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Administrator
- **Martin O’Malley** – Governor of Maryland
- **Margo Oge** – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Director of Office of Transportation and Air Quality

HTUF leads the nation in driving the production and use of medium- and heavy-duty electric, hybrid and high-efficiency trucks and buses. Founded by CALSTART and TARDEC, HTUF is operated by CALSTART under contract to the U.S. Army.

For more information on the HTUF conference, visit: [www.htuf2011.org](http://www.htuf2011.org)

## ABOUT TARDEC

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