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Ground Vehicle Engineering and Technology Symposium Sets the Stage for Collaboration, Military Technology Development

Call for technical papers being issued by the Engineering Society of Detroit

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI – In a push to leverage the most advanced ground vehicle systems research being pursued in the United States today, the National Defense Industrial Association’s (NDIA’s) Michigan chapter will host a three-day symposium in August that will serve as a gateway for public-private technology discussion and project development.

The 2010 Ground Vehicle Systems Engineering and Technology Symposium (GVSETS), taking place Aug. 17-19, will offer industry, government and academic organizations an opportunity to present technical papers and attend panel discussions likely to set the research and development (R&D) agenda for ground vehicle systems programs moving forward. This year’s conference theme is *GVSETS- Collaborating to Rapidly Provide Superior, Integrated Capabilities to Our Warfighters*.

Building on the success of last year’s inaugural symposium, the NDIA has expanded the 2010 conference venue to the Dearborn Hyatt Regency and enlisted eight major defense contractors to help sponsor the event including AM General LLC, BAE Systems, DRS Technologies, General Dynamics Corp., Lockheed Martin Corp., OshKosh Defense Corp., Raytheon Co. and Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC). The Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) and U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) will also be major participants at the conference.

"We want to build on what was started last year and provide a forum at which all of us involved in the Ground Systems Enterprise R&D can share ideas and focus on solutions to the challenges we face," TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek explained. "GVSETS provides organizations working within the military vehicle complex with access to expertise and information that will help them set program agendas and leverage R&D resources in ways that best address the tactical needs of our fighting men and women."

NDIA in collaboration with ESD will be issuing a call for technical papers in five technology arenas: Power and Energy; Robotic Systems; Modeling and Simulation, Testing and Validation; Systems Engineering; and Vehicle Electronics and Architecture.

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“GVSETS provides an important venue for government, academic and industry participants to present cutting-edge research, establish critical links between programs and establish a scientific foundation for pursuing current and future military technologies,” said Chuck Prikopa, GVSETS chairman and NDIA Michigan Chapter director. “We encourage any organization involved in ground vehicle technology development to consider submitting a technical paper and participating in this event.”

ABOUT TARDEC

Headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military automotive technology and serves as the Ground Systems Integrator for all DOD manned and unmanned ground vehicle systems. With roots dating back to the World War II era, TARDEC is a full life-cycle, systems engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons, equipment and vehicle systems. TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provides superior capabilities for Future Force integration. TARDEC's technical, scientific and engineering staff lead cutting-edge research and development in Ground Systems Survivability; Power and Mobility; Intelligent Ground Systems; Force Projection; and Vehicle Electronics and Architecture. TARDEC is a major research, development and engineering center for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) and partner in the TACOM LCMC.

ABOUT NDIA

The Michigan Chapter of NDIA was founded in 1918 and has more than 2,000 members from government, military and industry organizations. The Chapter is involved in a myriad of different activities that support all branches of the armed forces, local, state and federal government and the corporate entities that support war fighters, first responders and patriotic Americans.

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