

On Thursday, 21 JUN 2012 an industry day with industry and TARDEC's Ground System Survivability (GSS) will be held from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Eastern. Location of the industry day will be the Selfridge Air National Guard Base (SANGB) on Jefferson Ave., Harrison Township, MI 48045 in the Dining Facility, SANGB, Building 164, 43156 Wagner (off George Ave.), Harrison Township, MI 48045. This will be a forum to inform and discuss GSS FY12-18 program, budget, and acquisition strategies with industry, both small and large businesses as well as institutes of higher learning.

For those not familiar with TARDEC's GSS directorate, it seeks to identify, develop, and integrate technologies that will protect ground vehicle systems from a wide range of threats. GSS does this by using data, technology demonstrations, studies, models, situations, and performance evaluations. This allows GSS to provide soldiers and ground vehicle platforms with affordable and manufacturable survivability solutions against known and anticipated threats within specified programmatic requirements.

The GSS Industry Day is to provide industry with a projected path forward for GSS by briefing the most current Technology Focus Area Road Maps on hit avoidance, penetration avoidance, kill avoidance, and blast mitigation / vehicle occupant protection. All briefings will be DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. These areas are defined as;

hit avoidance - active and passive protection against tank fired projectiles, RPGs, ATGMs

penetration avoidance - armor/material solutions to counter IED/EFM

kill avoidance - fire suppression/protection, laser/vision protection

blast mitigation / vehicle occupant protection - seats, restraints, sensors

Providing visibility into the broad investment areas being made by Government will aid TARDEC GSS and industry subject matter experts (SME's) in determining industry's ability to provide potentially new and innovative solutions that could meet identified needs and requirements in the identified technology focus areas.

All attendees must be U.S. Citizens. No exceptions will be made for this event. Attendees will need to go to the TARDEC EVENTS website at <http://tardec.army.mil/events.aspx> and click on the event. Then complete and send the registration information form via email to [usarmy.detroit.rdecom.mbx.tardec-gss-industry-day@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detroit.rdecom.mbx.tardec-gss-industry-day@mail.mil) Each organization, defined as Industry Business Unit or Institute for Higher Learning, can send

up to 2 attendees with registration on a first come first serve basis to a maximum of 250 individuals. Please direct only questions regarding this registration process to Susan Rose-Vincent at 586-282-8876 or email us at [Susan.I.rose-vincent.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Susan.I.rose-vincent.ctr@mail.mil).

Industry day goals are as follows:

1. Increase industry awareness of who TARDEC GSS as an organization is and what GSS is responsible for;
2. Identify to industry current GSS / PM Needs/Requirements within each of the technology focus areas;
3. Identify potential partners who can provide the best solution to address a need or requirement;

The top-level agenda for this Industry Day forum is as follows:

1. GSS FY 12/13 Requirements / Program Overview
2. GSS Blast Mitigation / Vehicle Occupant Protection Technology Road Map
3. GSS Penetration Avoidance Technology Road Map
4. GSS Hit and Kill Avoidance Technology Road Map

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