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In-Depth Technical Discussions Conclude Inaugural Ground Vehicle Technology Symposium

TROY, Mich. — Before the first-ever Ground Vehicle Systems Engineering and Technology Symposium (GVSETS) ended today, planning was already underway for next year's event — and it will be even bigger.

GVSETS is all about collaborating and researching advanced technology opportunities and solutions for the Nation's warfighters. The National Defense Industrial Association's (NDIA's) Michigan Chapter hosted the event Aug. 18-20, along with the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), to attract defense industry, government, academic and military experts to the conference and mini-symposia.

A wide range of technical papers was presented at a variety of mini-symposia including:

- Modeling and Simulation, Testing and Validation
- Power and Energy
- Robotic Systems
- Vehicle Electronics and Architecture
- Survivability

“The first-ever GVSETS has been an unmitigated success,” exclaimed TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek. “Working with our partners in industry, academia and other government agencies, we've shared ideas and laid collaborative groundwork toward the warfighter's next generation of advanced ground vehicle systems.”

This year's event sold out quickly with limited seating of 750. The 2010 GVSETS is scheduled for August in Dearborn, Mich., and organizers anticipate an additional 250 attendees.

GVSETS was part of a very exciting engineering and technology week for TARDEC. On Monday, TARDEC hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Department of Defense's pioneering Ground Systems Power and Energy Laboratory. When completed, the eight-labs-in-one complex will have testing capabilities unlike any other facility in the world and will serve as the cornerstone for the Army's next generation of advanced ground vehicle power and energy solutions.



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TARDEC vehicles – including a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle – flank military robots during a simulated reconnaissance mission in the parking lot of the Marriott Hotel in Troy, Mich., for the NDIA Michigan Chapter GVSETS. The demonstration showed how robots can successfully disarm a roadside bomb in an urban setting. (U.S. Army TARDEC Photo by Liz Carnegie.)

TARDEC is the Nation's Ground Systems Enterprise to ensure U.S. Soldiers continue to be the best-equipped and most lethal, survivable and sustainable fighting force on Earth. For additional information or to schedule an interview, please contact Bill Dowell at (586) 574-5144, william.dowell2@us.army.mil or wdowell@brtrc.com or John Wray at (248) 310-7231 or jwray@brtrc.com.

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