



NCOIC Update to Members – April 2016



Test and Evaluation Service in Spotlight

NCOIC has created a concept paper for marketing its test and evaluation services. The paper outlines an operational concept using the Rapid Response Incubator (RRI) as an on-demand test environment to achieve specific objectives of a contracting business or agency. Services NCOIC might provide using the RRI in a Platform as a Service (PaaS) configuration include demonstration, verification, test and evaluation, range environment and emulation. For example, some member-companies have expressed the need for a non-certified cybersecurity test range to provide an environment for emulation of embedded software to undergo penetration, vulnerability and resiliency testing as a means to find and fix problems before undergoing more formal testing at a government cybersecurity test range. The consortium is now looking for member input, then will obtain approval from NCOIC leadership to proceed with developing the concept and processes needed to stand up the test and evaluation capability and market it as an NCOIC service.

Read What Leaders Said About Key Interoperability Challenges

New on the NCOIC website is an article on the February 9 executive panel discussion on interoperability and achieving mission success in a joint or coalition operation. “Interoperability is getting harder, not easier. There are more nations, more electronics and more security issues involved in how we protect our information — and the timelines are shorter, not longer. Things that we did in days, now have to be done literally in minutes,” Gen., USA (Ret) Paul Kern, senior counselor at The Cohen Group and former commanding general of the U.S. Army Material Command, told the crowd at the special session held in Arlington, Va. Go to http://www.ncoic.org/images/news/NCOIC-InteroperabilityPanel_2-2016.pdf to get the full write-up.

Next Interoperability Panel Set for July 13

The summer NCOIC Advisory Council and Board of Directors meeting will feature a panel discussion by senior leaders on "Interoperability: Addressing the Unknowns of Global Collaboration." The meeting will be held in Arlington, Va. on Wednesday, July 13. NCOIC members in the area are welcome to attend the late-afternoon panel presentation. Save the date and stay tuned for more information.

Interested in New Business Efforts?

NCOIC is working on several concepts to implement higher levels of interoperability within specific areas and domains. They include interoperability within healthcare on an international basis, partner communities of interest and a “registry” of interoperability approaches and capabilities. If you would like to help with these efforts, please contact ed.barger@ncoic.org or pat.ryan@ncoic.org.

Welcome New Member

Robert Malins, president and CEO of Eagle Summit Technology Associates, Inc., is a new member of NCOIC. His engineering consulting service is based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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