



NCOIC Invites Government, Industry to Join Forces in Quest for Interoperability

February meeting to address opportunities, challenges in cyber, ATM, cloud and other arenas

WASHINGTON - February 13, 2012 - The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium (NCOIC) today announced that its February 28th-March 1st plenary meeting will focus on the power that government-industry collaboration can bring to their shared quest of advancing interoperability for global militaries, emergency responders, air traffic managers (ATM) and other vital forces.

During the three-day plenary meeting NCOIC will host a series of business and technical discussions that bridge traditional government-industry boundaries and legally permit a high level of transparency between the two sectors. NCOIC invites government and industry to participate in this event at the Westin Tyson's Corner, in Falls Church, Virginia. Register at www.ncoic.org.

Government and industry experts will discuss the challenges and opportunities of interoperability in the context of federal budget cuts, cyber security, cloud computing, and the role of leveraging systems in a networked environment.

"Our government customers are concerned about shrinking budgets and they want industry to understand that funding will be withdrawn, in the absence of rapid program execution and adherence to cost factors," said Tip Slater, NCOIC's chief financial officer. "Government and industry desperately need new approaches and NCOIC will present two possibilities during the plenary meeting. One is leveraging systems in a network environment; the other is application of NCOIC's concept development and demonstration approaches."

Key plenary speakers are:

General Harald Kujat (Ret.), former chief-of-staff of the German armed forces; chairman of the NATO military committee from 2002-05.

Dr. Paul Kaminski, chairman and CEO, Technovation, Inc.; chairman of the Defense Science Board.

Lt. Gen. Harry D. Raduege, Jr. (U.S. Air Force, Ret.); chairman of Deloitte Center for Cyber Innovation.

Lt. Gen. Charlie Croom, Jr. (U.S. Air Force, Ret.); vice president of Cyber Security Solutions, Lockheed Martin Information Technology.

Dave Bottom, director of Enterprise Operations for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Captain Jay M. Chesnut, U.S. Navy director of Innovation and Technology for EUCOM/ SACEUR.

About NCOIC

The NCOIC provides industry focus on tools, processes and standards that enable interoperability.

NCOIC is an established forum developed IAW OMB A119 guidelines, which requires industry and government to openly and freely collaborate. The NCOIC focuses on interoperability in full compliance with all applicable laws regarding export control, anti-trust, taxation, government ethics rules, and others. Within this setting, government can engage industry in open dialogs that cannot be held so transparently elsewhere. Government can hear industry's consensus as well as its minority viewpoints; industry can gain insight about government's technical objectives. NCOIC is a not-for-profit international association established in 2004. www.NCOIC.org.

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