



Iowa-Illinois Chapter NEWSLETTER

June 2012

NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

It's been almost a year since the last newsletter. With the 2012 symposium and scholarships/awards now completed, it is now time to provide an update. By the way, your chapter succeeded again in being named a Model Chapter for 2011. We were one of only 14 Chapters of the 51 total NDIA Chapters to receive this award. That's 10 years now that we have been so honored.

Our now year old website continues to be our readily available portal for upcoming events and Chapter news. We continue to make the site as current on information as possible. Check the site out periodically to keep pace with our Chapter activities.

We hosted the 5th Annual "2012 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium" May 23th and 24th at the i-Wireless Center. This year our symposium was the anchor event upon which other events were linked. Rock Island Arsenal's Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center annual Industry Day and the Army Sustainment Command's (ASC) Advance Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI) were two major associated events integrated into the overall event period. The "We are the Market Place" theme this year genuinely embodied the opportunities being discussed by the various participants. We had another great turn-out with a total of more than 640 registered attendees as well as 103 exhibitors. Based on the success and feedback from last year's introduction of Matchmaking at our symposium, it was made a larger part of the program. Small businesses were able to schedule one-on-one sessions with represented large businesses such as John Deere, Booz Allen Hamilton, Lockheed Martin, Rockwell Collins, SupplyCore, Motorola Solutions, VSE Corporation, and many more (see the Matchmaking agenda for the symposium still on our website for a complete list). There were 92 distinct small businesses, 21 primes, with 395 separate appointments occurring during the course of the symposium. This was an improvement from last year with 64 distinct small business companies, and 11 primes. Survey feedback indicates the Matchmaking track remained a well-liked portion of the symposium; in fact, the overall symposium also received high marks once again.

The Joint Manufacturing Technology Center (JMTC) provided a series of informative industry briefings as well as bus tours from the i-wireless to the JMTC on Rock Island Arsenal.

As in prior years, the Chapter used this event to award the 2012-2013 IA-IL NDIA and Sargent Paul Fisher Scholarships to the recipients as well as Chapter LifeTime Achievement Awards. Some photos of the event and details of Scholarships/Awards are shared later in this newsletter.

Regarding the DOD STARBASE Program, the RIA Garrison submitted the application package in August 2011. Although there were some congressional plus-ups for this program, our submission may have missed the approval window. We understand that our package is in the queue and likely to be funded in the next wave of new STARBASE approvals. However, we recognized the overall funding situation at DOD, now and in the out years, and understand the emphasis will be more on sustaining the existing DOD STARBASEs than adding new ones. Nonetheless, the DOD STARBASE Program is one of several continuing government priority initiatives in support of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Mr. Steve Mapley, our Chapter board committee lead,

continues to be our Chapter representative to the Quad Cities Science and Engineering Council (QCSEC) and now also their Council president. Once again, our Chapter offered a STEM targeted scholarship through QCSEC; details are discussed in the Scholarship section of the website. The Chapter continues to keep the DOD STARBASE initiative on the screens of the local Congressmen - Congressman Loeb sack from IA and Congressman Schilling from IL, as well as Senator Durbin's office. We also actively support other STEM activities (e.g., Engineering Kids Camp, QC FIRST Elite robotics team and Davenport West's FIRST Tech Challenge Team).

NDIA continues its tremendous membership deal.....FREE, repeat F-R-E-E Government Employee 3 year Memberships! And it includes 12 issues each year of the National Defense magazine! Go to the NDIA website to the Membership & Chapters area and sign up now! I am glad to see folks continuing to take advantage of this offer as reflected by our total Chapter membership now exceeding 1100.

We really need more Chapter members to become actively involved in your Chapter's events/activities, to even include participation on the Board of Directors. Please step up and "Contact Us" on this website or contact any of the board members directly and become part of our Chapter support team.

//gbr//

George B Rivard
President

IA-IL CHAPTER HOSTS MIDWEST SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

As mentioned above, we hosted the 5th annual small business conference. . Presentations/briefings given during the conference may be viewed elsewhere on our IA-IL Chapter website, along with the list of attendees. Below are some photos from the event.



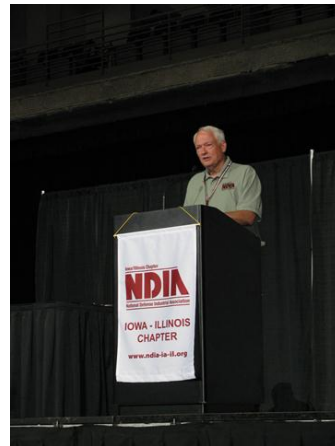
Ms Jane White and Ms Jan Masamoto ready the attendance badges and complete pre-conference preparations.



Chapter Board members pictured include Mr. Bob Radkiewicz, and Director, Mr. Jimmy Morgan, along with NDIA volunteer, Ms Jane White.



The formal opening ceremony included ribbon cutting by Maj.Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston, Commanding General of the US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) on Arsenal Island. She is flanked by local mayors and members of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce.



Mr Alan Wilson, our Master of Ceremonies and an IA-IL Chapter Director, once again kept the conference on track. Sharing the Master of Ceremonies duties again this year, we were honored to have Mr. Greg Wilson, Vista International Operations.



MG McQuiston, a keynote speaker, provides the State of Command introduction for the Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI), explaining ASC's reliance on contractor support.

Of particular symposium attendee interest was the Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise (EAGLE) update presentation, below, provided by Mr. Scott Welker, Deputy to the Commander, and Mr. Michael Hutchison, Executive Director for Army Contracting Command –Rock Island.



The large audience listens intently to the presenters.

Congressmen Bobby Schilling (left), 17th District in Illinois, and Dave Loeb sack, 2nd District in Iowa provide remarks and field questions from the seminar attendees.



More than 100 exhibitors encircled the main arena as well as the lobby areas outside the arena.



Wednesday evening of the Symposium was spent networking at the Modern Woodman Ballpark. Immediately below are Ms Joy Flemming and Ms Christine Witherspoon of Women in Defense (WID), a sponsor and supporting organization, handing out game and meal tickets to the Symposium attendees.



Networking in Action.



IA-IL CHAPTER AWARDS 2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIPS.

Complete details of our 2012-13 Scholarship Program recipients are in the scholarship section of our website. Pictured below are 9 of our 11 scholarship recipients that could make our formal presentation during our 2012 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium. Each was individually recognized with an award certificate and check.



Left to Right: George B Rivard, President, IA-IL Chapter, Garret Miner, Joshua Beal, Tyler Uhlenkamp, Jana Lincoln, Alexander Rinehart, Elizabeth Peck, Jacob Stolley, Alexander Brown, and Daisy Bower. (Recipients not present were Aaron VanDeCastele and Will Tollefson)

The remaining two scholarship recipients, unable to attend the above ceremony, were individually awarded their certificates and checks later. Photos are shown below.

Aaron VanDeCastele was presented his certificate at the John Deere Technology Innovation Center in Moline, where he is an engineering-intern. At right is Aaron being presented the scholarship award certificate and check by George B. Rivard, IA-IL Chapter President.



At right, Will Tollefson is pictured receiving his certificate from Mr. Alan J Prowse / Sr Director, Government Systems Sales & Business Development Operations at Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids. Alan is a director on the IA-IL Chapter board.



CHAPTER PRESENTS GREENBERG & SKIBBIE AWARDS

This year, two people were recognized for their lifetime contributions to National Defense. The awards were presented during the Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium. Ms Mary Adams was the recipient of the Paul Greenberg Award and Mr Jimmy Morgan received the Lawrence Skibbie Award.



Ms. Mary S. Adams was selected for the Paul Greenberg Award for her lifetime contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base.

Mary is currently a Supervisory Contracting Officer/Branch Chief in the Army Acquisition Center, managing \$835 million dollars in annual contracts. Mary started out 37 years ago as a clerk/typist. That alone is a great accomplishment!

Mary has spent much of her career as a Procuring Contracting Officer for numerous high level ammunition programs including the GOCO plants.

Mary instituted and advocated partnering relationships with all ammunition stakeholders — customers, ARDEC/PEO/JMC and other members of the technical community, other Services Command organizations, GOCO installations, higher headquarters and private contractors.

Mary has worked tirelessly with government organizations, higher headquarters and private contractors to resolve substantial/complex contracting problems with ammunition programs and to embed Best Value Contracting principals, Journey to Excellence, and disciplined decision-making and problem-solving principles in her everyday contracting processes.

Mr. Jimmy C. Morgan was selected for the Lawrence Skibbie Award for lifetime contributions to the national defense.

Mr. Morgan has over 42 years of experience and support to national defense. He started his Government career in 1970 as a cost estimator at the U.S. Army Weapons Command, Rock Island. In 1985 he entered the Senior Executive Service, as the Deputy for Procurement and Production, directing the multi-billion dollar procurement and production mission for the U.S Army Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command (AMCCOM) with directional authority over the integration and execution of AMCCOM's weapons, munitions, and chemical procurement elements at its three sites – Rock Island, Edgewood MD, and Dover, NJ . In 1995, Jim was named the site Director of the Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command' Logistics organization at Rock Island, retiring in 2002 after 32 years of government service.

He was hired by the Rock Island Arsenal Development Group as Program Director in 2004. Jim works with the local communities and businesses as well as the Congressional Delegation in Washington to secure funding and legislation to benefit the Rock Island Arsenal - a key role in the community's preparations in anticipation of future BRACs.