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Iowa-Illinois
Chapter

17th Annual Government Contracting Symposium

Vibrant Arena

1201 River Drive
Moline, IL 61265

June 2nd-3rd, 2026

<https://ndia-ia-il.org/symposium/>





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About the Symposium

The Iowa / Illinois Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is hosting the 17th Annual Midwest Government Contracting Symposium on Tuesday, June 2nd and Wednesday, June 3rd 2026 at Vibrant Arena in Moline, IL to give Defense Contractors working in our region valuable resources and opportunities in this field.

The world is a dangerous place – now more than ever. That is why our Symposium this year is centralized around the theme of Readiness Without Limits. In light of our current environment, readiness, planning, and logistics are increasingly more important, and industry needs to be able to step up and support those lines of effort. This year, our focus is to inform and connect industry with the proper Army and Air Force tenants at Rock Island Arsenal and Scott Air Force Base they can immediately support. Additionally, considering readiness, also includes resources for both industry and government to help ensure expeditious connections and better support for our nation’s most valuable asset – our warfighter. Whether it is in relation to defending the homeland or deterring imminent adversaries from creating emerging threats, it is important now more than ever for meaningful, concise, and mutually beneficial conversations between industry and government to happen.

NDIA will sponsor a two-day conference at Vibrant Arena in Moline, IL where we will bring in Veterans of the Defense Industry to discuss the current working environment and how our Defense Department is planning to sustain and grow the U.S. Industry Base, Supply Chain and Mission Command (and where industry can meet their needs). By attending, you will be receiving the latest information on hot topics in government contracting, Army, and Air Force Doctrine, as well as taking advantage of the chance to interact with key government and industry experts. You won’t want to miss this vital networking opportunity!





Regional Defense Ecosystem

Rock Island Arsenal (RIA)

Rock Island Arsenal hosts several key Army organizations focused on support in sustainment, logistics, contracting, and training across the force. Major tenants include:



Army Contracting Command



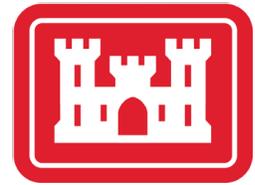
Army Sustainment Command



Joint Munitions Command



First Army



United States Army Corps of Engineers

RIA is also home to the **Rock Island Arsenal – Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (RIA-JMTC)**, a vertically integrated metal manufacturing facility. JMTC provides capabilities ranging from foundry operations to advanced manufacturing and supports hundreds of projects annually.

These commands and capabilities collectively contribute to Army readiness and offer important context for industry regarding logistics, sustainment, modernization, and manufacturing priorities. Their inclusion in the Symposium is intended to inform attendees and support dialogue, not promote or endorse any organization.





Regional Defense Ecosystem

Scott Air Force Base (Scott AFB)

Scott Air Force Base serves as a major hub for global transportation, mobility, and logistics operations. Major tenants include:



*Air Mobility
Command*



12th Air Force



*United States
Transportation
Command*



*US Army
Transportation
Command*

These organizations play central roles in enabling the movement of personnel and materiel worldwide. Their missions provide valuable insight into the broader defense logistics enterprise and help industry understand current challenges, priorities, and areas of alignment.

The Symposium features these commands to provide clarity on mission needs and encourage productive, professional discussion to support national defense objectives, without implying endorsement or solicitation.





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Registration and Pricing

Registration for NDIA's 17th Annual Government Contracting Symposium is now open for attendees and exhibitors. This two-day event will take place June 2nd and June 3rd, 2026, at the Vibrant Arena, located at 1201 River Drive in Moline, IL, 61265.

Admission

- General Admission: \$375
- General Admission for NDIA Members: \$325
- Government Employee: FREE, Government employees may purchase meals when registering at the Symposium: \$5 per breakfast, \$10 per lunch

Exhibitors

- Exhibit Booth & Registration for 1 Person: \$560
- Exhibit Booth & Registration for 1 Person with NDIA Membership: \$530
- Exhibit Booth & Registration for 2 Persons: \$770
- Exhibit Booth & Registration for 2 Persons with NDIA Membership: \$730

Networking Reception at Rock Island Arsenal Golf Course

- Tee time: 5:00 PM
- Golf Starts: 5:30 PM
- Food and beverages will be provided. Hosted bar
- Ticket to Attend: \$50 (Purchase at time of registration)
- Real ID, Real Driver's License, Passport, and/or CAC/PIV card required for access on base

Registration is per person. Refunds can be made up to 14 days before event. Tickets can be transferred.



Symposium General Pershing Sponsorship (1 Available) **\$10,000**

- (4) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)
- (4) Preferred Symposium Seating
- (4) Reception Tickets
- (4) Lunch Tickets
- (2) 8 x 10 Exhibit Space – use the exhibit space for your own organization or share with a small business partner(s)
- Hospitality Suite for private meetings upon prior request.
- Logo on Symposium Website and Symposium Program
- Opportunity for 15-minute company introduction before a speaker is introduced
- Retractable banner highlighting company right outside of Symposium sessions
- Logo on Retractable Banner at registration
- Lobby Video Showings Opportunities

Symposium Corporal Scott Sponsorship (1 Available) **\$10,000**

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- (4) Reception Tickets
- (4) Lunch Tickets
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- Hospitality Suite for private meetings upon prior request.
- Logo on Symposium Website and Symposium Program
- Preferred status in Speed Connect as Prime or Sub
- Retractable Banner with logo at Speed Connect event
- Logo on Retractable Banner at registration
- Lobby Video Showings Opportunities



Symposium General Rodman Sponsorship (1 Available) **\$10,000**

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- (4) Preferred Symposium Seating
 - (4) Reception Tickets
 - (4) Lunch Tickets
 - (2) 8 x 10 Exhibit Space – use the exhibit space for your own organization or share with a small business partner(s)
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 - Logo on Symposium Website and in Symposium Program
 - Preferred status in Speed Connect as Prime or Sub
 - Retractable Banner with logo at Speed Connect event
 - Logo on Retractable Banner at registration
 - Lobby Video Showings Opportunities

Symposium Golf Course Sponsorship (1 Available) **\$7,500**

- (2) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)
- (2) Preferred Symposium Seating
- (5) Reception Tickets
- (2) Lunch Tickets
- 8 x 10 Exhibit Space
- 5-10 Minutes at reception to introduce yourself
- Opportunity for 5-minute introduction before a speaker is introduced
- Signs and branding visible at reception
- Logo on Symposium Website and in Symposium Program
- Logo on Retractable Banner at registration
- Lobby Video Showings Opportunities
- 4 x 6 IA-IL Shaped Corrugated Sign with company logo identifying sponsorship at Reception



Symposium George Davenport Sponsorship (1 Available) \$5,000 each

- (3) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)
- (3) Preferred Symposium Seating
- (3) Reception Tickets
- (3) Lunch Tickets
- (1) 8x10 Booth
- 4 x 6 IA-IL Shaped Corrugated Sign with company logo on it identifying sponsorship
- Opportunity for 5-minute introduction before a speaker is introduced
- Logo on Retractable Banner at registration
- Logo on Symposium Website and in Symposium Program

Symposium Built by the Army - Tested on the Green Sponsorship (1 Available) \$5,000

- (3) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)
- (3) Preferred Symposium Seating
- (3) Reception Tickets
- (3) Lunch Tickets
- (1) 8x10 Booth
- 4 x 6 IA-IL Shaped Corrugated Sign with company logo on it identifying sponsorship
- Opportunity for 5-minute introduction before a speaker is introduced
- Logo on Retractable Banner at registration
- Logo on Symposium Website and in Symposium Program

Symposium Arsenal Island Sponsorship (1 Available) \$5,000

- (3) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)
- (3) Tickets to Reception
- (3) Lunch Tickets
- (1) 8 x 10 Exhibit Space
- Logo on NDIA Symposium Website
- Logo on cover of Symposium Program and a full page ad in Program
- Opportunity for 5-minute introduction before a speaker is introduced



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| <i>Symposium Registration Sponsorship</i> | <i>(1 Available)</i> | <i>\$5,000</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (3) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)• (3) Reception Tickets• (3) Lunch Tickets• (1) 8 x 10 Exhibit Space• Logo on lanyards and bags (can be provided to us ahead of time or done by us)• Opportunity for 5-minute introduction before a speaker is introduced• Logo on NDIA Symposium Website and in Symposium Program | | |
| <i>Symposium Podium Sponsorship</i> | <i>(2 Available)</i> | <i>\$2,500 Each</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (2) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)• (2) Reception Tickets• (2) Lunch Tickets• 8 x 10 Exhibit Space• Logo on NDIA Symposium Website and Symposium Program• Logo on Retractable Banner at registration• Ability to provide special items for the luncheon tables set by Vibrant Arena staff | | |
| <i>Symposium Tech Pitch Sponsorship</i> | <i>(5 Available)</i> | <i>\$2,000 Each</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (2) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)• (2) Tickets to Reception• (1) 8 x 10 Exhibit Space• Logo on NDIA Symposium Website and Symposium Program• Logo on Retractable Banner at registration• Lobby Video Showings Opportunities• Ability to welcome attendees to the lunch.• Ability to provide special items for the luncheon tables set by Vibrant Arena staff | | |



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| <i>Symposium Logistics Readiness Sponsorship</i> | <i>(2 Available)</i> | <i>\$2,000 Each</i> |
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| <i>Symposium Speed Connect Sponsorship</i> | <i>(5 Available)</i> | <i>\$2,000 Each</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tickets to Reception• (2) Lunch Tickets• Logo on NDIA Symposium Website and Symposium Program• Logo on Retractable Banner at registration• Preferred status in Speed Connect as Prime or Sub• Retractable Banner highlighting company at Speed Connect• (2) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor) | | |
| <i>Symposium Networking Opportunities Sponsorship</i> | <i>(6 Available)</i> | <i>\$1,000 Each</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (2) Symposium registrations (to be used as determined by sponsor)• (2) Reception Tickets• (2) Lunch Tickets• (1) 8 x 10 Exhibit Space• Logo on NDIA Symposium Website and Symposium Program• Logo on Retractable Banner at registration• 4 x 6 IA-IL Shaped Corrugated Sign with company logo identifying sponsorship at Networking area during Networking session | | |

Symposium Golf Hole Sponsorship

(9 Available)

\$500 Each

- 4 x 6 IA-IL Shaped Corrugated Sign with company logo identifying sponsorship at each golf hole at reception *Additional to attendance and/or sponsorship package*

Symposium Speaker Session Sponsorship

(TBD)

Varies

- Opportunity for professional development speakers to contribute their time or donate their session(s) through an in-kind sponsorship for Symposium

Symposium Opportunities Not Listed

(TBD)

\$1,000 each

- Our goal with this Symposium is to raise money toward STEM related scholarships, scholarships for military service members and their families, and to support the communities our military has a presence in within Iowa and the Western Illinois If you would like to sponsor in a way we do not have listed, please contact someone within our Chapter or the two point of contacts below to discuss any custom sponsorship packages





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***We look forward to seeing you at the
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