



17th Annual Midwest Government Contracting Symposium
"Readiness Without Limits"
DRAFT AGENDA

Vibrant Arena, Moline IL

Monday, 01 JUNE 2026 4-6PM

		Exhibitor Set Up & Early Registration	Lobby	
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Day 1 Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Time	Sub-Theme Focus	General Sessions	Speaker	Location
0630 - 0800		Registration & Light Breakfast		Lobby
0800 - 0810		Administrative Announcements/Call to Order	Mr. Logan Brincks Symposium Director, IA-IL Chapter, NDIA American Ordnance	Conference Center
0810 - 0820		Presentation of Colors	U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Color Guard	Conference Center
0820 - 0830		NDIA Welcome	Mrs. Brittney Benson President, IA-IL Chapter, NDIA Vista Innovative Solutions COL (R) John Muller Senior Vice President of Membership and NDIA Chapters	Conference Center
0835 - 0905	Commercial Diplomacy	Keynote: Quad Cities and the Arsenal's Community (and Commercial) Roots	Honorable U.S. Representative Eric Sorensen United States Representative, 17th District; Serves on House Armed Service Committee and House Agricultural Committee	Conference Center
		<p align="center"><i>Congressman Eric Sorensen's roles on the House Agricultural and Armed Services Committees allow him to effectively advocate for Western Illinois. With his exposure through his committees and the 17th Congressional District of Illinois, Congressman Sorensen is familiar with the industry centered in the area in addition to our warfighters known (and unknown) in the Quad Cities and Western Illinois. His insights on how the Arsenal truly impacts the Quad Cities and Western Illinois show how a healthy commercial/industrial base and the Arsenal have been working together for more than a century.</i></p>		



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0910 - 0955	Commercial Diplomacy	Session - Industry's Presence in Region	Moderator: Flint Znamenacek Panelists: COL (R) Shawn Creamer	Conference Center
		<i>Our NDIA Chapter's Vice President (Flint Znamenacek) moderates a panel with regional business leaders who have experience working with industry in the Quad Cities (in both Iowa and Illinois) and Rock Island Arsenal (through service and/or business dealings). COL (R) Shawn Creamer recently became the Executive Director of RIADA (Rock Island Arsenal Defense Alliance) and QCMI (Quad Cities Manufacturing Institute) after a long, decorated, and meaningful Army career with his career ending as the G3 of First Army at Rock Island Arsenal. Flint and his three panelists will be able to shed insights on what businesses (big and small) are seeing on a daily basis and where they can make</i>		
0955 - 1010		Networking Break / Exhibitor Time		Lobby
1010 - 1055	Commercial Diplomacy	Session - Industry's Presence on Base	Moderator: Mrs. Brittney Benson Panelists: Ms. Wendy Weiss, LTC (R) Karl Reuter, CW4 (R)	Conference Center
		<i>NDIA Chapter President Brittney Benson moderates a panel of on-site contractors with deep Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) expertise. Panelists include Wendy Weiss (IFB Solutions), who manages the RIA Base Supply Center and 4PL Warehouse; LTC (R) Karl Reuter (KBR), a LOGCAP prime contractor; and CW4 (R) Joshua Bruce (Amentum), supporting EAGLE and LOGCAP projects. This session offers non-traditional defense contractors a unique look at base operations and upcoming industrial base requirements.</i>		
1100 - 1130	Mobilization	Keynote - Clearing the Bench	Keynote: TBD	Conference Center
		<p align="center"><i>More information will be given soon.</i></p>		
1135 - 1235		LUNCH		Concourse - 2nd Floor
1135 - 1235	Mobilization	Session - Large Scale Mobilization and Competition for Resources	Moderator: COL (R) Shawn Creamer Panelists: TBD	Concourse - 2nd Floor
		<i>RIADA (Rock Island Arsenal Defense Alliance) and QCMI (Quad Cities Manufacturing Institute) Executive Director COL (R) Shawn Creamer will moderate a panel centered around one topic near and dear to the US Army's heart - Large Scale Mobilizations and what the Competition for the Resources supporting mobilizations will look. Discussions will be on what mobilizations & how they're planned for by the Army and the country, how industry can support First Army and ASC, and what everyone should be ready for.</i>		
1240 - 1310	Mobilization	Session - Organic Industrial Base Scaling to Need	COL Eloy Martinez Commander of JMTC RIA	Conference Center



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		<p><i>The Commander of JMTC-RIA (Joint Manufacturing Technology Center Rock Island Arsenal) COL Eloy Martinez will sharing insights on what an asset JMTC is for the US Army, US Armed Services, and Defense Industrial Base. As the largest GOGO (Government-Owned, Government-Operated) within the AOIB (Army Organic Industrial Base), COL Martinez and the experienced team supporting him at JMTC have a lot of unknown capabilities and expertise that will be shared in great detail. Additionally, COL Martinez will shed some light on how JMTC is proactively preparing to scale to our country's needs with the abundance of</i></p>		
1315 - 1415	Mobilization	Session - Industry Scaling to Need	<p>Moderator: Open</p> <p>Panelists: JMTC-RIA representatives including Mr. Jason Bachtal, TBD</p>	Conference Center
		<p><i>This panel will be discussing how industry is proactively preparing to scale with and without the US Government's support. Additive Manufacturing Expert Mr. Jason Bachtal, will participate in this panel. In this session, JMTC and OUSW A&S IBP/IBG (Office of Undersecretary of War Acquisition and Sustainment Industrial Base Policy/Industrial Base Growth) will shed insights on what they're seeing industry do right, how more industry can proactively engage with AOIB facilities like JMTC, and what industry needs in order</i></p>		
1415 - 1430		Networking Break / Exhibitor Time		Lobby
1430 - 1530	Mobilization	Session - State of Munitions	<p>Moderator: Logan Brincks</p> <p>Panelists: TBD</p>	Conference Center
		<p><i>A dedicated Board Director for our NDIA Chapter and our Symposium Chair Logan Brincks will lead a discussion with true industry experts in the field of munitions. These experts will shed insights into what the munitions industrial base is currently looking like, what munitions executives should be expecting to see, and how the munitions industry has been working with their government partners to always stay ready (in case rapid scaling is needed). We are currently in a volatile environment and this discussion will help clear any confusion that hinders warfighter readiness, force projection readiness, and our ability to set the theater if</i></p>		
1535 - 1605	Commercial Diplomacy	Session - Scott AFB 101	<p>Mr. William Seamon Air Mobility Command (AMC Blue) Military Industry Liaison Office (MILO) and Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) Director</p>	Conference Center
		<p><i>Mr. William Seamon, Military Industry Liaison Officer (MILO) and Small Business Programs Director for Air Mobility Command (AMC), will provide an overview of the mission requirements at Scott Air Force Base. This session explores how industry can support the installation's diverse mission sets, including Air Mobility Command, USTRANSCOM, SDDC, the 12th Air Task Force, 18th Air Force, and local National Guard units. Attendees will gain insight into the operational needs of these major tenants and identify specific opportunities for commercial partnership.</i></p>		
1500 - 1630		Speed Connect: Matchmaking		Concourse - 2nd Floor to the left
1630 - 1700		Awards/Scholarship Dinner	<p>Mrs. Brittney Benson Vice President, IA-IL Chapter, NDIA Vista Innovative Solutions</p> <p>Mr. Tod Scalf Rock Island Arsenal Deputy to Garrison Commander</p>	Heritage Hall (on Rock Island Arsenal)



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1700 - 2100		Reception		MWR Facilities (Lock and Dam Lounge, Rock Island Arsenal Golf Course)
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Day 2 Wednesday, 03 JUNE 2026

Time	Sub-Theme Topic	General Sessions	Speaker	Location
0630 - 0800		Networking, Registration & Light Breakfast		Lobby
0800 - 0805		Welcome/Introduction to Day 2	Mr. Logan Brink Symposium Director, IA-IL Chapter, NDIA American Ordnance	Conference Center
0810 - 0840	Setting the Theater	Keynote - ASC (Army Sustainment Command) 2028 Strategy	ASC Leadership Designee	Conference Center
		<i>ASC Leadership Designee will shed insight on the ASC 2028 Strategy and how it has changed the Army. ASC Leadership Designee will also shed some insights on how the ATI (Army Transformation Initiative) has changed and improved the Army's sustainment architecture.</i>		
0845 - 0945	Materiel Readiness	Session - Introduction to AUSA, LCS, NDTA, RIADA, QCMI, and NDIA HQ	Moderator: Brittney Benson Panelists: COL (R) Daniel Mitchell, Mr. Kyle Anderson, Mr. Sekhar Prabhakar, COL (R) Shawn Creamer, COL (R) John Muller.	Conference Center
		<i>NDIA Chapter President Brittney Benson will lead a discussion on partner organizations supporting industry and government needs at Rock Island Arsenal and Scott Air Force Base. Panelists include COL (R) Daniel Mitchell (AUSA Rock Island), the Executive Director of Leadership Council Southern Illinois, Sekhar Prabhakar (NDTA St. Louis/Scott AFB), COL (R) Shawn Creamer (RIADA/QCMI), and COL (R) John Muller (NDIA HQ). These leaders will introduce their organizations and discuss the resources available to support the defense industry and regional missions.</i>		
0945 - 1000		Networking Break/Exhibitor Time		Lobby
1000 - 1100	Setting the Theater/Materiel Readiness	Session - Rock Island Arsenal's role in a "System of Systems"	Moderator: Todd Prouty Panelists: ACC-RI, MDA & AMC Designees	Conference Center
		<i>Our NDIA Chapter's Membership Committee and Awards Committee Chair Todd Prouty will lead a discussion regarding what potential part tenants at Rock Island Arsenal could play in building the "System of Systems" designed to defend the Homeland. Army Contracting Command Rock Island (ACC-RI) Designee, MDA Designee, and AMC Designee will shed insights on what participation from the Arsenal could look like in a project of this magnitude and how industry can help support the Homeland.</i>		
1015 - 1030		Networking Break		Lobby



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1100 - 1130	Setting the Theater	Keynote - Logistical Readiness	USTRANSOM Leadership Designee	Conference Center
		<p><i>USTRANSOM Leadership Designee will discuss what logistical readiness looks like from those actually practicing the science of logistics. As a Joint Service Level Logistical Component of the United States Armed Forces, USTRANSOM at Scott Air Force Base plays a key component on things being moved CONUS (Continental United States) and OCONUS (Outside the Continental United States) for the US Military and our allies. USTRANSOM Leadership Designee will be able to highlight recent USTRANSOM success, what the logistical future looks like for the United States Armed Forces, and how industry can help support their mission.</i></p>		
1130 - 1230		LUNCH		Concourse - 2nd Floor
1130 - 1230	Commercial Diplomacy	Session - What is NDIA and why is it important?	<p>Moderator: COL (R) John Muller</p> <p>Panelists: NDIA Designees TBD</p>	Concourse - 2nd Floor
		<p><i>NDIA HQ Vice President of Membership and Chapters COL (R) John Muller breaks down policy matters important to NDIA Chapters and NDIA Members. COL (R) Muller will cover topics ranging from funding issues/cycles, legislation coming up, and governmental changes that our Membership is looking to hear.</i></p>		
1240 - 1310	Setting the Theater	Session - Who ACC-RIA Supports	ARTRANS Leadership Designee	Conference Center
		<p><i>Army Transportation Command (ARTRANS) Leadership Designee will shed some insight into what ARTRANS (formerly known as Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command - SDDC) is. ARTRANS Leadership Designee will also discuss the importance of Rock Island Arsenal has in ARTRANS overall operations, recent ARTRANS successes, the overall impact of ARTRANS' logistical footprint CONUS (within Continental United States) and OCONUS (Outside the Continental United States), and what industry can do to help support</i></p>		
1315 - 1345	Materiel Readiness	Keynote - How ACC-RI Supports the Organic Industrial Base	Designee of Army Contracting Command Rock Island (ACC-RI) Executive Director, TBD	Conference Center
		<p><i>Rock Island ACC-RI will be giving insights on how ACC-RI supports the OIB (Organic Industrial Base) and why it's so important. Since one of ACC-RI's main buying mission areas is supporting the MIB (Munitions Industrial Base), ACC-RI plays a very integral part in the ongoing OIB operations that support our Warfighter. Additionally, insight into ACC-RI priorities, what ACC-RI needs from external resources (industry and governmental organizations) for what's coming in the near future.</i></p>		
1400 - 1415		Networking Break		Lobby
1405 - 1600	Materiel Readiness	Tech Pitch/White Paper Presentations	<p>Host: Nicholas Santana</p> <p>Participants: First come first serve basis, participating commercial and governmental audience have shared their respective demand signals as well.</p>	Conference Center



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		<p><i>The Tech Pitch/White Paper session is geared towards bringing the unknown innovation in the area directly to governmental stakeholders at and around Rock Island Arsenal and Scott Air Force Base. With hidden gems like the Quad Cities Manufacturing Institute partnering universities, startup communities like Des Moines, Champaign-Urbana, and Cedar Rapids, our NDIA Chapter wants to showcase the innovation and ingenuity right in the Arsenal's backyard. This will help bring new technologies, solutions, products, and ideas directly to the Army and Air Force organizations supporting our nation's warfighter.</i></p>		
1600 - 1615	Commercial Diplomacy	Closing Remarks	<p>Mrs. Brittney Benson President, IA-IL Chapter, NDIA Vista Innovative Solutions</p> <p>Mr. Logan Brincks Symposium Director, IA-IL Chapter, NDIA American Ordnance</p>	
1700 - 2100		Networking Reception		Concourse - 2nd Floor
<p>Day 3 Thursday, 4 2026</p>				
TIME TBD	Non-NDIA Event (Sharing for Awareness)	EAGLE Advance Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI)	<p>For information on this event please follow updates on:</p> <p>https://sam.gov/opp/73bb6049a54040e59b1806d97e3a04f5/view</p>	