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DoD VIP Speakers Share Latest Technology Needs & Opportunities Coming Aug 4



[Huntsville, AL]: Coming to Huntsville this August 2-5, the **2016 TECH Summit** will provide some major business opportunities and information to small technology companies from all over the Tennessee Valley. This year's event is presented by TechRich (Technology Regional Innovation Cluster Huntsville), a division of the Women's Business Center of North Alabama (WBCNA), in a partnership with the Huntsville Association of Small Businesses in Advanced Technology (HASBAT),

Kicking off the week will be Huntsville's first ever "**Tech Tank**", a unique opportunity that will permit 40 small businesses the unique opportunity to present capability briefs to visiting federal Tech Scouts. Scouts include Science Advisors from 8 or 9 Combatant Commands (USARICOM, USEUCOM, USCENTCOM, USNORTHCOM, USSOCOM, USSOUTHCOM, USSTRATCOM and USTRANSCOM.) Although the deadline for small business Tech Tank applications was July 11, 2016, interested companies may still apply to participate in a "Meetup with the Scouts" that will feature a presentation on how to find technology requirements by representatives from the Defense Technology Information Center (DTIC). This free social will take place at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, 601 Genome Way NW, Huntsville, AL, from 5 to 7pm, on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

The culminating event of the week will be the **2016 Tech Summit: "Accelerating Technology"** forum, held at The Jackson Center on the HudsonAlpha campus, 6001 Moquin Drive NW, Huntsville, Alabama. This signature event will prove to be Huntsville's premier "technology discovery" event of 2016. A full day of small business education and networking activities will include an MDA Breakfast with the Prime Contractors and the "*Accelerating Technology*" forum.

One highlight of the “*Accelerating Technology*” forum includes two panels where the 8 Science Advisors from the DoD Combatant Commands and DTIC help small and large businesses alike discover emerging technology needs. Additional panels will feature speakers from the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Two prominent keynote speakers include **Cassius Butts, the SBA Region IV Regional Administrator** and **Mary Miller, Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering**. Then **Major General John Warton, the Commanding General of the Army’s Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM)**, will wrap up the event prior to a networking reception hosted by HASBAT.

Throughout the entire event, premium opportunities will exist for small businesses to network with the Tech Scouts, Prime Contractors and other technology businesses, as well as business resource providers such as TechRich, HASBAT, HudsonAlpha, and the UAH Small Business Development Center.

“We have never done anything like this before,” said Terry Griffin, TechRich Project Manager. *“At least five small business related opportunities will be presented across the four-day period.”* *One hidden feature, by invitation only, is called ‘Discover Huntsville.’* *On 3 August, VIPs and Tech Scouts will receive a series of lightning briefs from small business resource providers, universities, and tech transfer offices, as well as five technology demonstrations by local high tech small businesses.*

“DoD has poured a lot of effort into the creation of experimental Defense Innovation Units in the Silicon Valley and Boston in the last year,” said Griffin. *“We want our distinguished visitors and tech scouts to walk away with an understanding that we also have a well-established ‘Defense Innovation Unit’-call it the Huntsville ecosystem.”*

Advanced Registration tickets are now on sale for \$85, but tickets are going fast. All tickets include continental breakfast and a box lunch. [CLICK HERE to learn more & to register online for MDA Breakfast & 2016 Tech Summit.](#)



About TechRich:

TechRich is an acronym for Technology Regional Innovation Cluster Huntsville and is one of 14 Regional Innovation Clusters across the nation funded by the Small Business Administration. The mission of TechRich is to diversify the regional economy, sustain economic growth, create new jobs and firms, frame new initiatives to accelerate business growth, capitalize on the region’s defense and

space technology assets and to enable small businesses to pursue new and emerging markets. For more information about TechRich and their services, check out their web site at www.techrich.org.



About Small Business Administration (SBA):

Since its founding on July 30, 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses. SBA provides assistance primarily through its four programmatic functions: Access to Capital (Business Financing), Entrepreneurial Development (Education, Information, Technical Assistance & Training), Government Contracting (Federal Procurement), and Advocacy (Voice for Small Business). For more information, visit their web site at www.sba.gov.

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About HASBAT:

The mission of HASBAT's organization is to increase business opportunities for high technology small businesses in the Huntsville area. HASBAT, a non-profit organization, was founded in May 1993 by local small technology companies to represent and promote the views and interests of small businesses in advanced technology and to support the development of opportunities within the federal, state and/or local governments. For more information about their organization, visit their web site at www.hasbat.org

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