

DSTA Monthly Wrap Up

Scott Perry Serves as Guest Speaker at NBIA's 22nd International Conference on Business Incubation

Scott recently attended the NBIA's 22nd International Conference on Business Incubation in San Antonio, Texas as a guest speaker. The event featured an educational session, roundtable discussions and full-day pre-conference workshops focused on business incubation and economic development topics. The theme for this year's conference was *Innovation for a Strong Economy and Healthy Planet* and explored how incubation can have a positive effect on the environment in addition to spurring economic development across the globe.

DSTA Participates at IED 2008 Symposium and Expo

DSTA recently participated in the *IED 2008 Symposium and Expo* at the Crown Center in Fayetteville. The symposium and expo, put on by www.defensetradeshows.com along with The Lodestar Group, LLC, featured expert speakers covering topics on the Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's) and the challenges and threats they pose both internationally and domestically. Exhibitors and sponsors of the show consisted of those companies associated with the industries impacted or impacting the IED threat. The DSTA clients/affiliates who participated at the show included Net Centric Solutions, K3 Enterprises Inc., Olivia Tower & Machine, Applied Research Associates, Inc. and Strategic Solutions Unlimited, Inc.

PDI/DSTA Introductory Luncheon & Brief Held at NCSU

On May 19, 2008, PDI/DSTA hosted an Introductory Brief and Luncheon in order for invited guests to learn more about our collaborative work in the defense and security industry and the economic opportunity this sector affords all of North Carolina. The event was held at NCSU on Centennial Campus. There were over 30 guests in attendance from various sectors of the workforce industry, to include the DoD, the UNC System and various different technology companies. The briefing proved to be a very beneficial networking tool for PDI/DSTA as well as many of the attendees.

Congressman Robin Hayes Helps to Secure Funding for DSTA

Congressman Robin Hayes (NC-8) announced that the House passed the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009*, which contains critical projects that benefit Fort Bragg and the Fayetteville area. The comprehensive legislative that passed authorizes \$531.4 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. Additionally, the legislation authorizes \$70 billion in supplemental funding to support operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Global War on Terrorism for the first few months of Fiscal Year 2009.

In regards to support for Fayetteville Industry and Research and Development, Hayes helped in securing a \$3 million authorization earmark for the Partnership for Defense Innovation Wi-Fi Laboratory, continuing his strong support of the Defense Security Technology Accelerator in Fayetteville.

PDI/DSTA to Host Defense, Intelligence and Security Industry Task Force Meeting

The Defense and Security industry is an important emerging business cluster in North Carolina. The companies and entities that comprise the defense and security enterprise have unique and important workforce needs that entail science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, communication and teaming experience and clearance issues. PDI/DSTA is assisting with an effort to get direct input from local businesses, educators and entrepreneurs, to gain first hand insight on workforce needs, now and in the future, by hosting a Workforce Cluster Task Force Meeting. There will be a meeting held at the DSTA facility as well as the satellite office locations in Charlotte and Raleigh. For more information regarding dates and time, please contact Paige Ladd at 910-307-3005 or pladd@dstanc.org

DSTA Meet & Greet Breakfast

DSTA is having a Meet & Greet DSTA Breakfast on the morning of June 13th at 9 am. The event will take place in the large conference room at the PDI home office, located at 455 Ramsey Street in Fayetteville. We will be welcoming the new client and affiliate companies who have recently joined the DSTA program.

A large contributor to the success of this program has been the synergy created among the clients and affiliates of this organization. We are rapidly growing and developing new contacts within the industry; and, we would like everyone to utilize the time on the morning of June 13th to take advantage of meeting and learning about the new participants in the program.

Congressman Robin Hayes will host the Seventh Annual Defense Economic Development and Trade Show in Fayetteville, NC on August 11-12, 2008.

The *Seventh Annual Defense Economic Development and Trade Show* is held as a way to connect local businesses and industries with the military, defense corporations, and contractors. This forum also provides those companies in attendance an opportunity to interface with the Fort Bragg community. There is no cost to exhibit and have a booth space at the trade show, and the event is free for both vendors and attendees. The actual trade show and seminars on Tuesday are open to the public.

The event will be held at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Monday, the 11th will include a set-up time from 2 p.m.-5 p.m., a round of golf at Gates Four Country Club from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and a NC BBQ Dinner at Cape Fear BBQ from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, the 12th will be the actual Defense Trade Show, running from 9:15 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. Workshops and seminars will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

For questions regarding this event, please contact Paige Ladd at 910-307-3005 or pladd@dstanc.org