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The National Defense Transportation Association is a non-profit, non-political educational association committed to fostering partnerships between government, military and industry, and maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation, travel and distribution system in support of national security. There are over 9000 members in the association, comprised of both individual and corporate members. There are 60 plus chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, VA.



NDTA Revives the Concept of the Regional Conference - Pilot Event Set for Hershey, Pennsylvania 26 -27 June 2008

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In response to pressures that our industry faces and requests for additional program options from our membership, the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) has scheduled a Regional Forum in Hershey, Pennsylvania for 26 ~ 27 June 2008. The event is expected to draw significant attendance from the Atlantic area - home to corporate partners engaged in trucking, rail and shipping industries, DOD operational hubs, and several active chapters of the Association. NDTA's Washington DC and Central Pennsylvania Chapters will host the regional event.

"We are getting together to grow professionally as an organization, and to draw upon our strengths as we face tough challenges in the industry and move ahead," said Ken Wykle NDTA President, former Federal Highway Administrator and one-time Deputy Commander, US Transportation Command (TRANSCOM). Fuel increases and infrastructure shortfalls have been in the headlines lately, but those unfamiliar with the Defense Transportation System, which supports and sustains our country's warfighters and national security, may not be aware of new training requirements related to the Joint Deployment and Distribution Enterprise (JDDE) as developed through the United States Transportation Command.

A Work Shop series highlighting aspects of the JDDE will be offered. In cooperation with Penn State University/Harrisburg, Work Shop participants will be awarded Continuing Education Units (CEU) for each session they complete. CEU's measure the value of continuing education programs, and can be applied to various industries and services in both private and public sectors. In the workplace, an employer may find CEU's helpful in measuring an employee's occupational competency. Credited course topics include:

- *Network Optimization Planning*
- *Key Performance Metrics*
- *JDDE Relationship Management*

Senior leadership from military and government sectors will attend the Regional Forum. Speakers and special guests include: RADM Alan Thompson, USN, SC, Commander of NAVSUP and Chief of Supply Corps, LTG Robert Dail, USA, Director of Defense Logistics Agency and RADM Mark Hamitchek, USN, Director Strategy, Policy, Programs & Logistics TRANSCOM (invited). Mr. Ed Kelly (Invited), General Manager Office of Air Cargo Security, Transportation Sector Network Management - TSA plans to address, "Certified Cargo Screening Program," which mandate 100%, piece-level screening of cargo originating in the U.S. that is transported aboard passenger aircraft. Implementation is expected by August 2010. A spokesperson from Menlo Worldwide Logistics is expected to attend with updates on the DTCL initiative from an industry perspective.

NDTA members are well acquainted with NDTA's Annual Forum, which has been in place for over 60 years; events at the regional level, however, have not been available since the 1970's. The Atlantic Regional Forum in Hershey is modeled on the Annual Forum concept and offers the same key ingredients: professional programs, networking, and off sites. John Fasching, President of the Central PA Chapter, [co-host] explains, "Attendees are invited to the Defense Distribution Center - Susquehanna, for an operational tour, and Mr. Morrill Worcester, President of Wreaths Across America, will receive NDTA's Distinguished Service Award in thanks for his dedication to our Nation's heroes. Our Chapter joined his Wreath campaign last fall for a most rewarding experience" Sean Caulfield, President of NDTA's Washington DC Chapter [co-host] adds, "If the pilot event in Pennsylvania proves successful, the Regional concept may be repeated in other locations throughout the year.

Don't pass up this opportunity to combine a learning and networking experience with a chance to discover Hershey, Pennsylvania - America's Candy Capital. #####