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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.



The National Defense Transportation Association (NTA) Partners with Philadelphia Region Firms for Expanded Coverage of Upcoming Forum & Expo

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The National Defense Transportation Association (NTA) announces its partnership with the Delaware River Maritime Enterprise Council (DRMEC) and The Howland Group, Inc. (THG) to provide expanded communications coverage of its upcoming 61st Annual Forum & Expo. The event, which is NDTA's largest gathering of US Department of Defense transportation contractors, is scheduled for September 15 – 19 in Charleston, S.C.

NTA President Ken Wykle stated, "In the spirit of this year's "Better Together" theme, we are excited to partner with DRMEC and THG to provide our stakeholders complete coverage of our annual event." He added, "The week is full of important dialogue sessions, keynote speeches, the annual exhibition and special events. Our arrangement with DRMEC and THG enables us to offer all our members more timely and thorough event coverage even when they are unable to attend."

"The DRMEC-THG team has worked for many years towards the advancement of the collaborative business process. We have found that our success in the industry is largely due to this and look forward to partnering with NDTA to promote this unique idea," said Susan Howland, President and CEO of the Howland Group, Inc.

Joining the combined communications team assigned to the event are student and faculty members of Charleston College's Communications Department and NDTA Charleston Chapter representatives; the Charleston Chapter is one of the first to be established in the Association. The team will provide extensive event coverage, including a daily newsletter, press releases, daily email distributions, photos, digital video and more. All communications will be posted to a special section of DRMEC's web site dedicated to this year's forum and on the NDTA Home page at www.ndtahq.com/forum.htm. Forum attendees may also view this information online through an on-site Internet Café, sponsored by Panther Expedited, that will be open during Forum hours in Room #1 of the North Charleston Convention Center.

A Forum schedule is posted to NDTA's web site at www.ndtahq.com/Schedule.htm. Pre-event coverage will begin in late August.

About the Howland Group (THG) - For more than 20 years, the Howland Group, a certified woman-owned small business, has successfully provided a range of clients with professional consulting, project management and relationship-building services in the development and execution of innovative transportation strategies and solutions. Such work has included launching new business opportunities, forming long-term strategic partnerships and bringing about many important changes in the military and commercial transportation industry. THG has achieved success through its ability to build and maintain strong relations with industry, law enforcement, security and military experts and key decision-makers. The firm's ability to work with interdisciplinary professionals provides a unique advantage in its provision of cutting-edge knowledge and experience. Visit www.howlandgroupinc.com.

About the Delaware River Maritime Enterprise Council (DRMEC) - DRMEC is a Pennsylvania not-for-profit, which facilitates collaborative efforts to advance and

promote development of the Delaware River Marine Transportation System. DRMEC enables and promotes rapid technology transfer and collaboration among commercial, government, military and academic institutions for high speed, time sensitive commercial and military shippers and transporters. In addition, DRMEC leverages commercial transport and logistics assets to improve strategic mobility and informational capabilities for federal, state and local defense, law enforcement and other agencies, and conducts other activities related to the foregoing. Visit www.drmecc.org.