

Subject: NIDIA – BCC Fall Mega Conference // October 7th, 2016

Strategic Sourcing – Bringing Efficiency to DOD

Fellow NIDIA Members, this fall, we are honored to host the Tinker AFB Strategic Alternative Sourcing Program Office (SASPO) at our conference. Many times in our quest to bring more defense work to NE Indiana, we find ourselves scouring across the nation for opportunities, typically through FedBizOpps. SASPO is another office you should be engaged with.



SASPO, located within the Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC), optimizes the alternate sourcing process and leverages opportunities for resolution of obsolescence issues enterprise-wide. SASPO accomplishes this through two mission elements: Source Development and Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS). Bottom line, SASPO saves the government money by finding efficient, quality companies like yours to provide additional vendors for single source parts and help solve parts shortages across the Air Force. If you remember our Strategic Doing event this past May, this is the time to strategically TEAM to see if you can be the next SASPO industry client to help make our Air Force more efficient. Randy Harris, the Program Manager of SASPO and two of his teammates will be at our conference supporting both a presentation and interactive booth for Q&A.

And what about key note lunch speakers. Medal of Honor Recipient Sergeant Dakota L. Meyer, a United States Marine Corps veteran, – the military’s highest honor, and the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Into the Fire: A Firsthand Account of the Most Extraordinary Battle in the Afghan War* will be presenting to our combined annual luncheon group of Fort Wayne Base Community Council Members and Northeast Indiana Defense Industry Members. Dakota is also an entrepreneur, having founded a successful construction company in Kentucky. NIDIA exists to bring the best technology forward to warfighters like Dakota – this is a MUST attend event!



In addition, CONEXUS’s Rich Murphy will speak about his new supplier database, CONEXUS ICON – something each NIDIA member should consider registering with. Please sign up early for our combined NIDIA – BCC event but **NLT the 30th of September** via the link on the agenda slide. Our conference will be at IPFW in the International Ballroom!

On behalf of the NIDIA Board, see you there!

David L. Augustine

David L. Augustine, Chairman
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NIDIA BI-ANNUAL MEGA CONFERENCE

NIDIA/BCC ANNUAL LUNCHEON

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Thursday Oct 7th, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Lunch in the International Ballroom, IPFW Walb Student Union 2101 East Coliseum Blvd., Ft. Wayne 4

NIDIA MEGA CONFERENCE AGENDA	
Time	Event
0730	Registration and Breakfast Snacks Booths: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indiana PTAC 2. Matt Konkler – Tank & Automotive Command Bus Tour Sign-Up 3. CONEXUS ICON 4. SASPO
8:00 to 8:30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPFW Welcome, Chancellor Vicki Carwein • Col. David Augustine (Ret) NIDIA Chairman • Matt Konkler, TACOM/TARDEC Tour
8:30 to 9:30	Strategic Alternative Sourcing Program Office (SASPO)
9:30 to 9:45	<i>Break</i>
9:45 to 10:45	Strategic Alternative Sourcing Program Office (SASPO)
10:45 to 11:15	Conexus ICON – connecting Hoosier Suppliers!
11:15 to 11:30	<i>Break / Lunch</i>
11:30 to 12:00	National Anthem / BCC – NIDIA Opening Remarks / Lunch is Served
12:00 to 13:00	Lunch Speaker // Medal of Honor Recipient, Dakota Meyer, <i>Accountability and Achievement - taking advantage of the opportunities life presents!</i>

Register Today or No Later than Friday, September 30th, 2016 -- [Click Here to Register](#)

*The NIDIA Mega Conference is only open to NIDIA Members, Guests and the Steering Committee!
For the luncheon, BCC Guests will signup via their BCC website!*



The IPFW Campus is located at 2101 East Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. The NIDIA meeting will take place within the red oval area above. Please park in Parking Garage 2 (shown as P2 above) and park only in open parking areas (those not marked "A" areas, which are reserved for faculty and staff). Proceed to the International Ballroom in the adjacent Walb Student Union building.

