



# Ground Robotics Capabilities Conference & Exhibition

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***"Into the Hands of the Warfighters"***

**Grand Hyatt Hotel  
San Antonio, TX  
March 3-6, 2008**

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- Technical content
    - Bruce Donlin, Paul Korkemaz, and Mike Gitlen
  
  - NDIA logistics
    - Mike Dauth, Phyllis Edmonson and Alden Davidson
  
  - Held at Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, TX
    - Opens in February 2008 with three events
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## □ Major Planning Milestones

- 30 Aug Call for Technical Papers, Posters and Exhibits mailed
- 5 Oct - Technical Paper abstracts due  
- "Save The Date" email sent out
- 9 Nov - Notification of abstract approval  
- Those disapproved offered as posters
- 4 Dec Conference Brochure mailed
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## Suggested Keynotes

- Gen Cartwright  
(VCJCS) **RELAVENT?**
- Eric Mettala
- Congressional MBR /  
PSM **LEVIN?**
- Other?

## Suggested Guest Spkrs

- Mr. Dan Ahern
  - User from Theater
  - Discovery Channel  
Warbots
  - Industry Speaker
    - Bob Quinn (Foster-  
Miller)
    - Other? MICROSOFT  
ET AL?
    - JOHN COBRICKI (sp?)
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- Suggested Panels (Moderator + 4)
    - Choose two (1<sup>st</sup> two)
    - Warfighter Perspectives / Needs
      - J8 / SOUTHCOM / SOCOM / CENTCOM (2)
      - Ground Robotics Market Outlook/Oppts (2)
    - Issues/Challenges for Robotics Industry
    - Congressional Perspective
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## Working Sessions

- Suggested Topics
  - Robotics 101
  - *Small Business Issues*
  - *Combat Spt/Combat Service Spt*
  - CBR/NBC
  - Guidance Needs from OSD
  - *1st Responder Issues/Needs*
  - International Oppts/ Issues (ITAR)
  - Role of Robotics in DHS and other civil sectors
- Suggested Topics
  - University Issues/ Needs
  - JCIDS Req't Process
  - Technology Transfer Issues
  - OGA Issues/Needs
  - Standards
  - *Technology 'longpoles'*
  - *Interoperability*
  - Vehicle Demonstrations
  - Focus on Safety
  - Unmanned systems integration and C
  - *Human-Robotic Interface*



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## Notional Agenda

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## ☐ Monday, 3 March

5:00-6:30PM Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall

## ☐ Tuesday, 4 March

7:00 Cont. Breakfast/Registration

8:00 Opening Remarks

8:15 Keynote Speaker

9:00 Guest Speaker

9:30 Break in Exhibit Hall

10:00 OSD Ground Robotics Update

10:30 Keynote Panel – Warfighter Perspective / Needs

12:00 Lunch

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## □ **Tuesday, 4 March** (continued)

- 1:30-3:00 / **TRACK A** - Technical Paper Presentations  
3:30-5:00

**TRACK B** – Small Business Issues

**TRACK C** – Combat Spt/Combat Service Spt

**TRACK D** – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Issues / Needs

- 5:00-6:00 Reception in Exhibit Hall
  - 6:00-8:00 Banquet Dinner
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## □ **Wednesday, 5 March**

- 7:00 Continental Breakfast
  - 8:00 Opening Remarks
  - 8:15 Keynote Speaker
  - 9:00 Guest Speaker
  - 9:30 Break in Exhibit Hall
  - 10:00 Keynote Panel – Issues/Challenges for Robotics Industry
  - 12:00 Lunch
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## □ **Wednesday, 5 March** (continued)

- 1:30 – 3:00 / **TRACK E** - Technical Paper Presentations
- 3:30 – 5:00

**TRACK F** – Technology “Longpoles”

**TRACK G** – Interoperability

**TRACK H** – Human-Robotic Interface

- 4:00 Exhibits Close
  - 5:00 Adjourn for the day
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## Thursday, 6 March

7:00 Continental Breakfast

8:00 Opening Remarks

8:15 Keynote Speaker

9:00 Tracks B-D and F-H Working Sessions Results

11:30 Conference Wrap-up

12:00 Conference Adjourned

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## Administrative

- Hotel room block closes on 14 Feb

- 35% at per diem

- Attire

- Shirt & Tie (Industry)

- Uniform of the Day (Military)

- Registration Fees

- Gov't/Academia/Allied \$550

- Industry NDIA Member \$745

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**QUESTIONS?**

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