AMCOM industry event connects small businesses with prime contractors

The Aviation and Missile Command hosted the Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefings to Industry March 5-7 on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, and for the first time since 2020, the event did not include a virtual option.

AMCOM welcomed more than 600 registered attendees to the annual event. Organizer and Ombudsman Terri Schwierling said APBI is a forum for information exchange and discussions, which are best conducted face-to-face.

“This event provides small and large businesses an opportunity to hear what’s coming up regarding technology and potential contracts,” she said. “They can engage in networking discussions and understand where the Army is going.”

Schwierling said that in addition to the formal presentations and informal networking, small business attendees also benefit significantly from the matchmaking sessions.

Similar in concept to speed dating, APBI matchmaking facilitates connections and relationships by pairing small businesses with large corporations in 10-minute increments. Due to its popularity, this year’s event included 50% more opportunities, with the time block expanding from four hours...

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AMCOM leaders stress obsolescence, supply chain risks, partnerships during industry briefings

Leaders from throughout Team Redstone spoke directly to industry partners during the Advance Planning Briefings to Industry event held March 5-7 on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

APBI provides a forum for information exchange and discussion between industry, academia and government participants. It is also a platform for the more than 70 tenant agencies on the arsenal to forecast their anticipated acquisition needs and future opportunities.

Hosted by the Aviation and Missile Command, the three-day event featured 28 guest speakers who spoke directly to the theme: “Building partnerships to deliver ready combat formations.”

AMCOM Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O’Connor welcomed the more than 600 registered attendees to AMCOM headquarters. He said he looked forward to the transparent and open dialogues to resolve some of the problems he is currently facing, calling Redstone a “nexus of opportunity for business.”

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AMCOM talks supply chain resiliency, partnerships at aviation summit

Aviation and Missile Commander Maj. Gen. Tom O'Connor was one of the keynote speakers at the Military Aviation and Air Dominance Summit held Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in Huntsville, Alabama.

The annual event gathers experts and decision-makers from across the Department of Defense and industry to discuss initiatives and strategies needed to best equip and sustain the aviation force of the future. This year's summit focused on modernizing and enhancing military aviation platforms and systems to ensure air dominance for the future fight.

O'Connor spoke about supply chain resiliency, strengthening the defense industrial base and leveraging the organic industrial base through public-private partnerships.

"We all know we are in some challenging strategic times," he said. "We have challenges across the entire global supply chain, we have challenges in the geopolitical environment, and we have mounting U.S. national...

Commander discusses national defense industrial strategy with industry, academia partners

Joining O'Connor in a fireside chat at the event was former commander of the Army Materiel Command Paul Kern, who opened the informal discussion with his thoughts about the newly published Department of Defense National Defense Industrial Strategy.

Published Jan. 11, the strategy will guide the DoD’s engagement, policy development, and investment in the industrial base over the next three to five years. It also identifies challenges, solutions and risks of failure. Kern said the intent of the document is to ensure the commercial and...

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MG Thomas O'Connor
Commanding General
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command

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During this period, Parliament passed, and George III signed, the Boston Port Act, the Massachusetts Government Act, the Administration of Justice Act, and the Quartering Act, which the British referred to collectively as the Coercive Acts. One purpose of the new legislation was to punish the Massachusetts Bay Colony for the destruction of private property by the Sons of Liberty during the Boston Tea Party of 1773. The acts also were meant to rein in the increasingly rebellious actions of all those colonists opposed to Parliament’s direct efforts to tax the American seaboard colonies in 1765 and 1770. Separate from but within the same time frame, Parliament also passed the Quebec Act in order to settle issues regarding the governing of Britain’s new territory in formerly French Canada.

The mother country’s attempt to impose greater imperial authority over Massachusetts failed miserably. By the time details of the legislation reached the colonies, the Whigs (as the later Patriots were known originally) had lumped together the new laws into the “Intolerable Acts,” meant to destroy the colonies’ right to be governed and taxed by their own elected officials. According to this interpretation, the Parliamentary usurpers’ ultimate goal was to replace the colonists’ traditional English and natural rights with coercive controls based on the French model. Contrary to their intent, Parliament’s actions did not intimidate the colonists into greater submission to imperial authority. Instead, they aroused the colonies to unify in opposition to Parliament, leading to the convening of the First Continental Congress in September 1774.