Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium Doubles in Size

During its first six months of operation, the Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium (NCOIC) has grown from 28 to 62 members, more than doubling its size.

Formed in August 2004, the NCOIC is committed to creating an industry approach to a common technical framework that enables all systems to participate in a global networked environment. Today more than 250 employees from this coalition are working on behalf of the NCOIC, and the first elements of this technical framework are expected to be available later this year.

The newest NCOIC members are: AeroVironment, Inc.; Alcatel Government Solutions; Argon ST; Ball Solutions Group; Bay Microsystems; Camber Corporation; Ciena Government Solutions; Cryptek, Inc.; EDISOFT S.A; EFW Inc.; Engenio Information Technologies; FlightSafety International; Harris Corporation; Innovative Concepts, Inc.; Israel Aircraft Industries; ITT Industries; Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; Marconi Communications Federal, Inc.; MBL International, Ltd.; McDonald Bradley, Inc.; MITRE; Motorola, PTC; Real-time Innovations, Inc.; Rheinmetall Defence Electronics GmbH; RUAG Electronics; Sikorsky Aircraft ; Software Engineering Institute/Carnegie Mellon University; SPARTA, Inc.; SuprTEK; Terma A/S; Wakelight Technologies; West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation; and Wind River Systems.

"These new members bring a broader, deeper perspective to our global collaboration between industry and government," said Carl O'Berry, chairman of the Executive Council of the NCOIC. "The support and dedication of these forward-looking participants will accelerate our efforts to profoundly change the way we use network technology in both the military and commercial marketplaces."

About the NCOIC

The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium (NCOIC) is a not-for-profit international entity that is committed to convening members of industry to integrate existing and emerging open standards into a common evolving global framework that employs a common set of principles and processes to assist with the rapid global deployment of network-centric applications. Established in 2004, the NCOIC consists of industry representatives from defense companies, large-scale systems integrators, information technology providers, and academia working in concert with advisory bodies consisting of government officials, standards groups and other stakeholders. For more information, visit www.NCOIC.org

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