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ATTACK THE NETWORK — DEFEAT THE DEVICE — TRAIN THE FORCE

Philadelphia technology conference a venue for counter-IED solutions

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Washington, D.C. — Scientists, engineers and subject-matter experts from the U.S. government, national laboratories, academia and industry are invited to attend the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization's Technology Outreach Conference from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 5 in Philadelphia.

The event is co-hosted by Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. and Lt. Gen. Michael D. Barbero, JIEDDO director. The JTOC, as it is called, is designed to offer counter-IED solution providers an opportunity to interact directly with JIEDDO leadership, program integrators and scientists to tackle the complex engineering challenges of defeating improvised explosive devices as a weapon of strategic influence.

The senator and director are scheduled to deliver a 30-minute "Counter-IED Senior Leader Perspective" panel.

The day-long conference, held at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, at 315 Chestnut St., provides a forum for JIEDDO to describe the current operating environment and identify research and development capability gaps to support urgent warfighter needs. Discussions and presentations will be focused on technology solutions and partnerships.

Attendees will be given an introduction to the current state of counter-IED capabilities and the rapid acquisition process available to identify emerging technologies. They will also learn about current and future counter-IED requirements. JIEDDO scientists will give a presentation on four of the research and development capability gaps: detection, pre-detonation, homemade explosives and counter-device.

The JTOC is comprised of two key elements: a general session and private meetings. The cost of the conference will cover food and beverages.

The conference will be an opportunity to exchange innovative ideas as well as to have proprietary discussions with JIEDDO during the solution-focused private meetings.

All participants are required to register with rsvp@casey.senate.gov. Indicate any request for a proprietary meeting when registering. For more details, contact Sen. Casey's office at 215-405-9660.

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