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From the Executive Director:

The defense industry has a shared mission of protecting our nation and supporting our men and women in uniform. Defense Innovation Days is an opportunity to showcase the latest technologies, share best practices with a focus on collaboration to advance mission critical priorities of our military, and increase access to opportunity and economic growth for business. Read more about our Defense Innovation Days 2022 event below.

Best,
Molly Donohue Magee

Defense Innovation Days 2022

Defense Innovation Days 2022 was held in Newport, RI on 29-31 August. On the agenda were some of the nation's most influential voices on national security and defense, including Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Senator Jack Reed, Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, and Chief of Naval Research RADM Lorin Selby.

The event serves as an opportunity for defense companies, both small and large, to gain insights into how they can more effectively compete for defense contracts, access resources to spur innovation, build a talent pipeline that will fuel their growth, and highlight their innovative technology.

Among the key takeaways from Defense Innovation Days 2022 are:

- The U.S. needs to accelerate innovation and scale up solutions. Investment in robust research and development is an essential piece of this strategy.
- Government is increasingly looking to and relying on industry to help solve problems, and to break down barriers for those looking to do business with government agencies. We need to get better about sharing best practices and making it easier to collaborate.
- People are our most important resource in defense. We must prioritize workforce development and support for the existing workforce. We must also recognize that the future of work is changing, so industry must be nimbler and more flexible in meeting the needs of workers.
- We must innovate in how we do business, accelerate technology, and build the workforce for today and tomorrow.

Presentations from Defense Innovation Days 2022 can be found [here](#). Videos of the presentations will be posted on our website in the near future.

Save the Date: Defense Innovation Days 2023 will be held 28-30 August 2023 at the Marriott Newport, RI. Sponsorship opportunities and registration will open in January 2023.

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