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2009 NAITA Defense Trade Series: Australia Defense Industry Briefing

Thursday • February 19, 2009 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

at Westar Aerospace & Defense Group-QinetiQ North America

890 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville, AL 35806

NAITA presents the 2009 NAITA Defense Trade Series, kicking off with a detailed program on working with one of our closest allies. The Australia-U.S. relationship is strong, especially when it comes to defense. **Please join us for an interactive discussion of the Australia Defense Industry presented by NAITA**, in conjunction with the Alabama Development Office and the Export Alabama Alliance, and sponsored by the Alabama International Trade Center. This half-day seminar will highlight the Australian defense procurement environment, the Defense Capability Plan, which includes Australia's major procurements, and address the current state of the U.S.-Australia Treaty on Defense Trade Cooperation signed in September 2007. The Treaty is expected to enhance defense cooperation by facilitating the exchange of defense goods, services, and information between the two countries. The Treaty will reduce requirements for individual government approval for exports of most defense articles when in support of specific programs and projects. It will also help further strengthen and deepen the effort between our respective defense establishments and leverage the strength of our defense industries in direct support of our armed forces.

Speakers for this event are **Michael Garrety, Defence Materiel Attaché, and his colleague Aurelio Azpiazu, Defence Industry Advisor to Counsellor, Defence Materiel, Australian Department of Defense, Embassy of Australia in Washington**. Mr. Garrety and Mr. Azpiazu will discuss existing relationships between Australian and U.S. companies, such as that of Austal partnering with General Dynamics. They will describe the Australian budget and process, their role in the Embassy, and opportunities for two-way trade. *A conference room is available immediately following the briefing for more detailed one-on-one discussions.*

Michael Garrety is the Defence Materiel Attaché at the Embassy of Australia. This branch is the North American shopfront for materiel acquisition and support policy, Australian project offices, foreign military sales, commercial procurement, freight and Australian defence industry. Michael has had over 24 years with the Australian Department of Defence. Aurelio Azpiazu, has more than 30 years of international technology assessment and marketing expertise. He spent more than 16 years with the U.S. Department of Defense, leaving that appointment as the first Director for Industrial Cooperation with Australia. He was asked to return to the Embassy of Australia post after nearly 20 years and develop new directions for defence technology and industrial cooperation with Australian firms.

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