



59th DEFENSE WORKING GROUP ON NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING



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FROM: Chairperson, Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing
TO: All Commanders, U.S. Government Agencies and their Nondestructive Testing Representatives

Subject: FIRST CALL FOR PROBLEM AND/OR TECHNICAL PAPERS FOR THE 59th DEFENSE WORKING GROUP ON NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING (DWGNDT)

1. The 59th Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing (DWGNDT) is hosted this year by the United States Army Aviation Logistics School (USAALS), Fort Eustis, Virginia and will be held from 6-8 December 2011 at the Kingsmill Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia.
2. The DWGNDT is an annual meeting of engineers, scientists, technicians and managers from all Commands and U.S. Government activities who have the responsibility for development or application of NDT methods in research, engineering, maintenance, and quality assurance. It is hosted alternately by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Defense Contract Management Agency and has been found to serve as an excellent vehicle for the exchange of information (problem solving and new technology) among all activities. This exchange has proven to be a cost effective way of avoiding duplication of effort and providing ready access throughout all U.S. Government activities for information. It is therefore requested that the widest possible distribution be given to this "Call for Papers". Reproduction and dissemination of this "Call for Papers" is encouraged.
3. The Working Group is restricted to U.S. military, government civilian and government contract personnel under the direct control of a military or government civilian. Identification will be required. Non-government organizations, however, which are performing specific NDT/NDI/NDE projects, are invited to present technical and/or problem papers. Only those projects that are government funded, sponsored by an active U.S. military or government civilian employee, and approved by the Steering Committee will be allowed. Typically, non-government presenters are not allowed to attend any other portion of the working group sessions and shall be restricted from the working group session area. However, the full Wednesday session of this year's working group will be open to non-government presenters and other personnel that support DoD NDT. Please, U.S. Citizens only. Photo ID will be required for non-government personnel that have pre-registered and presented themselves for admittance.
4. The Defense Materiel Readiness Board, in its 2010 report to Congress, indicated their concern how higher operations tempo has increased maintenance requirements and is rapidly consuming the service life of all fleets. In 2011, the Chief of Naval Operations placed additional emphasis on maintenance to protect our in-service assets. The focus on extending useful life-cycle operations of all military assets and equipment is shared by all services and branches of the Federal Government. It is essential for maintenance personnel across the services to identify critical repair efforts and share "lessons learned" on similar platforms. The DWGNDT provides a means for NDT personnel and their QA counterparts to interact with each other, collaborate on NDT procedural and process issues, and solve maintenance related issues. Maintenance

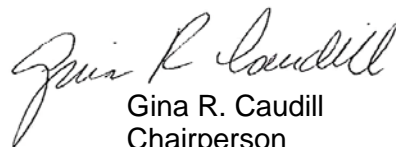
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Officers, QAO's and NDT Examiners are strongly encouraged to support attendance of their critical maintenance personnel.

5. The DWGNDT Steering Committee requests that you consider presenting a technical paper and/or an NDT problem paper that may be helpful to the representatives of the NDT/NDI community who will attend this year's meeting. **In an attempt to return to our roots, the DWGNDT is focusing efforts on problem solving at this year's meeting.** We are actively looking for inspection problems with the goal of providing NDT input and solutions from our knowledgeable members. Please consider presenting a problem paper to the general membership. However, if a specific problem paper will not fill a 20-30 minute time-slot, it can still be submitted to the Steering Committee for inclusion in the "**Problem Solving Session**" for discussion and possible resolution. Either way, getting your NDT problem exposed to our members is the most effective way to gather useful information, contacts and ultimately solutions.

6. Please email abstracts for technical and/or problem papers that you are interested in presenting at the main body of the sessions to the DWG Speaker Coordinator, AMC (AW) Adam Abbott at adam.w.abbott@navy.mil. You may also contact Adam at (619) 545-1976. Abstracts must be received no later than September 3, 2011 in order to be considered by the Steering Committee for inclusion into the 2011 meeting program. The format for problem and technical paper abstracts is included on our web page at <http://www.dwgndt.org>. Submitters will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their paper by mail no later than September 20, 2011.

7. Enhanced participation can be gained through membership on the Defense Working Group Steering Committee. Individuals interested in a nomination for a seat on the Steering Committee must obtain financial support (two working group planning meetings plus the actual event of the DWGNDT session per year for two years) from their individual agency and submit written evidence of this command support prior to the working group session. Due to the rotation cycle of the committee a new member for each service is required annually. Please submit your nomination early. For the steering committee member duties and support form please refer to our web site at <http://www.dwgndt.org>. For letters of command support for Steering Committee membership please contact Karen L. Bruer, kbruer@ameebay.com 757-763-9025.



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