



**CDCA Strategic Business and Industry Outreach
Initiative (SBIOI) Symposium
October 14-15, 2026**

AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday 14 October 2026

- 09:00 Mr. Peter Woodhull, President, Charleston Defense Contractors Association
"CDCA Welcome and Opening Remarks"
- 09:15 Mr. Jared Mathey, Chair, CDCA Events - SBIOI Committee
"Introduction of Agenda and Speakers"
- 09:20 Col. K. Michael Shirley II, Commander, Joint Base Lindsey Graham and 628th Air Base Wing
Col. Patrick McClintock, Commander, 437th Airlift Wing
"Introduction and State of the Base"
- 09:40 Q&A Session
- 09:50 Mr. Merle Johnson, Executive Director, Charleston County Economic Development
- 10:20 Q&A Session
- 10:30 Coffee, Cookies, and Connections Networking Break
- 10:45 Mr. Greg Lancaster, SES, Executive Director, NIWC Atlantic
"Introduction and Command Update"
- 11:10 Q&A Session
- 11:15 NIWC Atlantic Department Head Panel
Panelists: Department Heads and 5.0 SME, NIWC Atlantic
Moderator: Captain G. Reed Koepp II (Retired)
- 11:45 Q&A Session
- 12:00 Lunch (Buffet)
Complimentary for all SBIOI attendees / pick up lunch in the lobby and be seated in ballroom.
- 1:00 Mr. Peter Tascione, Joint Base Innovation Officer, Palmetto Spark, 628th Air Base Wing, Joint Base Lindsey Graham
"SBIR/STTR Program Update"
- 1:30 Q&A Session
- 1:40 Mr. Jim Stritzinger, Director, South Carolina Broadband Office
- 2:00 Q&A Session
- 2:10 Refresh & Reconnect Networking Break
- 2:30 Ms. Kim Vallone, Small Business Professional, Portfolio Acquisition Executive Shore Infrastructure (PAE SI),
Department of the Navy
- 2:50 Q&A Session
- 3:00 Ms. Pat Tyre, Board of Director, PMI Charleston, SC Chapter
- 3:20 Q&A Session
- 3:30 Captain Matthew Kempe, Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Base Charleston

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- 3:50 Q&A Session
- 4:00 Mr. Andrew Germuth, Co-Chair, CDCA Events - SBIOI Committee
"Closing Remarks and Announcements"
- 4:00 – 6:00 PM 75th SBIOI Reception hosted by CDCA, Ballroom lobby

Day 2: Thursday, 15 October 2026

- 08:30 Mr. Jared Mathey, Chair, CDCA Events - SBIOI Committee
"Introduction of Agenda and Speakers"
- 09:05 NIWC Contract Updates, 2.0, NIWC Atlantic
- 09:35 Q&A Session
- 09:45 Mr. Ernest Andrade, Founder and Executive Director, Charleston Digital
- 10:05 Q&A Session
- 10:15 Coffee & Networking Break
- 10:45 Mr. Robert Regal, Forecasting Assessment and Transition Manager, NIWC Atlantic
"Quantum Update & Industry Opportunities"
- 11:15 Q&A Session
- 11:25 Mr. Matt Lane, Program Management Lead, Expeditionary Warfare Department, NIWC Atlantic
Mr. Toby Straight, Expeditionary Intelligence and Command and Control Division Head, Expeditionary Warfare Department, NIWC Atlantic
"SOSNIE 2026 Recap & Overview of Industry Opportunities for 2027"
- 12:05 Q&A Session
- 12:15 Mr. Andrew Germuth, Co-Chair, CDCA Events - SBIOI Committee
"Closing Remarks and Announcements"



Use our Q&A app, Vevox, via browser @ www.vevox.com (75th CDCA SBIOI; Session ID: 110-502-344) or scan the QR Code to submit questions for the presenters and to complete the 75th SBIOI Survey.

Today's Presentations:

- All briefs will be available at the CDCA website: https://charlestandca.org/page/events_sbioi_75

Please contact the CDCA at sbioi@charlestandca.org if you have any questions, need assistance registering or would like to become a member of the CDCA.

*Thank you for attending our SBIOI.
~ CDCA Events and Engagements Committee*

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