UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

Platforms, Payloads, and Opportunities

Experts from OUSD/ATL, USAF UAVBL, Navy PEO-W, TUAV PO, Army UAV TPIO, JTIC, Army AATD, Army PEO-IEWS, CECOM, OPNAV N632, DARPA TTO, USMCSC, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman Ryan, Motorola, AAI, L-3 Communications, Aurora, APTI, AAS, Mercury, and RTI examine...

- DOD, Navy/Army/USAF Needs, Initiatives, Master Plans
- UCAVs and Weaponized Loitering Systems
- Integrated Manned-Unmanned Operations
- Platform Statuses and Payloads – Global Hawk, Predator, VTUAV, MRE, Shadow, HOVTOL, and more
- Payload Capabilities – ISR/SIGINT/Multi-INT, Hyperspectral Sensors, Smart Cameras
- Control Systems — Data Links, CGS, etc.

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"Loitering EW Killer ACTD"
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MR. PETE MULLOWNEY, Director for UAV Program Development, AAI Corporation
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“The GoldenEye VTOL UAV”
DR. JOHN S. LANGFORD, President, Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation
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“Common Ground Station”
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MR. DAVID A. TOMS, Business Development Manager, Mercury Computer Systems
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Given the limited number of dedicated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft available to theater and functional commanders, and the ever-increasing ISR mission requirements, the development of next-generation Unmanned Aerial Vehicles remains a critical priority for DoD and the Services. Moreover, the value of UAVs as integral nodes in distributed network-centric warfighting continues to grow, especially as new radar, sensor, imaging, and communications capabilities are inserted on existing and emerging platforms. Ultimately, weaponized UAVs (UCAVs) will be expected to perform an important role in SEAD and other attack missions.

AIE and SCSI are pleased to be able to offer this comprehensive agenda, which examines the broad range of UAV platforms, missions and payload opportunities. Among the critical issues addressed:

- Navy, Air Force and Army Missions, Needs and Initiatives
- Scope and Status of the DoD UAV Master Plan
- UAV Precision Targeting and Weaponization Initiatives
- Manned-Unmanned Aircraft Battlefield Integration
- UCAVs, Global Hawk, Shadow, MRE, VTUAV, TUAV, HOVTOL, Predator and Other Platform Development Statuses and Payload Options
- LEWK Loitering Munition Program Status
- SIGINT/Multi-INT, MTI, Radar, Hyperspectral Sensing, Intelligent Imaging Payloads and Opportunities
- Advanced Data Links, “Comm” Nodes, and Next-Generation On-Board Processors

Tremendous progress has been made in platform development, with a number of systems now in flight test or deployment. Now it is time to equip and arm those platforms with the latest payload systems and technologies. The market for UAVs will grow to $3 billion worldwide by 2003. Don’t miss this opportunity to stay abreast of the latest developments in this dynamic arena.