



Press Release
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St. Paul, August 22, 2006 -- The Defense Alliance of Minnesota today co-hosted a *Practical Applications for Packaging, Labeling, RFID & Transportation Seminar*. The half-day event was held at the federal building on Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and was the first ever event co-hosted by the Defense Alliance of Minnesota and the Minnesota Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

Speakers at the event included: Sherri Komrosky, Minnesota PTAC; Doug Jokinen, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA); Mike Cleary and Mark Shobe, Coridian Technologies, Inc.; and David Welna and Skip Krawczyk, Transportation Distribution Services, Inc. (TDS).

Among the topics discussed were interpreting the procedures and expectations of packaging for the Department of Defense (DoD), essential requirements of MIL-STD-2073-1D, labeling, RFID and data collection. Also mentioned were solutions and methods of preservation including physical, mechanical, environmental, and water-vapor protections, packing requirements, acceptable shipping containers, palletization and non-manufactured wood treatment.

Following the popularity of today's event, Minnesota PTAC is considering holding advanced seminars in both RFID and IUD. These advanced sessions would be half-day events that would focus specifically on the highlighted topic. For more information or to express interest in this training please contact PTAC online at www.ptac-meda.net.

In addition to being co-hosted by the Defense Alliance of Minnesota and PTAC, The seminar was sponsored by several companies. Sponsors included: Coridian Technologies, Minnesota Wire & Cable Co., TDS, and Manufacturers Alliance. For More information on the Defense Alliance of Minnesota visit www.defensealliance.com.

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The *Practical Applications for Packaging, Labeling, RFID & Transportation* was the latest in a series of quarterly events organized by the Defense Alliance of Minnesota, the state's network for the defense and homeland security industry. Future activities include a September 13 event to discuss urgent technology needs on the battlefield, and a Twin Cities national conference on homeland security co-hosted with the National Defense Industrial Association (Spring 2007), and a venue to showcase technology and innovations that can bring savings and efficiency – along with effectiveness - to the defense and homeland security departments (date to be decided).

The Defense Alliance is an independent organization whose mission is to network and expand Minnesota's defense and homeland security industries, to create and retain high quality jobs, and to further promote the state's important contributions to our men and women of the armed forces. Information on ongoing issues and future events can be found at the Alliance website, www.defensealliance.com.