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### Top Defense Technology Officer is Key Note Speaker at Conference

The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center announces Cynthia Gonsalves will address the fall conference on The Future of the DOD Technology Transition Program.

*Swainsboro, GA ...* The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center (NNMC) announced today that the Key Note speaker for their fall conference will be Cynthia E. Gonsalves. She will set the theme for the “Nanomanufacturing & Dual Use Commercialization Conference” to be held November 3, 4 & 5, 2008 at the Riverfront Marriott Hotel in Savannah Georgia.



Ms. Gonsalves is scheduled to speak November 4th on the importance and future of the Department of Defense Technology Transition program. A main point of the presentation is how that program relates to the manufacturing infrastructure of our country. Promoting a sustainable nanomanufacturing infrastructure is the primary goal of NNMC.

Mrs. Gonsalves is the Acting Director of the Office of Technology Transition. In this position, she has oversight of the Manufacturing Technology Program and Defense Production Act Title III Program; she is also the Associate Director for Technology Transfer and Transition. As Associate Director, she has oversight responsibility for the DOD Technology Transfer Program, the Technology Transition Initiative, and the North American Technology and Industrial Base Organization (NATIBO). She provides guidance and develops plans to implement and improve the DOD technology transfer and transition programs to ensure coherent, although decentralized programs. She has developed DOD-wide implementation policy and technology transfer and intellectual property information systems. Within the NATIBO, she provides guidance and develops plans with the Services, other federal agencies, and Canada. Immediately prior to her current assignment, Mrs. Gonsalves was in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Dual Use Technology Policy where she worked on a variety of dual use technology studies (i.e., Flat Panel Displays, MicroElectroMechanical Systems). Mrs. Gonsalves spent over 10 years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Production Base office.. Mrs. Gonsalves is a 5 time recipient of the

Federal Laboratory Consortium Departmental Achievement Award; the DOD Exceptional Civilian Service Award, and the Federal Laboratory Consortium Representative of the Year Award.

Ms. Gonsalves' strategic position and exceptional experience makes her presentation of vital importance to everyone in the dual use commercialization arena. In the frame work of the NNMC conference her message is augmented to reflect on the emerging nanomanufacturing industry's concerns and goals.

The "Nanomanufacturing & Dual Use Commercialization Conference" is targeted at industry and government advanced technology officers who are either experiencing or can contribute to solving the gaps and road blocks to nanocommercialization. Attendees range from the innovators and Tech Transfer officers into the materials and equipment suppliers and through to the marketing organizations and potential end users.

For more information please contact the Center at 478-289-2346 and see our web site at <http://www.NationalNano.org> to register for the conference.

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The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center (NNMC) was created to promote rapid commercialization of nanotechnology, for both commercial and military applications, through insuring efficient manufacturing resources. Complementing interests include encouraging early definition of best practices, workplace safety procedures, and nano-specific workforce development. Resources planned for the Center include manufacturing labs, a comprehensive nano-resource database

The NNMC is a Georgia not-for-profit corporation based in Swainsboro, Georgia.

For additional information please visit the Center's website at [NationalNano.org](http://NationalNano.org)

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