Autonomous Impact, Innovation, and Adoption

NVTC Launches Autonomous Technology Summit of Virginia.

HERNDON, Va. (PRWEB) October 10, 2019 -- The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) in partnership with the Virginia Unmanned Systems Center at CIT today announced the launch of the Autonomous Technology Summit of Virginia that will take place on November 7, 2019 at the INOVA Center for Personalized Health in Fairfax, Virginia. The Summit will bring together leading experts across the commercial, defense, regulatory, and academic sectors as they discuss the opportunities, challenges, and impacts of autonomous technology across the domains of sea, air, land, and space. Along with keynote and panel discussions, the event will provide a unique platform to showcase Virginia’s leadership in autonomous systems and highlight best practices, new business models, and technology transfers that have a national impact.

"We are delighted to be part of NVTC’s Autonomous Technology Summit of Virginia," said Amr ElSawy, President and Chief Executive Officer, Noblis. "One of the many research efforts Noblis has undertaken in the past few years is to study the effects of autonomy on a larger scale across air, sea, land, space, and cyber domains. The recent launch of our Pieces of Eight (Po8) -Trusted Autonomy program demonstrates how forward-thinking research and technical solutions are helping government and commercial customers solve complex challenges. We are excited to be part of such an important NVTC event.”

“We are very excited for this opportunity to promote the various economic ecosystems for autonomous technology across Virginia and the region,” said Bobbie Kilberg, President and CEO, NVTC. “The Summit offers a diverse environment for attendees, business, and government stakeholders to collaborate across industries to share opportunities and leverage Virginia’s expertise and innovations.”

The Honorable Senator Mark Warner (D-Va) will deliver the welcome and opening remarks followed by keynote discussions from esteemed industry leaders Amr ElSawy President and CEO, Noblis, Richie Huang, Executive Manager of Advanced Safety System and Autonomous Driving, Daimler AG, and Suzi E. McBride, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Iridium Inc.

Additionally, throughout the day, keynote addresses and panel discussions will feature globally recognized technology leaders from both the public and private sectors, covering topics such as innovative adoption of autonomous technology, implementation of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) innovation and investment, UAS applied to public safety and emergency management, and intellectual property and data securing challenges for sea, air, land, and space. For a full list of the panel speakers see below.

The Autonomous Summit of Virginia will deliver engaging insights, access to globally recognized experts, and superior educational value to the greater technology community, and will allow participants to connect with international leaders, companies, and national policymakers.

For more information on the event and the full agenda, please visit https://autonomous.nvtc.org/

Panelist Speakers Include:
- Ed Abrigo, President and CEO, Center Innovative Technology

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- Howard Berkof, Deputy Program Manager, Navy Unmanned Maritime Systems (UMS), Program Office (PMS 406)
- John Blair, Emerging Technologies Business Manager, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
- Swanka Burnette, Business Development Manager, Loudoun County Economic Development
- Tom Crabb, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, Commonwealth of Virginia
- Patrick Cushing, Williams Mullen
- Tom Dingus, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
- John Eberhardt, Chief Technology Officer, ATA, LLC
- Amr ElSawy, President and CEO, Noblis
- Dr. Michael Gratton, Senior Research Scientist, Unmanned Systems, Metron, Inc.
- Julie Ingrassia, Executive Director Consumer and Advocacy, AAA
- Allison Jones, ME Program Coordinator, Virginia Tech
- Scott Kordella, Director of Space Systems, MITRE
- Daniel Lafaro, Naval Research Lab
- Rich Lawson, President, IOSTIA
- Sam Maness, Managing Director, Defense, and Government Services - Investment Banking, Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Julie Manzarí, Innovation Strategist Dominion Energy
- Cathy McGhee, Office of the Secretary of Transportation
- Brian McKeon, Director of Development and Chief Scientist for Unmanned Systems Group, Huntington Ingalls
- Tom McMahon, Senior Vice President, Advocacy and Government Relations, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International
- Eta Nahapetian, Economic Initiatives Coordinator, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
- Daniel “Bud” Oakley, Executive Director, VABA
- Craig A. Parisot, CEO, ATA, LLC.
- Paul Perrone, President and CEO, Perrone Robotics
- Mike Rachid, Perrone Robotics - Shuttle and Mining Vehicles
- Jonathan Redway, Dickinson Wright PLLC
- Nate Robie, UAS Program Manager, Dominion Energy
- Jerry Sgobbo, CEO, Dive Technologies
- Roy Shrouf, CEM Deputy Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management, Fairfax County
- Tracy Tynan, Center For Unmanned Systems, Center Innovative Technology
- Martin Walker, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
- Tom Walker, CEO, Drone UP
- Charles Werner, President of Drone Responders and Chief of Charlottesville Fire and Rescue
- Dr. Karl Wunderlich, Director, Surface Transportation Division, Noblis
- Wayne Wylie, VDEM Disaster Response and Recovery Officer, Region #7

About the Northern Virginia Technology Council
The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC) is the membership and trade association for the technology community in Northern Virginia. As one of the largest technology councils in the nation, NVTC serves about 1,000 companies from all sectors of the technology industry, as well as service providers, universities, foreign embassies, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies. Through its member companies, NVTC represents about 350,000 employees in the region. NVTC is recognized as the nation's leader in providing its technology community with networking and educational events; specialized services and benefits; public policy advocacy; branding of its region as a major global technology center; initiatives in targeted business sectors and

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