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NC DIDI ANNOUNCES SECOND STATE WIDE TOWNHALL IN HAVELOCK FOR DEFENSE SUPPLIER AND CONTRACTOR STUDY

Raleigh, NC September 14th, 2017 – The North Carolina Defense Industry Diversification Initiative (NC DIDI), in conjunction with the Craven 100 Alliance and the North Carolina Military Business Center will host a townhall entitled the “North Carolina DoD Suppliers Forum - East” on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 to discuss solutions to the problems being faced by businesses who contract Department of Defense contractors in the state of North Carolina.

The townhall is a part of a 5 part series of townhalls aimed at gathering the businesses and DoD suppliers to learn more about your experiences as a supplier to the DoD and US military. This is an opportunity to educate your state and local stakeholders about what elements of this relationship are positive and about the various challenges that suppliers face.

"Beyond capturing the experience of working with the DoD, providing businesses with information and guidance on important regulatory changes is important to maintaining the health of the military business community in North Carolina," said Phil Mintz, Executive Director of NC State's Industry Expansion Solutions and Co-Chairman of NC DIDI.

The event will take place at the Havelock Tourist & Event Center located at 201 Tourist Center Drive in Havelock NC. The event will begin at 12:00 pm and conclude at 1:30pm. The event will feature national, state and local stakeholders and experts. The townhall will be facilitated by the host.

"Hosting this forum to capture the experience of being in the DoD Supply Chain is important to better understand how to both grow and protect these businesses in our region," said Timothy Downs, director of the Craven 100 Alliance.

Following the forum discussion, an informative briefing will be provided on ITARs and the ever-changing regulatory environment for DoD suppliers from subject-matter expert Derek Chen. While the event is free, registration is highly recommended. Those wishing to participate in the forum can register at our website, www.ncdidi.com or at <http://bit.ly/DoDEventHavelock>. Those persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend should contact Nimasheena Burns, at Nimasheena.burns@milvets.nc.gov or 984-204-2994, by Thursday September 21st, 2017.

The presence of the media is requested.

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