



Individual and Unit Tactical Gear, Uniforms and Personal Protective Equipment

May 19-20, 2026 Raleigh, North Carolina
Postponed from May 2025

Location Legend

- Exhibit Hall, Room 1
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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Set-Up: NC State University, McKimmon Conference Center - 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606	
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Federal Government Contracts: A Guide on Selling to the Government	
Starting at 1:30 p.m.	Industry Tour: Cotton, Inc. <i>Tour Begins at 1:30 pm. Transportation is not provided. RSVP required.</i>	
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Mastering Proposal Writing for Department of Defense Contracts in Textiles	
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Unlocking Federal Contracting Opportunities: A Guide to Essential Free Resources	Leveraging DLA's TLS Contract & the General Services Agency Schedule
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Exploring the NC DMCSP: Advancing Smart Textiles for the Military	Unlocking SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities for Textile Innovations
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Evening Welcome Social, NC State University, McKimmon Conference Center, Exhibit Hall, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606	

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration, Check-In and Light Refreshments		
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Orientation: Scott Dorney, Executive Director, North Carolina Military Business Center		
	Keynote Remarks: Brigadier General Sean P. Kelly, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support		
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Navigating Legislative Updates and Challenges for a Berry-Compliant Textile Industry David Costello, Executive Director, Warrior Protection and Readiness Coalition Kim Glas, President & CEO, National Council of Textile Organizations		
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break with Snacks and Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall		
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	The Robotic Revolution in Textile Manufacturing: Efficiency, Precision & Innovation	US Navy and US Coast Guard Program and Opportunities	Textile Technology Innovation Scouting Showcase <i>(application process)</i>
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break with Snacks and Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall		
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Defense Logistics Agency: Building Resilience in Textiles	US Marine Corps and Special Operations Command Program and Opportunities	Revolutionizing Textile Sustainability through Recycling, Alternative Fibers and Technology
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Remarks Secretary Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State (invited) Academia’s Impact on Department of Defense Textiles – North Carolina State University: David Hinks, Dean, Wilson College of Textiles, North Carolina State University An Economic Outlook Amid Persistent Global Uncertainty Nicole Cervi, Economist, Wells Fargo & Company		
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Break with Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall		
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	How Embracing Artificial Intelligence Can Change Your Textile Business	US Air Force and Homeland Security Program and Opportunities	Workforce Resources for Government and Textile Industry
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break with Snacks and Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall		
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Navigating Business Opportunities with: AbilityOne and Bureau of Prisons Programs	US Army DEVCOM and PEO Soldier Sustainment Program and Opportunities	PFAS Research and Development, Industry Initiatives and Government Standards
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn		