



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
- Room 2

- Off-Site
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**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

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

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration, Check-In and Light Refreshments</b>		
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Orientation:</b> Scott Dorney, Executive Director, North Carolina Military Business Center <b>Keynote Remarks:</b> Brigadier General Sean P. Kelly, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support		
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Navigating Legislative Updates and Challenges for a Berry-Compliant Textile Industry</b> 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.	<b>Break with Snacks and Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall</b>		
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>The Robotic Revolution in Textile Manufacturing: Efficiency, Precision &amp; Innovation</b>	<b>US Navy and US Coast Guard Program and Opportunities</b>	<b>CMMC Readiness: A Step-by-Step Guide for Contractors</b>
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Break with Snacks and Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall</b>		
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Defense Logistics Agency: Building Resilience in Textiles</b>	<b>US Marine Corps and Program and Opportunities</b>	<b>Revolutionizing Textile Sustainability through Recycling, Alternative Fibers and Technology</b>
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Remarks</b> Secretary Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State  <b>Academia's Impact on Department of Defense Textiles – North Carolina State University:</b> David Hinks, Dean, Wilson College of Textiles, North Carolina State University  <b>An Economic Outlook Amid Persistent Global Uncertainty</b> Nicole Cervi, Economist, Wells Fargo & Company		
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<b>Break with Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall</b>		
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<b>How Embracing Artificial Intelligence Can Change Your Textile Business</b>	<b>US Air Force and Homeland Security Program and Opportunities</b>	<b>Workforce Resources for Government and Textile Industry</b>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Break with Snacks and Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall</b>		
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Navigating Business Opportunities with: AbilityOne, AB1 Central Non-Profit, Source America and Bureau of Prisons Programs</b>	<b>US Army DEVCOM and PEO Soldier Sustainment Program and Opportunities</b>	<b>PFAS Research and Development, Industry Initiatives and Government Standards</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>		