



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 Administration Schedule	
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Exploring the NC DMCSPP: 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			
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	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			Trade Show and Networking
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	CMMC Readiness: A Step-by-Step Guide for Contractors	
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 Program and Opportunities	Revolutionizing Textile Sustainability through Recycling, Alternative Fibers and Technology	Trade Show and Networking
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Remarks Secretary Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State			
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Academia's Impact on Department of Defense Textiles – North Carolina State University: David Hinks, Dean, Wilson College of Textiles, North Carolina State University			
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	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			Trade Show and Networking
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	PFAS Research & Development, Industry Initiatives and Government Standards	
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, AB1 Central Non-Profit, Source America and Bureau of Prisons Programs	US Army Program and Opportunities	Workforce Resources for Government and Textile Industry	Trade Show and Networking
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn			