

61st DEFENSE WORKING GROUP ON NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING



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From: Chairperson, Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing

To: All Commanders, U.S. Government Agencies, and their Nondestructive Testing Representatives

Subject: INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 61st DEFENSE WORKING GROUP ON NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING

1. The 61st Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing (DWGNDT) will be held this year from May 22 through 26, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Houston Intercontinental Airport, Houston Texas, 425 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77060. Please make reservations early, as the cutoff date is May 5, 2023, to receive the government rate. This year's meeting will commence with optional training sessions on Monday, followed by Problem Solving and Service Breakout Working Meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, finishing with a full day of technical presentations/talks on Thursday. Friday will be a half day to brief the group on the progress of the breakout meetings and follow-on action items.

2. The DWGNDT is an annual meeting of engineers, scientists, technicians, and managers from U.S. Government activities with the responsibility for development or application of NDT methods in research, engineering, maintenance, repair, and quality assurance. This Working Group serves as an excellent vehicle for the exchange of information for problem solving and new technology among NDT/NDI/NDE activities and has for over 60 years. This exchange has proven to be a cost-effective method for avoiding duplication of effort and providing ready access to U.S. Government activities with the most recent, up to date information in Nondestructive Testing. Additionally, DWGNDT attendees can obtain training points towards recertification of ASNT Level III and may receive training credit from their command. It is therefore requested that the widest possible distribution be given to this invitation and reproduction and dissemination of this invitation is encouraged.

3. The Working Group is to support the U.S. military, government civilian and government contract personnel under the direct control of a military or government civilian. Non-government organizations, however, which are performing specific NDT/NDI/NDE projects, are invited to present technical and/or problem papers. Some sessions are restricted to and controlled by government personnel only.

4. You are encouraged to take advantage of the training provided this year on Monday. The training topics offered this year have not yet been solidified; but past training classes have included Phased Array Ultrasonics, Digital Radiography, Active Thermography and VT, MT, PT, ET, UT and RT methodologies interrelationships. Course descriptions will be published when finalized.

5. Participation in the Service Breakout Meetings provides a prime opportunity to voice opinions and discuss concerns related to NDT/NDI/NDE within a specific branch of service.

6. Problem topics will be accepted in advance and during registration periods. These will be subject to time availability in the agenda. The Steering Committee members will be available to assist with presenting and facilitating problem topic discussions during the meeting times as needed. Assistance with forming follow-on problem solving teams, if necessary, will be provided.

7. A \$300.00 registration fee for full working group attendees will be collected at registration, payable in the form of cash, check, or charged to a credit card through the hotel property at check-in. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and is available through our website, www.dwgndt.org. This web site also contains up-to-date information on the Working Group and e-mail links to Steering Committee members. *Attire for the working group and training sessions will be business for civilians, and comparable service uniform for military attendees.*

8. It is urged that all levels of management support this event by maximizing participation so that the multiple advantages and benefits of information sharing may be realized. Again, the widest possible distribution of this invitation is requested. Hotel reservations may be made using:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/HOUNH/G-DEFE>

If calling the property directly, be sure to identify yourself as an attendee of the Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing to receive the discounted rate.

10. On behalf of the entire 61st DWGNDT Steering Committee, we look forward to seeing you this May in Houston Texas. I am confident that the 61st DWGNDT will be an outstanding and memorable event.



Mr. George Hodges
Chairperson,
61st Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing

Note:

The DWGNDT is a 501(c)6 not for profit organization which negotiates all property contracts to include the requirement that all attendees stay at prevailing Government per diem rates and that all meeting spaces and training areas are free to the DWGNDT during the dates of the meeting. There are no hidden costs, the \$300.00 fee includes such items as: lunches, served within per diem to include taxes and tips (inclusive), breaks, administrative supplies such as name tags, certificate paper and printing ink, agenda, and various course hand-outs, etc.