



*21st Century Explosive Hazard Challenges:
Technology Solutions and Partnerships for Full Spectrum Operations*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Overview

The UXO/Countermine/Range Forum™ 2009 will be held August 24 – 27, 2009, at the JW Marriott® Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, FL. Mark your calendar now to attend the DoD's Preeminent Conference on Technology, Programs & Partnerships! The UXO/Countermine/Range Forum™ 2009 offers you the opportunity to meet and network with hundreds of fellow professionals and researchers from military, industry, academic, local, state, and federal agencies as well as leaders and attendees from around the globe. Technical sessions provide opportunities for the presentation of papers related to the latest technology available to eliminate the hazards of unexploded ordnance (UXO), defeat the operational threat posed by mine warfare, and reduce the worldwide public danger posed by both UXO and legacy mine fields.

Anyone who wishes to present a paper must submit an abstract by **5 p.m. ET on Monday, March 2, 2009**. Sharing your knowledge – experiences, research, accomplishments, products, and services – with your peers is critical to the fundamental success of the conference. Follow the instructions below to submit your abstract on time, and be sure to encourage your associates to do so, as well. Check the UXO/Countermine/Range Forum™ 2009 website regularly at www.theforum2009.com for the latest informational updates.

Topics

This year's conference will explore:

Mission Areas

UXO
Countermine
Munitions Response
Humanitarian Demining
Range Sustainment
Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)
Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat

Technology Topics:

- **Detection Technologies**
- **Discrimination Technologies**
- **Chemical-Filled UXO Identification & Disposal**
- **Neutralization**
- **Protection (Personnel & Platforms)**
- **Clearance**
- **Clearance Using Heavy Equipment**
- **Disposal**
- **Location & Mapping**
- **Underwater Specific Technologies**
- **Robotics**

Other Topics:

- **Technology Transfer**
- **Modeling & Simulations**
- **Policies & Regulations**
- **Risk Assessment**
- **International Issues**
- **Case Studies & Lessons Learned**

Abstract Requirements

Abstracts should be submitted online through the UXO/Countermine/Range Forum™ 2009 website at www.theforum2009.com by **Monday, March 2, 2009**. Topics should focus on technologies, research, or policies and procedures that have recently – or soon will be – demonstrated and investigated. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed, rated, and selected based on merit, relevance, and content. Please limit abstracts to no more than 285 words.

Based on conference history, we anticipate receiving a large quantity of abstracts for the limited number of 20-minute technical presentation slots. All abstracts, therefore, will not be selected for presentation. Chosen presenters will be required to submit full papers and/or presentations for review prior to the conference dates.

Complete details regarding the submission process – including an online form – are posted on the conference website at www.theforum2009.com.

Please note: For the UXO/Countermine/Range Forum™ 2009, any clearance needed to submit an abstract and present a paper is the sole responsibility of the author and/or presenter. Abstracts, papers and presentations must be UNCLASSIFIED/UNLIMITED in accordance with the DoD Distribution Statement A: “Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.” Clearance must be obtained prior to submitting an abstract for consideration.

Overview of Abstract Criteria – Important Points to Note

- All abstracts must be received by **Monday, March 2, 2009**. Submissions received after the deadline date will not be eligible for consideration. **Only online submissions at www.theforum2009.com are permitted.**
- All abstracts must be submitted in the following format:
 1. Title of Paper: Maximum 10 words
 2. Presenter: Name, organization, complete mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail address
 3. Co-Author(s): Name, organization, complete mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail address
 4. Brief Presenter Biography: Maximum 60 words
 5. Abstract Text: Maximum 285 words
- All abstracts must - at a minimum - address the following six criteria questions. A short presenter's biography must also be included, containing educational and employment background. Any abstract submitted without this information will not be eligible for consideration.

Six criteria questions:

1. Who performed the work?
 2. How was the work accomplished?
 3. Where was the work performed?
 4. When was the work performed?
 5. What is the work about?
 6. How does the work affect the UXO/Countermine/Range community?
- Topics that further a conference attendee's knowledge of the field and industry will be heavily favored.
 - Presenters will be notified by **Friday, May 8, 2009**, with a request to submit a complete presentation for review.
 - All selected abstracts will be printed in the conference program “as is.”
 - By submitting an abstract, you agree to honor all deadlines and conditions noted on the website concerning presentation material, including: the completion of a final paper or presentation for publication and attendance at the conference to deliver the information in a technical session-format.



Papers and Presentations

Presentations designed to sell or promote a particular technology, company, and/or organization are likely to be rejected since marketplace advancement is strongly discouraged by the conference organizers and attendees. Presentations deemed to fit the aforementioned criteria will be removed from the selection process at any time.

Accepted abstracts **MUST** have papers and/or presentations submitted in electronic format by **Friday, July 31, 2009**, to be publicly shared during a conference session. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If a presentation is not received by the deadline date, it will be replaced with an alternate presentation.

Presentation submission details will be provided upon notification of abstract acceptance.

Conference material will be distributed to conference attendees at check-in.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline
Presenter Notification
Paper and Presentation Submission Deadline

Monday, March 2, 2009
Friday, May 8, 2009
Friday, July 31, 2009

Registration

Online registration begins **Monday, February 2, 2009**, through the conference website. The JW Marriott® Orlando, Grande Lakes has limited hotel accommodations available at \$109 or \$139 per night plus tax (currently 12.5%). U.S. Government conference attendees will be eligible for the limited amount of guest rooms held at the prevailing U.S. Government lodging per diem rate of \$109 per night plus tax (currently 12.5%). Non-government attendees may reserve a hotel room at the discounted hotel room rate of \$139 per night plus tax. You must register online to receive the discounted hotel room rates. So, register online early to reserve a hotel room. Additional hotel information is available through the UXO/Counterline/Range Forum™ 2009 website at www.theforum2009.com.



Contact Us

Please contact Impact Associates, Inc. at 865.379.7065 or e-mail service@theforum2009.com for assistance.

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