



New England Regional Defense Industry Collaboration (NERDIC)

Quarterly Meeting Agenda

April 6, 2023 | Throttle Car Club, Scarborough, ME

Hosted by Defense Industry Maine (DIME)



NERDIC (New England Regional Defense Industry Collaboration) is hosting this gathering, as the first of six regional meetings to be held in 2023 and 2024. Each meeting will bring together the defense industrial ecosystem across New England and have a specific exploratory focus. The Maine meeting is focusing on showcasing the power of collaboration and exploring industrial innovation.

NERDIC Introduction & Vision

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome to Maine	Adrian Horn
10:15 – 10:30	Vision for Phase 2	Adam Boltik
10:30 – 11:00	SPOTLIGHT: Regional Industrial Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OLDCC / DoD update• Regional Defense Projects• Defense Communities National Summit	TBC Tobin McGregor Adrian Horn, Ashley Lipton, Carmen Molina-Rios
11:00 – 11:30	DISCUSSION: How do we grow the NERDIC ecosystem and industry engagement?	

NERDIC Focus Area - Workforce

11:30 – 11:45	NERDIC Phase 2 – Workforce Initiative	Meghan Abella Bowen
11:45 – 12:00	SPOTLIGHT: Workforce Wins & Losses - State of Maine	Denise Garland
12:00 – 12:30	DISCUSSION: How do we best tackle the defense industry workforce issue at a regional scale?	

Lunch Breaks & Exhibits

12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Break and Networking (Provided and Catered)	
1:30 – 2:00	SPOTLIGHT: Industry innovation showcases, vendors and exhibits	Compotech Ballistic Protection Panels, Rapid Assault, Bath Iron Works

NERDIC Focus Area - Industrial Innovation

2:00 – 2:15	NERDIC Phase 2 – Defense Sector Modernization	Adam Boltik
2:15 – 3:00	SPOTLIGHT: Regional Industrial Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopting Digital Transformation -Why and How?• Advance Manufacturing - partnerships & collaboration• The path forward for a strong NE Defense Cluster	Ron Angelo John Belding & Jack Lesko Wade Merritt
3:00 – 3:30	DISCUSSION: How do we best encourage the acceleration of digital transformation in the defense industrial supply chain in New England?	

Wrap-Up

3:30 – 3:45	Upcoming NERDIC ecosystem quarterly schedule and focus	Future iQ
3:45 – 4:00	Concluding Comments	Adrian Horn, Adam Boltik



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Speaker Profiles

- Adrian Horn** NERDIC Chair; Director of Trade Services Maine International Trade Center (MITC); [linkedin.com/in/adrianh0rn](https://www.linkedin.com/in/adrianh0rn)
- Adam Boltik** NERDIC Chair; Program Manager, Office of International Commerce, New Hampshire Department Business & Economic Affairs; [linkedin.com/in/adamboltik/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/adamboltik/)
- Tobin McGregor** President & CEO, T. McGregor & Associates; *Technology Management Professional, Department of Defense, Maine Technology Institute*; Tobin is a technology management professional with 25 years of experience in the areas of technology development and transition.
- Ashley Lipton** NERDIC Program Manager; Economic Development Specialist, Vermont Department of Economic Development (VT DED); [accd.vermont.gov/economic-development](https://www.accd.vermont.gov/economic-development)
- Carmen Molina-Rios** Community Development Specialist, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; Connecticut Defense Manufacturing Community Consortium; *Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund*
- David Beurle** NERDIC Project Manager; CEO & Founder, *Future iQ*
- Meghan Abella Bowen** Activity Lead for the NERDIC Workforce Initiative; Senior Program Manager, Center for Advance Manufacturing, Massachusetts Technology Corporation (MassTech); Program Manager, *MassBridge*
- Denise Garland** NERDIC State Leadership; Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Economic Development & Community Development (ME DECD)
- Ron Angelo** NERDIC Industry 4.0 Readiness Partner, Phase I; President & CEO, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology
- Wade Merritt** President and State Director of International Trade, Maine International Trade Center (MITC)
- John Belding** Director, Advanced Manufacturing Center; The University of Maine
- Dr. Jack Lesko** Director of Engineering Research, Roux Institute; *Northeastern University*

Industry Partners

- Comptech** Defense technology company focusing on transforming the US military's capabilities through innovation hardware and software solutions.
- Rapid Assault Tools** Manufacture of breaching tools for the military and law enforcement operators, first responders, industrial environments, unique problem solving, and even deep-sea applications.
- General Dynamics (GD) Bath Iron Works (BIW)** One of the region's largest Prime DoD Contractors in New England. According to OLDCC's FY 2021, Defense Spending by State report, *General Dynamics* was the #1 Defense Contractor in Maine and Connecticut, and #3 in Massachusetts and Vermont.

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