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GEO-Energy-Cyber Huntsville Summit Planned for November
*Summit Presents Key Technology Initiatives that Support
National Security & Energy Independence*

(Huntsville, AL) - Mayor Tommy Battle's three economic development initiatives, GEO Huntsville, Energy Huntsville and Cyber Huntsville are holding a two-day event to explore the synergies presented by these technology sectors.

The Summit's theme is "Technology Supporting our National Security and Energy Independence." The event will provide a unique networking opportunity for start-ups, small companies and prime contractors.

The program will be comprised of the region's top technologists, entrepreneurs and educators. In addition, keynote speaker, Dr. Christopher Tucker, the former founding chief strategic officer of In-Q-Tel, the CIA's venture capital fund, will discuss the "Cyber-Location Nexus" a term he coined suggesting that all cyber activity happens somewhere in the world.

"Huntsville supports the backbone of our national security and energy independence, said Mayor Battle. "Geospatial, energy, and cyber sectors are at the heart of that mission and this conference is the first time we have merged all three initiatives together. We will see how they interrelate and where future business opportunities might be."

Joe Francica, conference co-chair and lead for GEO Huntsville, agrees. "This Summit provides the opportunity to bring the area's technology companies together to discuss and recognize the synergies of these technologies in a way that only Huntsville can."

The Summit will be held November 14 and 15, 2013 in the Davidson Center for Space Exploration at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The Summit will feature plenary panel sessions from senior executives from organizations such as the TVA, Alabama Power, Intergraph, UAH, Auburn University, AEGIS Technologies and many others.

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Registration and information

The conference organizers encourage early registration, which will cost only \$195. The cost for students is \$75. More information about speaking at or sponsoring the conference can be found at the conference website [Www.GEOHuntsville.com/conference](http://www.GEOHuntsville.com/conference).

About GEO Huntsville

GEO Huntsville is a collaborative effort among businesses, academic and government entities in the Huntsville region to support workforce growth and economic development. It is one of three initiatives supported by Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

About Directions Media

The conference is produced and managed by Directions Media, the global leader in collectively covering all aspects of location technology: geographic information systems (GIS), location intelligence, digital mapping and location-based services (LBS). Directions Media, with offices in Huntsville, Alabama and Glencoe, Illinois, encompasses four media properties: *Directions Magazine*, and All Points Blog, as well as the Location Intelligence and GEO Huntsville annual conferences. More information can be found at www.DirectionsMedia.net.

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