

**Congressional Robotics Caucus**  
**Kickoff Luncheon Briefing on Tuesday, 26 February 2008**  
**Capitol Building, Room HC-8, from 1200-1330.**

*Learn how ground robots are being used to defeat IEDs, save warfighter lives,  
and take on a growing number of other missions*

The National Center for Defense Robotics (NCDR) cordially invites you to attend the initial briefing of the Congressional Robotics Caucus to learn more about the caucus and how unmanned ground vehicles (UGVs) are saving lives everyday in Iraq. **This caucus was formed by Congressman Mike Doyle and Congressman Zach Wamp** to promote awareness of the issues and challenges facing the U.S. robotics industry as well as highlighting the significant contributions robotics make to the U.S. economy and national security.

The kickoff luncheon briefing will focus on defense robotics. Ellen Purdy, Enterprise Director of the Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise, OUSD(ATL)/PSA/LW&M will be the keynote speaker advising how robots are saving lives – the importance of Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGVs) and Explosive Ordnance Devices (EODs) are to the warfighter. **There will also be several robots on display, some of which are currently in theater.**

Robotics is playing an extraordinarily significant role in homeland security and defense by preventing highly trained soldiers from coming in harm's way and providing surveillance in harsh environments which ultimately minimizes the loss of human life. UGVs are helping fight our war in Iraq, serving as the eyes and ears of soldiers, neutralizing IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) and performing inspections, just as Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV's) have proven to be an invaluable tool for scouting and reconnaissance. These are just some examples of the use of robotic technology in the military.

In addition to their use in defense, robots are being employed to perform surgeries, discover new drugs, serve as security guards, vacuum clean our carpets and mow our lawns. We hope you will join us at future briefings where discussions will include robotics with regard to manufacturing, transportation, agriculture, mining, healthcare, education, and logistics.

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