

# *DoD Ergonomics Working Group NEWS*



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## **DoD Ergonomics Conference a Resounding Success** *29-30 April 2002*

### **The attendees say it best:**

***It was a great conference! Thank you for the great quality (speakers, topics, conference center) and hard work.***

***I left the conference feeling very excited and motivated to continue my work in ergonomics. It was wonderful to be around so many people that share my passion.***

***The organization of the conference was outstanding, as were the hotel conference facilities.***

Conference attendees left Chantilly, Virginia, with the tools for their ergonomics tool boxes that we promised them. Everything they **heard** about what other agencies were doing, they will be able to truly **use**. Because one of the great advantages of this DoD conference is that the information presented was all “shareware”—attendees can copy everything they were provided, put their local name on it, and put it in place.

The information provided at the conference sessions was offered by high-level presenters, people considered ergonomics “movers and shakers.” The conference brought together DoD, OSHA, and AFL-CIO leadership coupled with world-class speakers from all the military services, the university system, and private industry. Topics ranged from the practical application of how “good ergonomics is good economics” to using risk management in an ergonomics program to vibration hazards to cost benefit application.

**If you missed the conference, you missed an excellent opportunity to meet—in a small forum—important figures in the field of ergonomics and state-of-the art ergonomics vendors. However, you haven’t missed out completely!**

- In the spirit of the conference—and our desire to make information available to the ergonomics community—copies of many of the speakers’ presentations and handouts have been posted to the conference Web site. Go to <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/ergowg/conference/> to download those materials.
- The speakers weren’t the only reason our conference was a success. The Exhibition Hall showcased representatives from ergonomics equipment companies and training firms and provided attendees with a wealth of information. A list of the exhibitors and their contact information is also available at the conference Web site.