On behalf of the <event Name>: *<event theme>* Program Committee and the ITEA Board of Directors, we thank you for accepting our invitation to as a Technical Track Session Presenter. Please refer to the attached program schedule for the date and time of your Technical Track Session.

Despite the current conference and travel environment, we are thrilled to have organized a comprehensive and packed agenda that offers plenary presenters, special panels, technical track sessions, and exhibitors of interest to the test and evaluation community. The <event name> will showcase current research, new tools and techniques, leading edge procedures and processes, best-in-class practices, and perspectives of representatives from academia, industry, DoD, and other government agencies on timely, relevant, and emerging topics critical to the future of the test and evaluation.

Please refer to the following information for additional details regarding your presentation and participation at the <event name>:

**<event name> Registration**

In honor of your role as a Technical Track Session Presenter, you can take advantage of a special $695 registration rate for the <event name>. If you have not already registered, you can register online at [www.itea.org](http://www.itea.org), or contact Mr. James Gaidry, e-mail: [jgaidry@itea.org](mailto:jgaidry@itea.org), Phone: 703-631-6220, to process your registration.

**Biography** **and Photo**

If you have not already, please send a current short bio (maximum 350 words) and a “head shot” photo (minimum 150-pixel resolution, 300x450 pixel size) to [<event name>@itea.org](mailto:Symposium@itea.org) for publication in the Program Guide and for use in your introduction.

**Hotel Reservations**

If needed, please make your hotel reservations by <room block end date> with the host hotel, <hotel name, address, phone number, fax number>. ITEA has a room block available to all attendees and we are truly pleased to offer our attendees the prevailing FY18 government per diem rate of <locale per diem rate> (not inclusive of taxes).

**Speaker Ready Room**

* Presenters are welcome to join us in the Speaker Ready Room at 7 am on the morning of your presentation session. During this time, you can meet with the <event name> Technical Program and Track Chairs to make sure that we have your most current bio. There will also be A/V technicians available to conduct dry-runs of any imbedded videos, and handle any special requests or needs that you might have for your presentation.
* **Upload and confirm that your presentation runs as planned in the Speaker Ready Room at least 1 hour prior to the start of your session.** Make sure to bring a back-up of your presentation. Note: You may make changes to your presentation up to 1 hour before the start of your session. We will not accept presentations within 1 hour of the START OF THE SESSION.
* If necessary, edit and revise your presentation the DAY BEFORE your scheduled talk. Edits to your presentation are not permitted inside the session room.

**Presentation Guidelines**

**Content -** Technical Track Session presentations usually last 30 minutes, and should give quick holistic overviews of interesting emerging topics with a concentration on fundamentals of test and evaluation and projection about the future of these topics.

**Presentations at ITEA events should:**

* Contribute technically sound knowledge in an area of test and evaluation;
* Present new knowledge or experience that has not been published previously; and,
* Not be commercial, marketing, or "infomercial" in nature. The presentation’s introductory slide is the only slide that may contain the presenter's company name and/or logo. Presentations that promote specific companies, organizations, products, or services are reserved for the Exhibit Hall or Vendor Track Sessions, and strictly prohibited in Pre-<event name> sessions (including tutorials, demonstrations, and other presentations), and the <event name> Plenary and Technical Track sessions.

**General Presentation Information**

* It is expected that the presenter will present the same work described in the abstract, with the same title and content.
* Design a presentation that is independent, objective, scientifically rigorous, balanced and free of bias.
* Only presentations created in PowerPoint will be accepted.
* English is the language used for all <event name> presentations
* Light colored text on a dark background is advised.
* Font size of AT LEAST 24 points for body text and 36 – 40 points for headings can be seen well by attendees
* When linking picture, graph or video files in PowerPoint, make sure to keep a backup copy of your files and confirm that they work from within your presentation. In addition, please note that adding picture files into your presentation may result in a large PowerPoint file size. Please resize picture files to before importing to prevent an unwieldy file size.
* If using video, make sure that the video file can be played using the Windows Media Player (WMV format recommended).

**Disclosure** - Any potential conflict of interest, regardless of its connection to the topics discussed or mentioned during this event, must be declared by the <event name> presenters and their co-authors and be conveyed to the audience as a second slide as part of any presentation.

**Balanced information** - If specific products or services are mentioned, there should be a balanced presentation of the prevailing body of scientific information on that product or service and of reasonable alternative options. If unapproved or off-label uses of a product are discussed, presenters must inform the audience of this fact. Presenters should not engage in peer selling. Peer selling occurs when a manufacturer or service provider engages an attendee to conduct an activity that focuses on or is designed to enhance the sale of its own products. Avoid using Product endorsements and Product logos or branding.

**Session Room Information**

* Presenters should be in the meeting venue at least 15 minutes prior to the session start to check in with the Session Chair.
* Presenter should sit in the front row of the session and approach the podium as the Session Chair introduces the talk. Presenters can share the Session Chair table as space permits during the discussion period.
* At the beginning of your session the Session Chair will introduce themselves, the session title, the presenter and the title or their presentation
* A microphone will be available at the podium as well as a laser pointer
* You can advance your slides by use of the mouse or the use of the page up or down buttons.
* Presentations given within <event name> Sessions are scheduled for 20 minutes for the presentation, with another 10 minutes for questions. We ask that you please keep to your allotted time for your presentation.

**Publishing Information**

* **Publishing your work in the <event name> Proceedings -** As part of our attendees’ registration fees, they will receive proceedings from this event. All presentations should be cleared by your authorizing agent and you should submit the attached *"*Authorization to Publish*"* statement (please send to [<event name>@itea.org](mailto:Symposium@itea.org) or if necessary, bring it with you to the event). The proceedings will be made available to our attendees electronically within one week of the conclusion of the program.
* **Publishing your work as an article for *The ITEA Journal of Test and Evaluation -*** We encourage you to write a paper on your topic for consideration in *The ITEA Journal*.  The submitting author must complete and sign a copyright agreement and release form and prepare a full manuscript that adheres to *The ITEA* *Journal* guidelines found on the ITEA website, at <http://www.itea.org/index.php/learn/publications>.  If you have any questions, you can contact us at [Journal@itea.org](mailto:Journal@itea.org).

**Dress Code**

<SYMPOSIUM: Class A uniform or duty uniform (Military) / Business (Civilians).>

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**Points of Contact**

<event name> Chair - <name>, <organization>

Technical Program Chair - <name>, <organization>

Exhibits and Sponsorship Chair -<name>, <organization>

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Please let us know if there are any questions that you or your staff might have at this time.

Best regards,

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