

MONTGOMERY
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Welcome AFITC Conference Attendees:

We are proud to have you in Montgomery, the capital city of Alabama and home to Maxwell AFB and Air University, the Intellectual and Leadership Center of the Air Force, along with Gunter Annex which hosts some of the most sophisticated technology enterprises in the Department of Defense. Montgomery has been honored to be the home of Air Force information technology for about 50 years, and we are proud that you are here to take part in advancing Cyber Technology in defense of our great nation.

Whether you are a first timer, a frequent visitor, or a local resident, I'm sure you are, or will soon be impressed with the many changes occurring here. In addition to the commercial redevelopment taking place across the city, you may also be surprised by our technological progress. We have created the Montgomery Internet Exchange (MIX), one of only 4 in the Southeast and the smallest metro area to achieve that goal. It is already driving down latency speeds and costs to users requiring large bandwidth for business processes requiring massive data transfer capability. This asset is complimented by meaningful financial incentives available to startup and relocating businesses. With the opening of the new Cyber College at Air University, we foresee Montgomery as the new strategic locus for developing our country's Defense Cyber strategy and doctrine. These initiatives are moving Montgomery toward our goal of becoming a fully connected "Smart City" and "Smart Base".

While you are here for the conference, enjoy our hospitality offerings. Whether it's at The Alley, at the Riverfront, in Old Cloverdale, or out in the Eastchase area, you will find a wide variety of cuisine and services available to you. As you meet new colleagues, engage in dialogue and learn great things, be sure to also enjoy all that Montgomery has to offer to you and your fellow attendees.

We are delighted to have the AFITC again in Montgomery. We greatly appreciate your presence and will do everything possible to deliver a productive conference and wonderful experience here in Montgomery and the River Region.

Best regards,



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