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MEDIA ADVISORY

U.S. Army to Celebrate Opening of Army Acquisition Center of Excellence

HUNTSVILLE, AL— The U.S. Army will mark the opening of the first Army Acquisition Center of Excellence (AACoE) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Jan. 25, 2011. This facility will provide the Army acquisition workforce with vital education and career development opportunities, while consolidating two previously separate training campuses in Austin, TX, and Huntsville, to save time, money, and resources.

Distinguished guests will include LTG William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASAALT); MG James L. Hodge, Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command; and Dr. David B. Williams, President, University of Alabama, Huntsville. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Phillips and Hodge will give students their insights on leadership and logistics.

The AACoE, with a staff of 18, is located at the university's Madison Hall and will provide seven different courses ranging from 1 to 5 weeks in length. The facility's opening is the culmination of more than a year of planning, after LTG N. Ross Thompson III, Phillips' predecessor, announced the Army's intent to establish an AACoE.

WHAT: Army Acquisition Center of Excellence Ribbon-Cutting

WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Third Floor, Madison Hall, University of Alabama in Huntsville

WHO: Shirley Hornaday, Director, AACoE; LTG William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the ASAALT; and MG James L. Hodge, Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command, will speak.

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