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**Army Acquisition Support Center Exhibits at the
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Fort Lauderdale, FL — At this year's Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Winter Symposium & Exhibition in Fort Lauderdale, FL, the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (ASC) will educate conference attendees about its mission and the types of direct and indirect support it provides the Army's 12 Program Executive Offices (PEOs) and their subordinate Program Management Offices worldwide.

"ASC is a field-operating agency directly supporting the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) and the Director of Acquisition Career Management," remarked ASC Director COL Mary Fuller. "We provide critical oversight of the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) and the AL&T Workforce by ensuring the professional development of the entire Army acquisition community as mandated in the *Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act of 1990*," she explained.

"ASC provides major command-level support to PEOs in the areas of resource management, human resources management and force structure," Fuller continued. "ASC is also responsible for policy, guidance, support and services regarding acquisition-related issues and workforce initiatives. Additionally, we provide proponent functions that include doctrine, training, education, force design, policy and programs."

Fuller said that the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) is a dedicated workforce comprised of thousands of men and women around the world, in offices and in the field, working to support our Nation's Soldiers and the Army's transformation from the Current to Future Force.

"As the Army changes to meet the threats of global terrorism and urban warfare, AAC workforce professionals are leveraging state-of-the-art technology to provide our Soldiers with the means necessary to dominate and win across the entire spectrum of conflict," Fuller continued. "The AAC — along with its industry partners — researches, manages, develops, tests, evaluates, contracts, fields and sustains our warfighting systems and equipment. Without the right people providing world-class systems, the U.S. Army would not be the pre-eminent power that it is today."

"We are maturing advanced technologies and integrating them into safe, effective, suitable and supportable warfighting systems," Fuller commented. "What we do is absolutely critical to the Army's overall success and we will continue to provide our Soldiers the materiel they need to fight with greater lethality, survivability and sustainability — regardless of where the battlefield or mission takes them," she concluded.

More information about the 2004 AUSA Winter Symposium & Exhibition can be found at www.ausa.org. For additional information about ASC, visit <http://asc.army.mil>.