



MEDIA ALERT

Press Conference

DATE: Wed Nov. 30, 2005

WHEN: 10:00am

WHERE: Bexar County Courthouse – Commissioner’s Court

WHO: National Sustainment Technology Center, Defense Technology Cluster & North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

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National Sustainment Center Announces over \$2.5 Million in Local Contracts for Defense Sustainment

National Sustainment Technology Center (NSTC) in San Antonio announced today that over \$600,000 worth of contracts to San Antonio businesses have been inked since the NSTC opened in spring of 2005. Projections for the next six months reveal additional contracts worth over \$2 million to local businesses.

The NSTC further announced that the Joint Council on Aging Aircraft intends to hold their major annual conference here in 2008 and 2009 that will look at technology solutions to the sustainment problems. That conference will attract about 1800 experts from around the United States.

Additionally, two Memorandums of Understanding will be signed between the NSTC and the Defense Technology Cluster, SATAI's newest technology cluster with approximately 50 local member organizations, and the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce that has agreed to sponsor the NSTC.

Mr. Jeffrey Tarr, President & COO of IHS Engineering Division, will also be in town to conduct initial talks with local officials for the possibility of locating a large Data Repository Archive Center in San Antonio.

The NSTC was established by the Defense Sustainment Consortium to bridge the gap between research and the application of new and emerging technologies. The center actively identifies and evaluates new technologies and processes, validates capabilities, develops applications, transitions, tracks and reports the results to the sustainment community.

Bob Ernst, Chairman of the Joint Council on Aging Aircraft (JCAA) and head of Aging Aircraft IPT for the Navy, stated, "I am not surprised that we have made great strides in a very short period of time."

Ernst went on to say, "The alliance with the Defense Technology Cluster and the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce along the SATAI Network, City of San Antonio, Bexar County and community leaders like Bob Sanchez, chairman of Frontline Systems, Inc. and Nancy Kudla, chairwoman of dNovus RDI, formed a collaborative community culture that made San Antonio the ideal location to transform this center into a national resource."

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, Vice Chairman of the SATAI Network, will preside over the press conference with representatives from our Congressional delegation present for the announcement.