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**Contract Awarded for Construction of New Defense Information Systems Agency Building at Fort George G. Meade, Md.**

ARLINGTON, VA., March 03, 2008 – Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Director Lt. Gen. Charles E. Croom Jr. announced today that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has awarded a contract to Hensel Phelps Construction Company of Chantilly, Va., to construct the DISA headquarters building at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

The contract, which the Corps awarded Feb. 29, was issued in accordance with the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure actions that became law in November 2005. It also adheres to the U.S. Army's Nov. 11, 2007, Record of Decision for Base Realignment and Closure Actions at Fort Meade, Md.

The headquarters complex, to be constructed on a 95-acre site on the grounds of the 91-year-old Army installation, will consolidate the operations of approximately 4,000 DISA employees who presently work in a number of locations in Northern Virginia. The new complex will also house the Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations from Arlington, VA; the Deployable Joint Command and Control Program Office from Panama City, FL; the Joint Tactical Radio System Program Office from Rosslyn, VA; and other tenants.

The single design-build contract, worth \$369,605,000 will allow Hensel Phelps to begin construction of the approximately 1,070,000-square-foot, multi-story campus facility. The construction is anticipated to take three years to complete.

A groundbreaking ceremony is expected to be held on the site of the future headquarters April 16.

The Defense Information Systems Agency is a Department of Defense combat support agency and provides real-time information technology (IT) and communications support to the President, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, the military Services, and the Combatant Commands. From its Arlington, Va., headquarters and through worldwide field activities, DISA offers IT services and capabilities that enable our nation's military to accomplish their missions.

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