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MEDIA ADVISORY

Base to hold groundbreaking for new IT complex Nov. 4

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Media are invited to cover the groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, Nov. 4, for construction of a new Information Technology Complex in Area B here.

The groundbreaking supports Phase I of a multi-phase Information Technology Complex construction effort. The \$27.2 million project will provide military construction and equipment including approximately 105,000 square feet of new office and computer room space for classified state-of-the-art computing, and a collaborate modeling and simulation environment. The new facility will support the DoD Supercomputing Resource Center operated by Air Force Research Laboratory as well as Aeronautical Systems Center's Simulation and Analysis Facility. The project includes site preparation, new utilities, all infrastructure, raised flooring for the use of specialty simulation equipment and supercomputers, and parking for the 3-story building (2 floors, plus basement). Prime contractor is Messer Construction Company, Dayton, Ohio.

Participants expected at the groundbreaking include: Col. Amanda Gladney, 88th Air Base Wing commander; George Jageman, chief, construction division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Louisville District Office); Kevin Cozart, vice president for operations, Messer Construction Company; Steve Wourms, deputy director of Requirements & Capabilities Integration Directorate, Aeronautical Systems Center; and Frank Witzeman, Director, Defense Supercomputing Resource Center, Air Force Research Laboratory.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: The ground breaking is NOT open to the general public. Media wishing to attend the event should RSVP to Bill Hancock, 88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, 937-522-3520, or William.hancock@wpafb.af.mil by noon Thursday, Nov. 4. Plan to arrive Gate 1B visitors center (off of Springfield St. in Riverside) not later than 2:10 p.m Thursday so media can caravan to event site before ceremony begins. Due to event timing and escort availability, late media arrivals will not be accommodated.