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### **MILITARY MANUFACTURING COMPANY OPENS NEW FACILITY IN HUNTSVILLE AREA**

**HUNTSVILLE, AL** – On Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at 10 am, Orangeburg, NY based military contracting company DHS Systems held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open one of its manufacturing facilities in Huntsville, Alabama. Internationally recognized for its exceptional integration of shelter, utilities, electronic communications, and tactical mobility, the company held the event to mark the transitioning of some of its manufacturing and system integration operations to the Huntsville area.

The ceremony included presentations by DHS Systems' CEO and Founder A. Jon Prusmack, the facility's General Manager Brigadier General Jerry McAbee, USMC (Ret.), City of Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Chamber of Commerce Vice Chair Don Nalley and Limestone County Commission Chairman David Seibert.

Among the 145 guests and employees who attended the event, official dignitaries included representatives from two local senators' offices and one congressman's office, City of Decatur Mayor Don Kyle and City of Athens Mayor Dan Williams.

The new 130,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility is located in the 260 acre South Point Business Park in Huntsville, Alabama and manufactures and integrates the company's shelter support trailers and related equipment currently fielded to all branches of the military. The facility also supports the company's global logistics requirements and sales and manufacturing of its Deployable Command and Control Equipment (DC2E) communications system.

DHS Systems purchased the building in 2005 in anticipation of increased orders for the company's Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelters (or DRASH) and their accompanying support trailers. DRASH is a durable, rapidly-deployable shelter that has been used by the military and non-government agencies for more than 20 years. The systems are supported by trailers that provide electrical power and environmental control that can operate in temperatures from -50 to +131 degrees Fahrenheit.

Company CEO and Founder A. Jon Prusmack emphasized in his address that the company not only has a financial obligation, but a moral obligation as well.

"All businesses have an economic obligation to shareholders and investors. All businesses have a social obligation to employees and unions. All businesses have a quality obligation to customers. But only one business has a moral obligation. Why is that? We serve the soldier. Whatever we do has to work every time, every time, all the time. Failure is not an option. That is the difference between Northrop Grumman and Wal-Mart; Lockheed Martin and the Ford Motor Company. We have a moral obligation to build the best, and you can only build the best when you have the best people."



Native Alabaman Jerry McAbee spoke about the facilities' employees' unique southern work ethic.

"I admire and respect the integrity and work ethic of the state and its people. We have assembled a good group of people to work in this facility. These are men and women that I would go to war with if I was still in uniform."

Don Nalley, vice-chair of economic development for the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, praised the Mayor for her efforts to bring the company to Huntsville while welcoming the company to the community.

"This is one of those examples of team Huntsville's continuous and never ending focus on economic development opportunities. The first contact with a DHS Systems representative was Mayor Spencer at a trade show more than six years ago," Nalley said. "The effort to close the deal by various members of the Chamber, city, county and even state representatives has been continuous since that time. We're proud to have DHS Systems in Huntsville, another great company with innovative products supporting our young men and women that are fighting to maintain our security across the world."

City of Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer said she has long been familiar with DHS Systems and praised the commitment of company leaders focused on expanding in the community.

"I appreciate the fact that we are lucky enough to get a quality company to come here. Its not just jobs for Huntsville, its jobs for all of North Alabama and Southern Tennessee," said Spencer. "You don't mind driving to work for a great company, and that is what we are visiting today."

Currently 120 people are employed at the facility, and General McAbee predicts there will be approximately 150 people employed by summer 2008. Employees are expected to manufacture over 100 million dollars of military equipment during 2008.

The new manufacturing facility includes a sophisticated monorail system, which takes a product from welding, washing and painting, down the line to final assembly. It also features modern, climate-controlled offices with teleconferencing, video and state-of-the-art information technology equipment.

While shelter manufacturing operations will remain in DHS Systems headquarters in Orangeburg, New York, the company began moving its trailer operations from Orangeburg to Huntsville during the first quarter of 2007.

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**DHS Systems, LLC** is the world leader in high-tech, soft-walled shelters, trailers and accessories, serving medical, military, government and civilian needs. For more than 20 years, the company's products have been used by U.S. and NATO Forces as tactical operations centers, medical facilities, maintenance facilities and forward operating bases.