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ATTENDEE INFORMATION PACKET

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(FPED VIII)

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1. Background:

Analysis from the Downing Report on the bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia on 25 June 1996 identified the need for awareness of commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) security solutions for protection against terrorist forces intent on harming US personnel and interests. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff directed the Services to investigate COTS equipment solutions for PS/FP needs. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (OUSD [AT&L]) identified the Department of Defense (DOD) Physical Security Equipment Action Group (PSEAG) as the primary sponsor for the demonstration. The PSEAG then selected the Office of the US Army Product Manager, Force Protection Systems (PM-FPS), to coordinate and facilitate an FPED to highlight and demonstrate available appropriate COTS equipment. Co-sponsors for the event include DOD, Department of Energy, and the Technical Support Working Group.

During the period 15--18 September 1997, the PM-FPS conducted the first FPED. Building on the success of the first demonstration, six additional demonstrations were conducted every two years with the last demonstration, FPED VII, taking place from 19--21 May 2009 at the Stafford Regional Airport, Stafford, VA. Over 7,500 participants from DOD, Federal, state, local, and foreign Governments attended. More than 600 equipment vendors and manufacturers displayed 3,200 pieces of PS/FP equipment. Due to continuing and increased sophistication of terrorist activity, constant advancements in technology to reduce vulnerabilities to terrorism, and the success of the past demonstrations, planning for FPED VIII is under way.

As with previous events, a video and compact disc (CD) of the demonstration will be produced for distribution throughout DOD, Federal departments and agencies, state and local Governmental agencies, selected foreign Governments, and for vendors who participate in the demonstration. Video clips and cut sheets of specific items of equipment brought to the demonstration will be included in the CD.

COTS equipment will be demonstrated at FPED VIII, but these demonstrations do not constitute formal testing, nor does the Government necessarily endorse or recommend equipment shown at FPED VIII. The purpose of the demonstration is simply to increase awareness of commercially available PS/FP equipment.

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2. Objective:

To provide leaders and decision-makers from the DOD, Federal departments and agencies, Federal contractors in the PS/FP field, selected state and local law enforcement and other first responder, and corrections agencies the opportunity to observe, and become familiar with, COTS PS/FP equipment available for procurement and testing within 90 days of the scheduled demonstration.

3. Physical Security/Force Protection (PS/FP) Equipment Types:

The types of equipment being demonstrated at FPED VIII include:

- Automated entry control systems/equipment
- Armored and utility vehicles
- Biometrics
- Blast protection/mitigation (including structural building materials, new or retrofit)
- Cargo inspection devices (including under-vehicle inspection devices)
- Chemical and biological detection, mitigation, and protective equipment
- Communications equipment (including personnel alerting systems)
- Delay and denial technology (including fences, barriers [active, passive, portable, and fixed], and locks)
- Explosives detection (including hand-held, static, and underwater)
- Explosive ordnance disposal equipment
- Fence Sensor Systems
- Individual Protective Equipment
- Night-vision and optics devices
- Non-lethal weapons and technology
- Physical security equipment sensor and surveillance systems (interior, exterior, perimeter, and tactical)
- Robotic vehicle and systems
- Unattended ground sensors
- Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Vulnerability assessment/analysis software tools
- Waterside security equipment

4. Demonstration Plan, Attendee Registration, and Identification Badges:

FPED VIII will provide a first-hand look at PS/FP equipment. The FPED is intended to be a forum for those leaders and decision-makers that attend, to view manufacturer's demonstrations of their equipment. Manufacturers are encouraged to conduct *functional demonstrations* of their equipment (versus static display or videotape). The Government will base selection of applicants on information provided on the FPED VIII application, demonstration site facilities and support capabilities, the intended audience, and other tangible factors that may develop during the selection process.

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Attendance at the FPED is free; however, the FPED is not open to the general public, requires attendees to be 18 years of age or older, and is by invitation only. Civilian attendees must have a Government sponsor with a professional affiliation to Force Protection/Homeland Security. Attendance will not be limited for the three days of the event but all interested personnel should register on line as early as possible to avoid on site registration delays. On line registration will be available starting in mid December 2010 by going to the FPED VIII web site at <http://www.fped8.org/temp/attendee-register.html>. Advance dissemination of attendee information including your badge and parking pass will include detailed demonstration schedules necessary for optimizing each attendee's time at FPED VIII.

Attendee on-line registration will be available through 12 May 2011. If an attendee registers on-line prior to 22 April, he/she will receive their FPED VIII show badge and parking pass in the mail. From 23 April 2011 thru 12 May, attendees may still register on-line; however, they will not receive their show badge in the mail. Accordingly, they should bring their FPED confirmation sheet with them (provided thru the web site as the final step of the registration process) to the attendee registration trailer. Once in the trailer, their confirmation sheet will be scanned and they will be issued a show badge and badge holder. Attendees wishing to register for FPED VIII on or after 13 May 2011 will have to register on site at the registration trailer.

All attendees **WILL BE** required to check in thru the registration trailer regardless if they pre-registered on-line or not. If you have pre-registered on line, all you will need to bring with you is the FPED VIII show badge, which was mailed to you prior to the show, and appropriate photo identification. The show badge will be placed into a badge holder, given back to you, and should be displayed while you are at FPED VIII. If you have not pre-registered on-line, you will have to register and be given a show badge and badge holder prior to entering the venue. It is important to wear your show badge while visiting exhibits since from a security standpoint, we cannot account for visitors who are not wearing FPED VIII show badges. Attendees desiring to participate in the night vision demonstration should park in parking lot number 2 or 2A (go to <http://www.fped8.org/parking.html>). Once parked exit your vehicle and walk to the night vision tent line via the entry point to tent numbers 25 through 27. The route to the night vision tent line will be marked with green or red chemical lights.

5. Attendee Parking Instructions, Car Passes, and Bus Transportation:

Display your vehicle pass in your windshield at all times while your vehicle is entering and parked at the Stafford Regional Airport. This pass will give you access to the venue and your parking area **ONLY**. It is not intended to allow your vehicle to enter onto the airport ramp or parallel taxiway where FPED exhibits have been displayed in tents and operational areas. As you enter the venue from Aviation Way, there will be a parking detail to direct you parking your vehicle. Once parked, exit your vehicle, proceed to the bus shuttle pick up point marked by signage, and board the shuttle bus for a short ride to the registration trailer. In view of safety considerations, walking to the registration trailer after parking your vehicle is not recommended.

6. Hotels, Restaurants, and Recreation:

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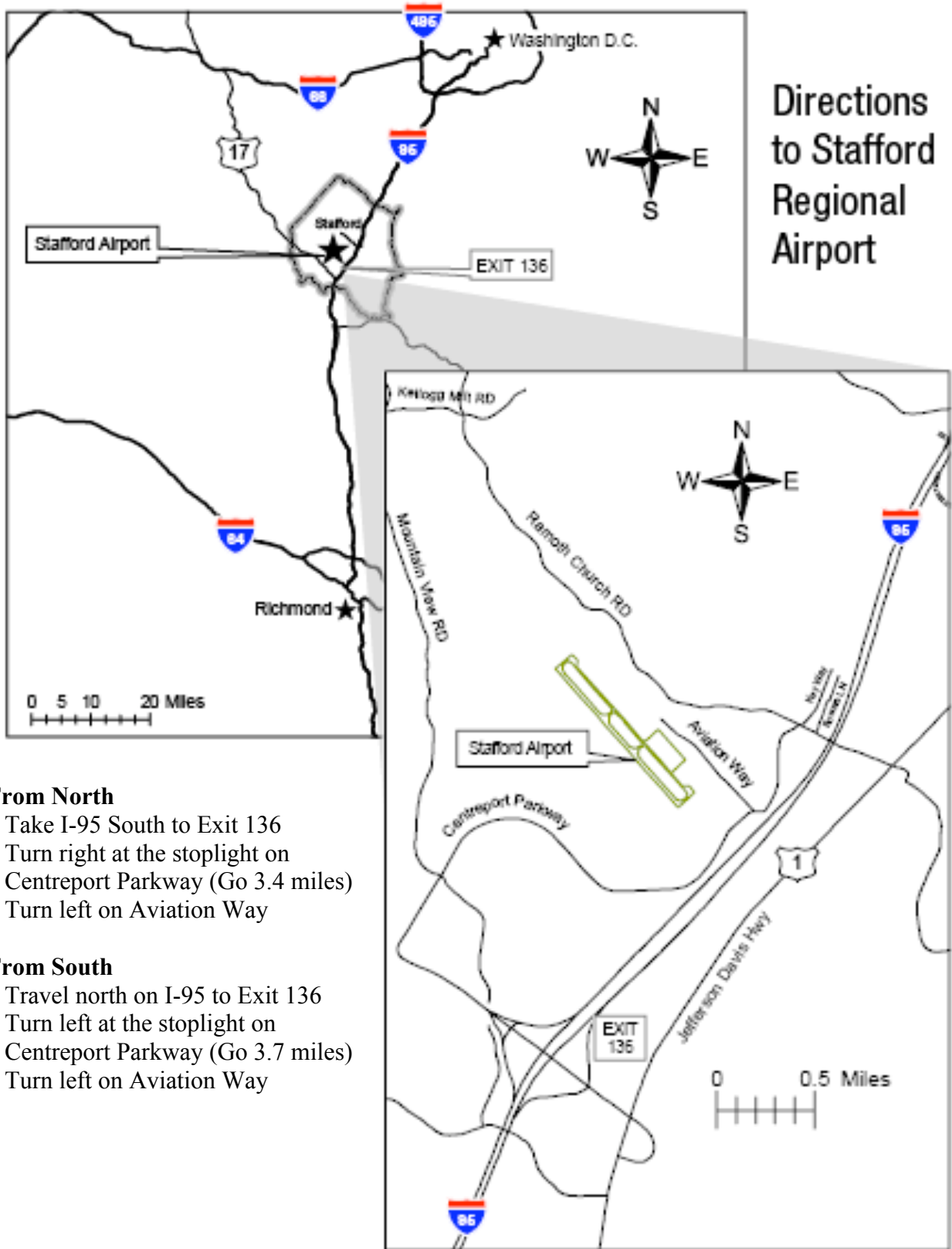
Information on Stafford's numerous hotels, over 100 restaurants, and various recreational activities can be obtained by accessing <http://www.tourstaffordva.com/stafford-visitorguide.cfm>
Hotels with dedicated room blocks for FPED VIII have been posted on the web site <http://www.fped8.org/hotel-info.html>.

APPENDIX A

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MAP

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From North

- Take I-95 South to Exit 136
- Turn right at the stoplight on Centreport Parkway (Go 3.4 miles)
- Turn left on Aviation Way

From South

- Travel north on I-95 to Exit 136
- Turn left at the stoplight on Centreport Parkway (Go 3.7 miles)
- Turn left on Aviation Way