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Joint Technology Exploration Center Held Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony in Suffolk

SUFFOLK, VA., April 11, 2006 – The U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new USJFCOM Joint Technology Exploration Center (JTEC) in Suffolk, Va., Monday, April 10th. The former FAG warehouse building in Lakeview Technology Park has been converted into 100,000 square-feet of high tech office and research space. There are currently 50 people working within the building, with the potential to grow to 200 or more.

The center will leverage research, development, testing, evaluation and demonstration initiatives to ensure that the latest technology supports the military's current operations and transformation initiatives. Activity in

the center will further enhance the command's ongoing relationships with academia and industry, as well as our U.S. military, interagency, non-governmental agency and multinational partners. The USJFCOM Joint Force Trainer Community's Joint Advanced Training Technology Laboratory (JATTL) is the first JTEC tenant and focuses on developing trainer technology concepts.

“It has been a local, regional and national effort to bring this new research facility and the entire modeling and simulation industry to Suffolk.” stated Lt. Gen. John Wood, Deputy Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command. “The impact of this technology has been seen worldwide, and this new facility will be the hub of modeling and simulation research and development.”

“We are extremely pleased to welcome the USJFCOM Joint Technology Exploration Center (JTEC) to Suffolk.” exclaimed Suffolk Mayor Bobby Ralph. “This new facility is another jewel in what has come to be known as the Suffolk Technology Corridor!”

The U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) now occupies almost one million square-feet of private sector office space in Suffolk with a workforce of over 2,000 military and civilian contractors.

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