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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: August 4, 2005

TIME: 11:45AM

MEETING WITH: Community representatives of Stennis Space Center MS.

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Human Resources Service Center-Northeast and Southeast at Stennis Space Center Mississippi.

PARTICIPANTS:

Community Representatives (Partners for Stennis)

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MEETING SUMMARY:

The guests reaffirmed the position presented during the Regional Hearing, that the DOD recommendation that moved the HRSC-SE was based on flawed assumptions, specifically that HRSC-SE is a typical "leased installation" and requires \$2M to meet force protection standards. In reality, the HRSC-SE resides in a lease-free, highly secure, federally-owned facility. Each tenant pays a 'fair share' of the installation's operating costs, or about \$12.53/sf. HRSC-SE is co-located with five other Navy tenants, making up about half of the base population of 4500, and include Naval Research Laboratory; Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School; Special Boat Team 22 (a Navy SEAL unit); Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, and Naval Oceanographic Office. The Navy has plans to introduce additional active duty units permanently to the installation.

The guests provided a copy of a letter to General Hill signed by Senators Lott and Cochran and Congressman Taylor addressing the Commission's "legal ability" to alter the language of the DOD recommendation by changing "the proposed receiving location for a recommended move." General Counsel Hague was copied on the original letter. Additionally, the guests provided an aerial map of Stennis Space Center and buffer zone and a briefing book containing the aforementioned Congressional Letter and Legal Memorandum; description of Stennis Shared Services Center; economic information and construction costs; and the Regional Hearing presentation and brief.

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