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## **TARDEC's National Automotive Center Restructures to Meet Road Ahead**

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI — The National Automotive Center (NAC) is restructuring to reinforce its mission as the U.S. Army's focal point for the development of dual-use automotive technologies and their application to military ground vehicles.

The NAC, part of the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), is launching the reorganization to coincide with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) 2009 World Congress in Detroit, April 20-23.

Under Director Paul Skalny's continued leadership, the NAC will realign into two distinct groups. The Energy/Alternative Energy Group will be an integral piece in TARDEC's role as a hub of energy excellence. The Industry, Government, Academia and International Group's focus is establishing the infrastructure to allow innovative ideas to quickly enter the TARDEC pipeline.

"We believe that the NAC's new structure will focus its mission both for now and for the long road ahead," Skalny said.

To assist in identifying new technologies, and as part of the restructuring, TARDEC created a Ground Vehicle Gateway portal. This will help get inquiries or proposals directly to NAC or TARDEC researchers to log, track and evaluate ideas, thereby facilitating dialogue and prospective partnerships with industry, academia and other government organizations. To access TARDEC's new Ground Vehicle Gateway go to <https://tardec.groundvehiclegateway.com>.

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**Note: The new TARDEC and NAC logos are available for download at <http://www.tardec.info/pressreleases/>.**

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*During the SAE 2009 World Congress NAC Director Paul Skalny, TARDEC leaders and subject-matter experts will be available for interviews at Booth #601. For additional information or to schedule an interview, please contact Anne Proctor at (586) 838-2294, [anne.proctor@us.army.mil](mailto:anne.proctor@us.army.mil) or Bill Dowell at (586) 838-2304, [william.dowell2@us.army.mil](mailto:william.dowell2@us.army.mil).*