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### **U.S. Army Convening Top Industry Experts to Address Energy Technologies at Inaugural “Renewable Energy Rodeo and Symposium”**

*Nation’s top energy authorities, demonstrations at Fort Bliss in June*

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI and FORT BLISS, TX – To evaluate the latest energy technologies that could reap immediate benefits for the military and the Nation, the U.S. Army is hosting the inaugural Renewable Energy Rodeo and Symposium (RERS) June 8-9, 2010, at Fort Bliss.

RERS, co-hosted by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) and Fort Bliss, serves to advance energy initiatives affecting all levels of the Department of Defense, from ground vehicles to installations.

During the two-day exposition, the latest mature technologies and innovations in renewable energy concepts and alternative fuel technologies will be displayed and demonstrated. Panel discussions and guest speakers will feature some of the Nation’s top experts in a variety of energy-related fields and technologies.

“Energy security remains a top priority for our warfighters and our Nation,” explained TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek. “As we aggressively pursue the latest in renewable energy capabilities and alternative energy technologies, it is vitally important we tap the best-of-the-best from industry, academia and government.”

RERS takes place at Fort Bliss, the Army’s Center for Renewable Energy. “The Energy Rodeo and Symposium provides a unique opportunity to evaluate mature technologies in a dynamic environment while, at the same time, establishing crucial partnerships,” said Fort Bliss Commanding General Howard B. Bromberg. “We are looking for game-changing technologies and innovative solutions for the energy and environmental challenges we all face.”

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Among the scheduled presenters is L. Jerry Hansen, Army Senior Energy Executive, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Strategic Infrastructure) and Senior Official performing duties as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations & Environment). Hansen's responsibilities within Installations & Environment for Strategic Planning include Business Transformation, Lean Six Sigma implementation, Strategic Infrastructure Analysis and Strategic Management Systems implementation.

The Army continues to accept proposals from organizations that would like to participate as exhibitors. More information is available at <https://renewable-energy-rodeo.com>.

### **ABOUT FORT BLISS**

Fort Bliss is a heavy maneuver training center with 1.12 million acres of landmass and airspace. It is a major deployment and redeployment center for all service members including reserve components. It is a prime site for renewable and alternative energy having over 350 days of sunshine per year, high winds and a geo-thermal energy project in the planning stages.

### **ABOUT TARDEC**

Headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military automotive technology and serves as the Ground Systems Integrator for all DOD manned and unmanned ground vehicle systems. With roots dating back to the World War II era, TARDEC is a full life-cycle, systems engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons, equipment and vehicle systems. TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provides superior capabilities for Future Force integration. TARDEC's technical, scientific and engineering staff lead cutting-edge research and development in Ground Systems Survivability; Power and Mobility; Intelligent Ground Systems; Force Projection; and Vehicle Electronics and Architecture.

TARDEC is a major research, development and engineering center for the U.S. Army RDECOM and partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command.

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**NOTE: Media are invited to attend RERS – especially on 6/9/10.**

The Renewable Energy Rodeo and Symposium logo is available for download at [www.tardec.com](http://www.tardec.com)



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