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U.S. Army Official to Address National Energy Security Concerns, Opportunities at 2011 CAR Management Briefing Seminars

U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal, Warren, Mich. – Last month, the Department of Energy and Department of Army announced a new alliance in Detroit to boost development of fuel-efficient and clean technologies for the military and the commercial sector. Building on that momentum, an Army official will discuss implications of this new alliance and how the automotive industry and government together are addressing our Nation’s energy security issues at the Center for Automotive Research’s (CAR) 2011 Management Briefing Seminars Aug. 1-4 in Traverse City, Mich.

Paul Skalny – acting executive director of product development and director of the Army’s National Automotive Center inside the Army’s Tank, Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) – will participate in the “Prosperity Amid Uncertainty” discussion from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4. Chaired by David Cole, Emeritus Chairman, CAR, the session focuses on how automotive industry leaders will address their expectations for a future that seems to be arriving—and changing—at an ever-increasing speed.

“As we – the scientists, researchers and engineers at TARDEC – look to provide the best technologies for our Soldiers, we reach out to industry partners to leverage their expertise,” explains Skalny. “And those areas of expertise include but are not limited to more efficient powertrains, hybrid propulsion, lighter weight structures, compact power and electronics, intelligent mobility, autonomous systems, electronic architecture and safety systems.

“These all represent opportunities for government and industry to work together to make the most effective design decisions for the Army of the future.”

In addition to Skalny, speakers for the session include:

- **Jonathan Browning**, President and CEO, Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
- **Mark Reuss**, GM Vice President and President North America, General Motors
- **James Kamsickas**, Co-Chief Executive Officer and President, IAC Group North America and Asia
- **Kirk Steudle**, Director, Michigan Department of Transportation

Skalny is available for media interviews. Contact information is above.

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The Center for Automotive Research is a nonprofit organization based in Ann Arbor, Mich. Its mission is to conduct research on significant issues related to the future direction of the global automotive industry, as well as organize and conduct forums of value to the automotive community. For more information: www.cargroup.org.

ABOUT TARDEC

Headquartered at the U.S. Army 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 Department of Defense (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; Ground Vehicle Robotics; Force Projection; and Vehicle Electronics and Architecture. TARDEC is a major research, development and engineering center within the Research, Development and Engineering Command and an enterprise partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command.

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