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Woodbridge, Virginia...Business Alliance Announces BRAC Impact Event

The Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance announced today that it will host a Workforce and Industry BRAC Impact Symposium on June 30, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Quantico Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held in partnership with the Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations. The expansions at Ft. Belvoir and at Quantico Marine Corps Base will add more than 20,000 new jobs, and close to eight million square feet of new facilities. This will create massive construction contracts, and, later, a host of new jobs, inside and outside the gates. Now is the time to explore contracting and job opportunities that will be generated.

The Symposium will feature presentations by Federal officials responsible for awarding construction contracts at Ft. Belvoir and Quantico Marine Corps Base, as well as some of the prime contractors who will be doing the work. These and other presenters will explore:

- Plans for upcoming major construction projects at Ft. Belvoir and Quantico MCB
- Timing and procedures for awarding contracts
- The types of industries likely to be impacted by the BRAC mandated buildups
- Tips on how to gain business with major contractors
- Information on where and how to find new opportunities, including Alliance resources

The day will focus mainly on the construction industry, but this event is open to anyone in Prince William, Stafford, Fairfax and other parts of Northern Virginia. (A large proportion of the seats will be reserved for construction firms.) The day will include sessions on construction and other industries, introductions to key officials, profiles of the kinds of jobs and business opportunities that will arise; and opportunities to network with business, government and community leaders.

The Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance opened in April 2008 and recently hosted its kickoff event for more than 175 business, education, military and community leaders at Ft. Belvoir on June 6, 2008. The Alliance, featuring 20 Founding Members, is dedicated to helping the communities, workers, businesses and military personnel in the region to realize the potential benefits resulting from the expansions at Ft. Belvoir and Quantico MCB.

The Workforce Impact Symposium is envisioned as the first in a series of workforce and industry impact events. Lunch will be provided; there is a \$45.00 fee to participate. Reservations may be made by contacting Lynn Andresen at the Region's Chamber at 703.590.5000, ext. 101. *The Symposium is made possible by a grant to the Alliance from Governor Kaine's Office of Workforce Development, using funds provided by the United States Department of Labor.*