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### **MILITARY MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO OPEN NEW FACILITY IN HUNTSVILLE AREA**

**HUNTSVILLE, AL – JANUARY 11, 2008** – DHS Systems, internationally recognized for its exceptional integration of shelter, utilities, electronic communications, and tactical mobility, is transitioning most of its manufacturing and system integration operations to the Huntsville area.

The new 130,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility is located in the 260 acre South Point Business Park in Huntsville, Alabama and will manufacture and integrate the company's shelter support trailers and communications equipment currently fielded to all branches of the military. The facility will also support the company's global logistics requirements and sales and manufacture of its Deployable Command and Control Equipment (DC2E) communications equipment.

"It's a brand new, very large, state-of-the-art facility," says General Manager and Brigadier General Jerry McAbee USMC (Ret.). There are currently 120 people employed at the facility. General McAbee predicts there will be approximately 150 people employed by summer 2008. Employees are expected to manufacture over 100 million dollars of military equipment during 2008.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer said she has long been familiar with DHS Systems and praised the commitment of company leaders focused on expanding in the community.

"I enjoyed seeing DHS participate for a number of years in the Space & Missile Defense mid-year meeting in Huntsville and value very much a company with the outstanding commitment to excellence in conformance to the criteria demanded by the customer they serve," Spencer said.

Don Nalley, vice-chair of economic development for the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, praised the Mayor for her efforts to bring the company to Huntsville while welcoming the company to the community.

"This is one of those examples of team Huntsville's continuous and never ending focus on economic development opportunities. The first contact with a DHS Systems representative was Mayor Spencer at a trade show more than six years ago," Nalley said. "The effort to close the deal by various members of the Chamber, city, county and even state representatives has been continuous since that time. We're proud to have DHS Systems in Huntsville, another great company with innovative products supporting our young men and women that are fighting to maintain our security across the world."

The new manufacturing facility includes a sophisticated monorail system, which takes a product from welding, washing and painting, down the line to final assembly. It also features modern, climate-controlled offices with teleconferencing, video and up-to-date information technology equipment.

"When I came down to Huntsville for the first time in 2001, I said to myself, "We need to be here. This is the future,"" says DHS Systems CEO and Founder A. Jon Prusmack.

DHS purchased the building in 2005 in anticipation of increased orders for the company's Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelters (or DRASH) and their accompanying support trailers. DRASH is a durable, rapidly-deployable

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shelter that has been used by the military and non-government agencies for more than 20 years. The systems are supported by trailers that provide electrical power and environmental control that can operate in temperatures from -50 to +131 degrees Fahrenheit.

While shelter manufacturing operations will remain in DHS Systems headquarters in Orangeburg, New York, the company began moving its trailer operations from Orangeburg to Huntsville during the first quarter of 2007. The Huntsville plant shipped its first five trailer systems on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, this year.

The new facility will officially open its doors on Wednesday, January 23 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 am. All members of the press are invited to attend. To RSVP or set up an interview the day before the event, contact Naeran Rubio, 845-359-6066, ext. 174 or via email at [nrubio@drash.com](mailto:nrubio@drash.com).

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**DHS Systems, LLC** is the world leader in high-tech, soft-walled shelters, trailers and accessories, serving medical, military, government and civilian needs. For more than 20 years, the company's products have been used by U.S. and NATO Forces as tactical operations centers, medical facilities, maintenance facilities and forward operating bases.