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## Ohio National Guard to break ground on new joint operations center

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard will conduct an official groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, for a new joint operations center located at Beightler Armory, 2825 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43235.

The 6,250-square-foot addition to the existing 1,260-square-foot will provide the necessary capacity for the center to meet current space requirements. The project is scheduled for completion Oct. 18, 2011, at an estimated cost of about \$2 million. Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy from Ohio's 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was instrumental in securing funding for the project and will join Maj. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Ohio assistant adjutant general for Army, for the ceremony.

The joint operations center plays an important strategic role in the Ohio National Guard's community, state and federal missions by providing oversight of all Ohio National Guard activities and capabilities as well as coordinating and monitoring Ohio National Guard support to all Army and Air National Guard units, the governor's office, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, and other states regarding matters of homeland security and domestic operations. The joint operations center expansion will allow for more robust staffing operations and include technological upgrades to support reporting requirements.

The joint operations center designer is Mr. John Kloch of Star Consultants, Inc. The general contractor is Elford, Inc.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A brief tour of the existing Joint Operations Center is planned immediately following the ceremony. Media who wish to attend the tour must RSVP to Capt. Matthew Molinski at 614-336-7449 or e-mail at [matthew.j.molinski@us.army.mil](mailto:matthew.j.molinski@us.army.mil).