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Ohio National Guard to break ground on new David L. Hobson Communications Complex

SPRINGFIELD-BECKLEY MAP, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard will conduct an official groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. Aug. 5, for a new communications complex located at Springfield Air National Guard Base, West Blee Road, Springfield, Ohio, 45502.

The new 32,000 square foot facility will provide the necessary capacity to meet current space requirements for the 251st Cyberspace Engineering Installation Wing, 251st Cyberspace Engineering Installation Group, and the 269th Combat Communications Squadron. The project is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2012, at an estimated cost of about \$11,136,000 million. Former Rep. David L. Hobson from Ohio's 7th Congressional District was instrumental in securing funding for the project and will join Brig. Gen. Mark E. Bartman, Ohio assistant adjutant general for air, for the ceremony.

The 251st Cyberspace Engineering Installation Wing provides an essential part of the Air Force capability in expeditionary communications and information areas focusing on engineering and installation critical to the United States Air Force Space Command's federal mission and the Ohio National Guard's homeland security and peace-time mission. The wing, co-located group and combat communications squadron will man the new communications complex which directly supports local, state and national response operations such as cyberspace defense, communication infrastructure activities, civil disturbances or natural disaster response. The communications complex is a technological upgrade for both classified and unclassified operational capabilities as well as an expansion for Department of Defense, Department of the Air Force and National Guard Bureau reporting requirements. This will significantly increase the capacity to support critical Continuity of Operations missions for AFSPC and NGB command and control cyberspace defense mission sets.

The communications complex designer is CH2M Hill. The general contractor is Tamsah Marker JV, LLC.

Showtime for media is 1:30 p.m.

Any media interested in attending please contact Maj. Laura Powers at 937-525-2557 or 937-327-2321.