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News Release

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S HAMMER TRAINING CENTER BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF STATE DEPARTMENT-FUNDED FACILITY

RICHLAND, Wash. – June 18, 2008 – The U.S. Departments of Energy and State, as well as Fluor Hanford, broke ground this week on a new facility at the Department of Energy's Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center in Richland, Wash., that will be a vital resource as the demand for international border security training continues to grow.

The U.S. State Department provided \$2.25 million through its Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund to build a 6,500-square-foot facility that Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will use to expand its Interdiction and Radiation Academy, or Interdict/RADACAD, and other international security training activities at HAMMER. The new building will consist primarily of classroom space and will be located next to the administration building on HAMMER's 80-acre campus. Construction by George A. Grant Inc., Richland, is expected to be finished in spring 2009.

"This investment in the HAMMER campus helps us better serve our current clients," said Jim Spracklen, senior program advisor for the DOE's Richland Office. "It also expands our ability to attract new ones -- allowing HAMMER to grow as a regional training facility that serves the Hanford workforce and personnel from around the world."

"This new facility is being built due to the perseverance of Rep. Doc Hastings and thanks to support from our customers – the Departments of Energy, State, and PNNL," said Karen McGinnis, Fluor Hanford/HAMMER training director. "We've been operating at near capacity for the past five years. This new building will double the available space for international border training and free up classroom space for other Hanford and non-Hanford customers."

PNNL's international training activities are conducted in support of the State Department, the National Nuclear Security Administration's Second Line of Defense program, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense. Since September 1997, PNNL has trained more than 1,200 international border officers from 44 nations and more than 3,000 U.S. border officers. Currently, PNNL uses approximately 3,500 square feet of classroom space in HAMMER's administration building for the international training sessions, as well as HAMMER training props, such as a port-of-entry building that is similar to a border-crossing station.

Training courses will be conducted in the new building in 2009. When it is not being used for international training activities, the facility will be used to train border officers from the U.S. Departments of Energy, Defense, and Homeland Security, as well as for HAMMER's other training needs.

"PNNL has enjoyed a wonderful partnership with HAMMER," said Gordon Dudder, manager of defense nuclear nonproliferation programs at PNNL. "The training brings together PNNL's expertise in nonproliferation and radiological science with HAMMER's equipment and props – to provide the most realistic training possible."

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