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Over 900 Metroplex people impacted by DoD announcement

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has 963 civil servants from the Metroplex that have been selected to participate in the Spiral One implementation of the new National Security Personnel System. Navy Secretary Gordon England announced today that the Southwestern Division is one of the activities selected to take part in the initial implementation of the human resources and appeals elements of the Department of Defense National Security Personnel System. England, who serves as the DoD senior executive overseeing NSPS, indicated the employees slated for conversion would be included in groupings called Spirals. Spiral One will include approximately 300,000 general schedule, U.S.- based Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and other Department of Defense civilian employees and will be rolled out in three phases over an 18-month period beginning as early as July 2005.

The Southwestern Division is headquartered in Dallas and provides oversight for four Districts. Besides the Fort Worth District there are Districts in Galveston, Texas, Little Rock, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla. Each District has numerous missions particular to their areas of responsibilities and expertise within the Corps of Engineers. The entire Division has 2,736 people with the Fort Worth District having 882 assigned and the Division office in Dallas with 81. The South Pacific Division, San Francisco, Calif., and Mississippi Valley Division, Vicksburg, Miss., are the two other U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Divisions joining the Southwestern Division as Spiral One participants. The new system will be fully implemented in the July 2007/January 2008 timeframe. For additional information about the Department of Defense National Security Personnel System, please visit www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps. For more information about the Southwestern Division visit www.swd.usace.army.mil and for the Fort Worth District visit www.swf.usace.army.mil.