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Fort Huachuca renewable energy project to provide approximately 25 percent of installation's annual electricity requirement.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 14, 2014) – The U.S. Army announced today plans to start development of a solar array that will provide about 25 percent of the annual installation electricity requirement of Fort Huachuca. “This will be the largest solar array in the department of defense on a military installation,” according to the Honorable Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment. A ground breaking is scheduled for April 25 with commercial operations commencing in late 2014.

“Energy is an installation priority,” said Fort Huachuca’s commanding general, Major Gen. Robert Ashley. “The project goes beyond the megawatts produced. It reflects our continued commitment to southern Arizona and energy security. The project will provide reliable access to electricity for daily operations and missions moving forward.”

The Fort Huachuca Renewable Energy Project is a joint effort between the U.S. Army Energy Initiatives Task Force, Fort Huachuca, The General Services Administration, Tucson Electric Power and developer E.ON Climate and Renewables.

“The project establishes a new path for an innovative partnering opportunity among the U.S. Army, other federal agencies, private industry and the utility provider,” explained Mr. Richard Kidd, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for energy and sustainability. “I applaud the significant efforts and teamwork to bring this project to fruition – and set the example for other large scale renewable energy opportunities.”

Beyond providing Fort Huachuca electricity options, the project promotes the U.S. Army’s energy security objectives. It also highlights the collaboration with the U.S. Army and the General Services Administration in utilizing an existing contract, and leverages a seven-decade relationship between Fort Huachuca and Tucson Electric Power.

Tucson Electric Power will fund, own, maintain and operate the project, and contract with E.ON for the design, engineering, procurement and construction.

The U.S. Army’s Energy Initiatives Task Force is instrumental in achieving the U.S. Army’s commitment to the President of deploying one gigawatt of renewable energy by 2025. The task force is currently working projects in New York and California, as well as projects in Alabama, Hawaii, and Maryland. For additional information on the U.S. Army’s Energy Initiatives Task Force and Fort Huachuca, please visit www.armyeitf.com and <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/>.

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Images from the event



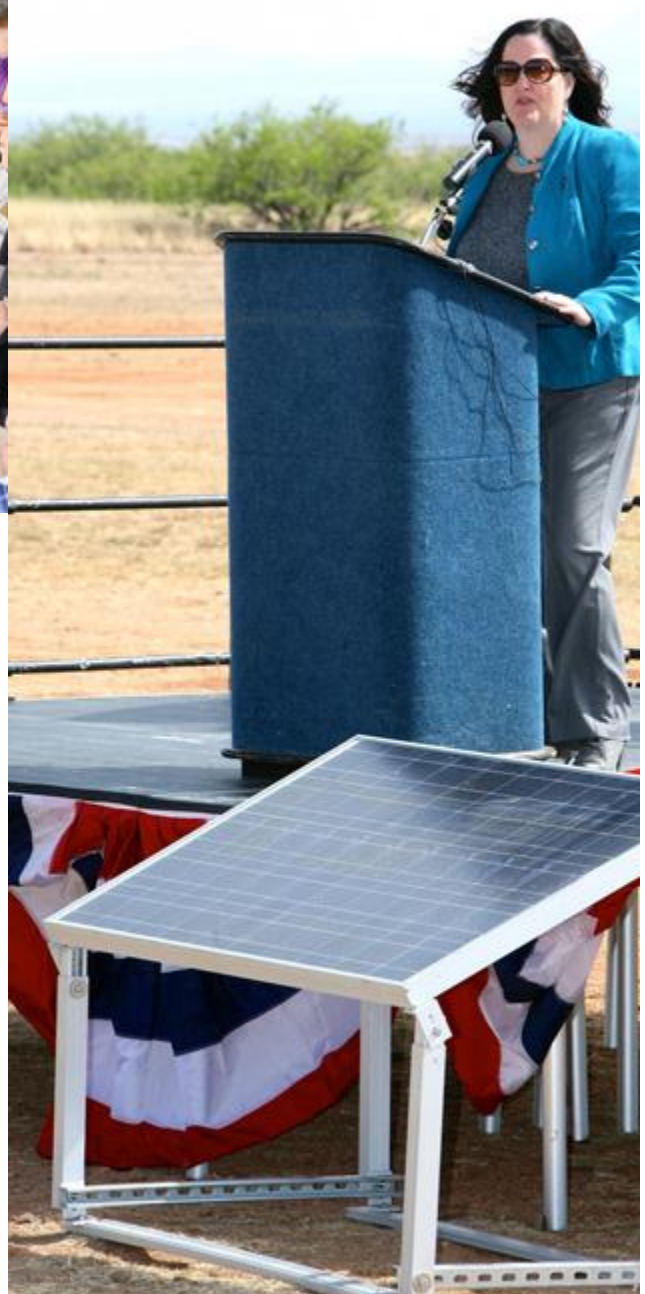
Following the Fort Huachuca Solar Array Groundbreaking ceremony April 25, a media roundtable event was held inside the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre where Maj. Gen Robert Ashley, Fort Huachuca garrison commander; Honorable Ron Barber, Arizona Congressman; Honorable Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment); and David Hutchens, Tucson Electric Power president answered questions related to the new solar array park.



From left, David Hutchens, President, Tucson Electric Power; Steve Trenholm, President, E.ON Climate & Renewables; Ruth Cox, Regional Administrator, General Services Administration; Amanda Simpson, Executive Director, U.S. Army Energy Initiatives Task Force; Honorable Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment; Honorable Ron Barber, U.S. Representative, 2nd District of Arizona; Maj. Gen. Robert Ashley, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca; and Greg Kuhr, Director, Installation Management Command, Facilities and Logistics, shovel the first spades of dirt at the Fort Huachuca Solar Array Groundbreaking ceremony April 25 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre pavilion.



Guests of honor look on as Steve Trenholm, President, E.ON Climate & Renewables, speaks about the mutual efforts between the partnering organizations that play a part in development of the new solar array park, during the Solar Array Groundbreaking ceremony April 25 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre pavilion.



Honorable Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment, speaks at the Fort Huachuca Solar Array Groundbreaking ceremony April 25. When the park is completed, approximately 70,000 solar panels will cover 68 acre footprint.



Alan King, Execution Director, U.S. Army Energy Initiatives Task Force



B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Reg.



Dr. Randy Groth, left, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army for Arizona and Maj. Gen. Robert Ashley, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca



David Hutchens, President, Tucson Electric Power and Honorable Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment



Maj. Gen. Robert Ashley, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and Fort Huachuca spoke as B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Reg. looked on.



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David Hutchens, President, Tucson Electric Power



Steve Trenholm, President, E.ON Climate & Renewables



Amanda Simpson, Executive Director, U.S. Army Energy Initiatives Task Force, speaks about the impact the Army is making with large-scale renewable energy projects.



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