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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FORUM FOCUSES ON SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE *Generals will discuss the impact and influence of Scott Air Force Base on the local business and IT community*

ST. LOUIS, MO –March 1, 2008 –Major General William Johnson of Scott Air Force Base, and the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, General Daniel Dinkins, will present **TRANSCOM Mission and IT Perspective** at the IT Coalition of Innovate St. Louis' next Emerging Technology Forum event on Friday, March 28, 2008, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at 801 Chestnut Street in St. Louis, Missouri. A Q&A session will follow each speaker. Additionally, acquisition and contract experts from Scott Air Force Base will be available to answer questions and provide contact information. Attendees are required to register for the free event at www.itcoalitionstl.org.

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

Scott Air Force Base is home to three headquarters: United States Transportation Command, Headquarters Air Mobility Command and the Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization. The base commands and controls all logistics of United States military in air, over land and across the sea. In addition to its 14,000 direct employees, it is projected that Scott creates 6,800 indirect jobs in the St. Louis community. Major General Johnson will provide an overview of Scott Air Force Base and discuss its influence and impact on a local and national scale. Brigadier General Rick Dinkins will focus on the role of information technology at Scott Air Force Base.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Major General William Johnson

Maj. Gen. William H. Johnson is the Chief of Staff, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is responsible to the Commander for the effective coordination of all staff activities in a global command of 156,000

Emerging Technology Forum

Date:

Friday, March 28, 2008

Time:

- 7:30am – 10:00am
- 7:30am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Acquisition Team on Site
- 8:30am Presentation

Location:

AT&T Auditorium
1010 Pine Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

Registration:

- Free Admission
Registration Required
- Online: www.itcoalitionstl.org
 - Phone: 314.333-0444

Presenters:

- Major General William Johnson, *Chief of Staff, Scott Air Force Base*
- General Daniel R. Dinkins, *CIO, Scott Air Force Base*

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personnel. USTRANSCOM is engaged in around-the-clock transportation planning and support to the Department of Defense and its war fighting unified commands. Maj. Gen. Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from North Georgia College and a master of science degree in business management from Boston University. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course, Transportation Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and U.S. Army War College. General Johnson has commanded at section, company, battalion and brigade levels and the 143rd TRANSCOM (FWD) and the 99th Regional Readiness Command.

Brig. Gen. Rick Dinkins Jr., Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems, Scott Air Force Base, IL

General Dinkins is responsible for the planning, integration, operations and maintenance of USTRANSCOM's Command, Control, Communications and Computer Systems. He also serves as the command's Chief Information Officer, responsible for the investment strategy for all information technology resources. He has commanded three major communications units and served in numerous staff positions at Headquarters Air Force, combatant command and coalition levels in the United States as well as the European, Pacific and Southwest Asia theaters of operations. In 2005, he served as the Director, Communications and Information Systems, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

ABOUT THE IT COALITION

The IT Coalition was established in 2006 and members include educators, entrepreneurs, and business leaders throughout the area with a vision of St. Louis as the place where Information Technology achieves its full economic potential. Their mission is to further the economic development and vitality of the St. Louis region by mobilizing and leveraging existing assets and talent; promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and work force enhancement; and attracting new investments in the information technology sector. For more information visit www.itcoalitionstl.org.

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