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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (ADSADBU) met with the Director, Department of Economic Development, City of Frederick. The meeting and briefing was a follow-up to my initial meeting with Mr. Griffin during the 4 June Fort Detrick Contracting Community Charter signing ceremony held at HQ, USAMRMC. I provided Mr. Griffin and Ms. Susan Jessee (Business Development Specialist, Department of Economic Development) an overview regarding my role as the USAMRMC ADSADBU and an update of some of my initiatives.

The Department of Economic Development was quite pleased with my presentation and indicated that their department is interested with co-sponsoring/co-hosting future conferences (i.e., Mid Atlantic Acquisition Conference), workshops and other small business events. Mr. Griffin mentioned that over the past couple of months, there has been a marked increase in the level of interest regarding new and future business opportunities at Fort Detrick. COL Ball's recent presentation about current and future Fort Detrick projects to Mayor Jennifer Dougherty and City of Frederick council members helped clarify concerns raised by the community. Our participation in Congressman Roscoe Bartlett's April 4th Small Business Construction Workshop, as well as the 28 April news articles by the Frederick News-Post is contributing to the increased inquiries by small and large businesses within Frederick County.

I mentioned to Mr. Griffin that USAMRMC is considering expanding my accessibility to the local small business community at an off-site location. Mr. Griffin replied that a downtown location for the ADSADBU is an excellent initiative and the Department of Economic Development is very willing to help locate a building/office that can accommodate our needs. There may be a possibility of being co-located or in close proximity with The Department of Economic Development. Mr. Griffin and his department understands the importance of providing small business concerns access to information and the ability to talk in person with a small business advocate from Fort Detrick.

This particular meeting highlights the significance of my role in providing continued small business outreach and information to the business community.

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