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Montgomery Information Technology Summit Set for May 18-19

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE – GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. – Department of Defense officials and industry leaders plan to explore ways integrating information technology can improve combat support during Montgomery Information Technology Summit 2004. The Summit is scheduled for May 18 at the Montgomery Embassy Suites Conference Center.

Following on the Conference theme, "Enterprise Integration-The Future of Combat Support," Mr. John Gilligan, Air Force Chief Information Officer, will address the challenges and issues the Air Force faces in enterprise integration. In addition, industry leaders will add their unique expertise and perspective to the dialogue during two panel discussions focusing on the Air Force operational environment.

"This is the key event to attend for understanding where the DoD and the Air Force are headed in information technology programs," Marcie Rhodes, IT Summit chairperson, said. "The SSG senior leadership will spend a half day on Wednesday discussing the road ahead in the IT acquisitions."

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In addition to Mr. Gilligan, featured speakers include:

- Maj. Gen. Charles Croom, Director, C4ISR and Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration
- Dawn Meyerriecks, Chief, Global Information Grid (GIG) Enterprise Service Engineering Directorate - HQ Defense Information Systems Agency
- Kenneth B. Heitkamp, Assistant CIO for Lifecycle Management
Brig Gen Ed Mahan, Deputy for Acquisition, HQ ESC

The Montgomery IT Summit is designed to increase communication and cooperation between the area's military, government and civilian contractors as they work together to fulfill information technology needs. More than 300 senior information technology executives from throughout the United States are expected to attend this year's event.

The event is co-sponsored by the Montgomery Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, the State of Alabama, and the City of Montgomery.

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