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**USJFCOM Workforce Transition Center Opens**

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (April 27, 2011)The one-stop career center created to assist the U. S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) employees and surrounding business affected by the upcoming transformation will open on Thursday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. following a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Known as the *Virginia Regional Center for USJFCOM Workforce Transition and Business Development*, the facility is located in the Bridgeway Technology Center I building at 7025 Harbour View Boulevard, Suite 120, Suffolk, VA 23435, Exit 8 off I-664.

Speakers for the center's opening include Terrie L. Suit, Virginia Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security; Patrick J. O'Brien, Director, Office of Economic Adjustment; Rear Adm. Walter E. Carter, Jr., Commander of USJFCOM Joint Enabling Capabilities Command; Linda T. Johnson, Mayor, City of Suffolk; and Paul D. Fraim, Mayor, City of Norfolk.

The 2,800 square-foot, transition center will provide a multitude of business and workforce development services including entrepreneurship assistance,

communication and outreach activities, worker assessment, job fairs, training and workshops, and a variety of other career related services in one location.

On-site services for the outplacement process are being provided through a partnership of seven regional, state and local organizations:

- **Commonwealth of Virginia** will fund the center and its operation through a federal grant issued from the U. S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.
- **Opportunity, Inc.** will connect educational providers with those displaced to help them discover how to gain new skill sets, become more marketable, attend job fairs and participate in workshops, all while having the training costs covered.
- **Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)** will extend short-term financial support to those displaced once they file for unemployment insurance.
- **Virginia Workforce Connection** will assist in creating marketable resumes and training how to locate employment opportunities through the exclusive Workforce online postings.
- **City of Suffolk** will manage the office space for the center and will oversee its day-to-day operation by providing a facility coordinator and administrative assistant.
- **Small Business Development Center** will guide entrepreneurs interested in starting their own business. In addition, they will work with existing small businesses in the surrounding area to discover methods to expand their business.
- **SEVA-Rapid Response's** will offer job assessment following the completion of a survey to discover each person's respective job strengths and talents.

Other partners involved in the center include two-year colleges and four-year universities throughout southeastern Virginia.

In addition, individuals can contact the JFCOM Transition hotline **757-461-7537** or visit the Transition website [www.JFCOMtransition.com](http://www.JFCOMtransition.com).

The center will be open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.



Virginia Regional Center for USJFCOM Workforce Transition and Business Development



A spacious computer lab is one of the many resources provided at the transition center.

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