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Media Advisory

HAMMER HOLDS OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE NAMESAKE SAM VOLPENTEST

RICHLAND, Wash. – September 14 – The Volpentest HAMMER Training & Education Center is opening its 80-acre campus to the public on September 29 to honor the facility's namesake and late community leader, Sam Volpentest.

"In honor of the great 'Mr. Sam,' HAMMER is opening its doors to the public in appreciation of the support it has received from the community," said Karen McGinnis, HAMMER Director, Fluor Hanford.

On September 29th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., HAMMER will be on display to showcase the facility that Volpentest gathered support for in the 1980s and backed through its construction in 1997. Volpentest was a champion of the facility until his passing in 2005. HAMMER's clients have ranked the multi-faceted safety and emergency response center among the finest in the country.

"Sam was a nationally recognized 'mover and shaker' and a familiar figure in the nation's capital, with over 40 years of experience calling on elected officials and various government agencies," said TRIDEC chief executive Carl Adrian. "Sam will always be best known for his longevity of service to his community. A year after his passing, he is still fondly remembered as the 'patriarch' of the Tri-Cities."

Please join your hosts, the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC), the Department of Energy, Fluor Hanford, and other Hanford cleanup contractors for a day at HAMMER.

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Several activities have been planned:

- Actual training scenarios by Hanford/local firefighters using HAMMER's full-size training mockups, including live-fire exercises
- Tours of the HAMMER campus
- Informational exchanges with HAMMER staff and clients.

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Note to reporters/editors: An opening ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include community leaders, local legislators and dignitaries. Please RSVP to Geoff Tyree, Fluor Hanford: (509) 372-1145 or geoffrey_t_tyree@rl.gov.