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DOE Dedicates \$2.25M Training Facility

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Volpentest HAMMER training center, managed by Fluor Hanford for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), dedicated its newest classroom building today — a \$2.25 million facility to train officials in international border-protection programs.

The new building provides a dedicated space for instructors from DOE's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) to conduct training that supports the International Border Protection initiative.

U.S. Rep. Doc Hastings said, **"I am pleased to have played a supportive role in the partnership that made this day a reality. Central Washington is fortunate to have a unique asset like HAMMER, a training center that offers unparalleled hands-on education and real-life skills taught by the best in the business. This new facility will further our shared mission of strengthening homeland security, border security and U.S. intelligence."**

Dave Brockman, manager of DOE's Richland Operations Office said, **"Continuing strong relationships with numerous agencies is critical to HAMMER's future growth as a national asset. The construction of this classroom building was truly a partnership between the Department of Energy, HAMMER, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Fluor Hanford, and the U.S. Department of State. I'm pleased to see a wide array of training opportunities develop at this important DOE facility."**

PNNL has trained international border officials from numerous government agencies through multiple programs since the facility first opened its doors in 1997.

The U.S. Department of State provided funding for the new classroom building through its Office of Non-proliferation and Disarmament Fund to meet their training needs in the growing area of international border security.

In early 2008, the Department of State transferred the funding to DOE's Richland Operations Office to complete the new facility. Fluor Hanford managed the project and Grant Construction constructed the building, which was completed on March 10, 2009.

PNNL's international training activities support the State Department, the National Nuclear Security Administration, and the Department of Defense. Since September 1997, PNNL has trained more than 1,200 international border officers from 44 nations and more than 3,000 U.S. border officers.

The new building, located on HAMMER's 80-acre campus, includes state-of-the-art classrooms uniquely appointed for international border-security training.

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