



Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General, with Cathy A. Bella, the Corps of Engineers' Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, cut the ribbons together, marking the official opening of the National Contracting Organization that supports several Corps of Engineers organizations, including the Transatlantic Programs Center, which houses the new office. Looking on are Col. Norbert S. Doyle, the Acting Director of Contracting for the Corps of Engineers, and Colleen O'Keefe, the deputy Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting. (Photo by Janet L. Dove)

Ceremony marks inauguration of the Corps of Engineers' Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, Winchester office

A ceremonious ribbon cutting marked the inauguration of the office of the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) in Winchester on July 31.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General, and the PARC Cathy A. Bella, cut the ribbons across the newly constructed office.

Part of the National Contracting Organization, the Winchester PARC Office supports six Corps of Engineers organizations: the Transatlantic Programs Center, in Winchester, Va.; Afghanistan Engineer District; the Gulf Region Division in Iraq; the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss.; Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, in Alexandria, Va.; and the Huntsville [Alabama] Engineering and Support Center.

The other two PARC Offices are in Atlanta and Dallas. The three offices will oversee the global contractual mission carried out by their customer organizations, ensuring . Each will process one-third of the Corps of Engineers' nearly \$30 billion contractual mission in civil works, military construction, disaster relief and Global War on Terror activities.

"We know our customers have important missions, in some cases where lives are at stake," said Bella. "We will do our best to provide world class support to our customers."