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Washington Energy and Defense Alliance to hold Initial Meeting

Washington State CEOs work to coordinate effort to showcase local small businesses and future in the Energy and Defense Industry

(Seattle, WA) Modumetal CEO Christina Lomasney knows a secret, and she thinks its time that the rest of Washington State, and the country, know the secret, too. And, on July 15th, Lomasney will be joined by several other Washington State energy and defense industry executives and small business owners to kick-off the creation of the Washington Energy and Defense Alliance (WEDA) that will focus the spotlight on the unique aspect of the State's energy and defense industry.

“The need to highlight the exceptional talent and creativity of our state's energy and defense industry is critical. The small businesses that are focused on creating jobs, expanding our economy and creating new economic opportunity for our state are really key to our economic recovery,” said Lomasney. “And, getting these small companies access to resources, policymakers and networks that can benefit their growth and recovery of our region is going to be a primary focus of WEDA. Thanks to the efforts of a lot of people, WEDA is now moving to realize this goal.”

The *Washington Energy and Defense Alliance* -- www.WashingtonEDA.org-- is an emerging non-profit alliance, which plans to support a local network of individuals, firms, universities and coalitions which are actively involved in energy production, alternative energy development and national security and defense. *Washington EDA* seeks to recognize the intersection of national security and energy independence issues and to bring visibility to the unique solutions that exist in Washington State. The ultimate goal of the *Washington EDA* is to nurture and expand Washington's science, technology and job base and further promote Washington State's industry participation in delivering energy and defense solutions to the national market.

The first meeting of *Washington EDA* is scheduled to take place on July 15th, 2009. For more information on the event, please contact James Dandy at Modumetal on james.dandy@modumetal.com.

The meeting will include both a Roundtable meeting as well as remarks by two leading individuals in the field of energy and defense. Following are the agenda and bios for the confirmed speakers for this event:

- **Roundtable Meeting**
- **Featured Speaker: Mr. Kevin Billings** - will present an introduction to doing business within the Government and Commercial sectors, with specific focus on energy research and development projects.
- **Keynote Speaker: Lt Gen Carol Mutter (USMC, ret.)** - Lt Gen Carol Mutter will present an overview of doing business with the US Department of Defense, with focus on acquisition cycles for research and development products.

About Mr. Kevin Billings:

Mr. Billings previously served as the Assistant Secretary of the United States Air Force for Energy, Environment, Logistics and Installations. In this capacity, he managed the USAF's overall energy portfolio, including all new energy initiatives. As the senior energy official, Billings led the Air Force Energy Strategy and was focused on helping reduce its energy consumption in support of DoD and Presidential Directives for greater energy independence and national security. His responsibilities included developing and mandating energy strategy and policies, meeting energy goals, reporting the energy security posture, and managing the Air Force's culture change related to energy usage.

Mr Billings is currently the Director of Federal Energy Efficiency Programs at Lockheed Martin. In this capacity, he is working with the Company's customers to address the nation's energy and climate challenges in the areas of energy efficiency, management, next-generation alternative energies, and climate monitoring. Lockheed Martin provides a full range of energy solutions to the government and regulated industry, including the DOE, state and regional energy organizations, utilities and businesses. Lockheed Martin is one of the nation's largest implementers of energy efficiency programs for utility customers.

About Lt. General Carol Mutter (USMC, ret.)

Lt. Gen Mutter (USMC, ret.) served for over 31 years in the U.S. Marine Corps attaining the rank of Lieutenant General. Her military experience included leadership positions in logistics, data processing, financial management, personnel administration, and research, development and acquisition. Most notably, she served as the first female commander of the Marine Corps Systems Command, the primary acquisition agent for the United States Marine Corps.

Working as a consultant, her business has centered on assisting companies in winning government contracts.

In addition to two honorary Doctorate degrees, Carol holds a BA degree in Mathematics Education from the University of Northern Colorado, has an MA degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College at Newport, RI and an MS degree from Salve Regina College, also in Newport, RI.

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