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DEPS Elects New Members to Board of Directors

ALBUQUERQUE, NM, March 29- To be officially recognized at the Annual Directed Energy Science and Technology Symposium in Destin, FL., the Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS) is pleased to introduce three new additions to their Board of Directors - Mr. Adam Aberle, Mr. Christopher Behre and Ms. Stephanie Miller.

Having been both nominated and elected by the DEPS membership, these individuals will join the existing leadership that sets the course for DEPS activities as DE systems mature into transition for the next three years.

Mr. Adam Aberle, Chief of the High Energy Laser (HEL) Technology Development and Demonstration Division for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMDC,) has been leading laser technology development and demonstrations for over 20 years. Aberle manages and oversees all of the major Army HEL efforts including the High Energy Laser Mobile Test Truck (HELMTT), the High Energy Laser Tactical Vehicle Demonstrator (HEL TVD), and the Mobile Beam Control System Integration Laboratory (MBC SIL.)

Mr. Christopher Behre, Technical Director of the Directed Energy Division Staff at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, has been working in DE for nearly 20 years and is recognized for leading programs such as the Solid State Laser – Technology Maturation (SSL-TM) and Ground Based Air Defense

(GBAD.) Behre currently provides oversight and guidance to the Navy Laser Family of Systems (LaWS,) which will deploy ten laser weapon systems in the next three years.

Ms. Stephanie Miller, Chief of the Bioeffects Division at the 711 Human Performance Wing for the U.S. Air Force (AF,) has been working in the DE community for 30 years and is best known for her expertise in radio frequency (RF) bioeffects and non-lethal weapons (NLWs.) Miller, both an AFRL and DEPS Fellow, defines, leads, and manages the AF bioeffects research portfolio, and is credited with having built an internationally recognized team whose work has positively modified the overly restrictive international safety standards associated with DE exposures, maximizing the DoD's ability to fully exploit the electromagnetic spectrum for operational use.

"As President of the DEPS Board of Directors, I would like to personally thank our outgoing Board members, Dr. Howard Meyer and Mr. Dan Marker, for their significant contributions to the DE community throughout their careers, and for their three years of diligent service to our professional technical society. I would also like to provide a warm welcome to our new board members; Mr. Adam Aberle, Mr. Christopher Behre, and Ms. Stephanie Miller. The board is looking forward to your contributions and assistance in helping DEPS continue to grow and expand our reach across the technical and increasingly relevant operational communities. I'm sure that your expertise and experience will significantly contribute to DEPS in the years to come," said Dr. David Stoudt, Booz Allen Hamilton Senior Fellow for DE.

The Directed Energy Professional Society fosters the research, development and transition of directed energy (DE) technologies, including high energy laser (HEL) and high power microwave (HPM) technologies, for national defense and civilian applications through professional communication and education. For more information, visit www.deps.org

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