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**Press Release**

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*The Andrews Business & Community Alliance*—the principal advocacy group for Andrews Air Force Base—has been awarded a grant from the Prince George's County Council to continue their efforts to create a significant Homeland Security/Defense presence in Prince George's County while supporting the mission at Andrews.

The *Andrews Business & Community Alliance (ABCA)*—an affiliate organization of the *Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable*—has just been awarded a county grant in the amount of \$30,000 for fiscal year 2007 to continue promoting, reshaping and redefining relationships with the base and the surrounding community, while creating a long-range vision for the Andrews national defense corridor, a concept which emphasizes the base's strategic location within the national capital region. This corridor has

significant vitality due to its proximity to Washington, D.C. and the presence of an important arm of the United States Military in Andrews Air Force Base.

The grant, awarded at the County Administration Building by County Council Chairman Thomas Dernoga and 9<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Marilyn Bland, comes as a result of the ABCA's exhaustive work in both the corridor and on behalf of the base and the nearby communities. The grant was unanimously supported by the nine-member Council.

The **ABCA** unites the base with the business and civic communities of Prince George's County in an effort to retain some of the nearly \$2 billion in direct expenditures that the base pumps into the regional economy on a yearly basis.

**ABCA** President and CEO M.H. Jim Estepp thanked the County Council for their generosity. "We thank the County Council for their assistance. This speaks volumes to the work we've already done in bringing the Base to the fore of conversations regarding economic development in the county and the region and it underscores the Council's commitment to support our men and women in uniform."

In fiscal year 2005, the **ABCA** was awarded a grant from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development

The **Andrews Business and Community Alliance** is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization whose activities include advocating for the servicemen and women of

Andrews Air Force Base and opening ties between the Base and the businesses and communities that make up Prince George's County. For more information on the *Andrews Business and Community Alliance* and the *Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable*, headquartered in Lanham, Maryland, visit <http://www.bizroundtable.org>.

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