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**U.S. ARMY FORT DRUM OFFERS *RAPIDGate* PROGRAM  
TO STREAMLINE ACCESS AND IMPROVE SECURITY**

*High-security installations streamline access for qualified civilian personnel.*

**Portland, Ore. – November 20, 2007** – The U.S. Army Fort Drum is now offering the *RAPIDGate*® Program to non-military personnel who need routine access to these high security installations. The voluntary Program combines identity authentication, background screening, credentialing, and biometric verification to help improve security procedures. At the same time, the Program saves time and money for authorized vendors, suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and service providers by automating verification of identity and access privileges at the installations' access control points.

“Fort Drum encourages your participation in the program,” said David J. Clark, Garrison Commander, in a letter to the business community dated September 21, 2007. “It serves to streamline access for your authorized employees and to improve the ability of our access control personnel to maintain higher levels of security and efficiency.”

Home of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division - Light Infantry, Fort Drum is one of the largest employers in Northern New York, with over 15,000 military and 3600 civilian employees as of FY 2005 (Fort Drum Economic Impact Statement, FY 2005). The *RAPIDGate* Program gives Fort Drum another method to maintaining security and accessibility for the large and diverse population that lives or works on the installation.

“The *RAPIDGate* Program continues to be the choice for military installations who value their civilian business partners,” said Steve Larson, Chairman and CEO of Eid Passport. “Compared to simple ID scanners, our solution provides more convenient access for authorized personnel, as well as a higher level of security.”

The *RAPIDGate* Program has been improving security and streamlining access at many prominent military installations, including the following: Camp Pendleton (CA), Fort Bliss (TX), Fort Bragg (NC), Fort Carson (CO), Fort Lee (VA), Fort Leonard Wood (MO), Fort Lewis (WA), Fort Polk (LA), Fort Riley (KS), Fort Sam Houston (TX), and the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (HI). The Program is also in operation at select Department of Homeland Security locations, such as the Coast Guard Training Center Cape May (NJ) and the Coast Guard Headquarters (DC). Companies who need more information or are interested in enrolling in the *RAPIDGate* Program may call 1-877-*RAPIDGate* (1-877-727-4342).

### **About the *RAPIDGate* Program**

The *RAPIDGate* Program provides a voluntary identity and access management solution for vendor, supplier, contractor and subcontractor personnel entering highly secure facilities. It provides multiple layers of physical security checks, including validation of employment status, identity authentication, background screening, biometric verification, and verification of authorization to enter. Access control personnel can process *RAPIDGate* badgeholders in seconds, which improves gate throughput, saves companies time and money, and improves customer service. Moreover, one *RAPIDGate* Badge may be used to request access to multiple participating installations for even greater convenience, efficiency, and return on investment. The *RAPIDGate* Program already serves thousands of companies and tens of thousands of *RAPIDGate* Badgeholders who enjoy streamlined access into Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security facilities across the continental U.S. and Hawaii. The *RAPIDGate* Program contains products and services subject to U.S. Patent No. 6,779,721.

### **About Eid Passport**

Eid Passport ([www.eidpassport.com](http://www.eidpassport.com)) integrates leading-edge products and services into solutions that combine identity authentication, background screening, and access management to make facilities, assets, and people safer and more secure. Using the Eid Passport® Enterprise ID Solutions, highly secure facilities — such as military installations, government buildings, manufacturing and distribution sites, ports, and commercial

buildings — can increase security and streamline access for a variety of authorized personnel.

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