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APG South's Annual Food, Toy and Gift Drive Kicks Off 2010 Holiday Season

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. — APG South kicks off the 2010 Holiday Season with its 23rd Annual Food, Toy and Gift Drive collecting donations at 30 locations across the Edgewood Area from Nov. 8 to Dec. 7. Aiming to help less fortunate families at this time of the year, sponsoring organizations encourage their workforce members to support this charitable event with generous donations of new toys and gifts for all ages, as well as non-perishable food items.

Collected items will be donated to the Mason Dixon Community Services, an organization that provides emergency food and energy assistance to low-income residents in Harford County, and Extreme Family Outreach, an organization that provides after school and summer programs for elementary- and middle school-aged youth in Edgewood, Joppatowne, and Havre de Grace.

Following the Food, Toy and Gift Drive closing ceremony at the ECBC Berger Auditorium Dec. 7, the Mason Dixon Community Services, Extreme Family Outreach and the Army Community Services will ensure the delivery of donations to families in need.

Sponsoring organizations include the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA); Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC); Chemical Materials Agency (CMA); ECBC; Headquarters, Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM); Joint Project Manager NBC Contamination Avoidance (JPM NBC CA); Joint Project Manager for Biological Defense (JPM BD); and Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (MRICD).

For more information about ECBC, visit <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/>.

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Caption: Garrison maintenance helpers from the Directorate of Public Work Timothy Waldrop and Alfred Clark (left to right) build up the sign announcing the APG South Food, Toy and Gift and Gift Drive.