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Redstone Arsenal to start gate refresh in preparation for Automated Installation Entry system

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The Army is ushering in the next generation of installation access at gates across the world — Automated Installation Entry (AIE) — and the Access Control Point Program (ACPP) at the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, is poised to play a major role as that becomes reality.

These AIE gates will read radio frequency identification tags on car windshields and scan identification cards, rather than have a person visually check ID cards as people enter installations.

Redstone Arsenal, is on the list of installations that will get the upgrade. Work to upgrade the infrastructure at five Redstone gates is set to start in late October.

“We will be upgrading the infrastructure at gates 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10, and also installing barriers at gates 1, 8 and 10,” said Amy Venable, a project manager with Huntsville Center’s Installation Support and Programs Management Directorate. “\$1.7 million is budgeted to improve the ACPs and get them ready for the AIE install scheduled for fiscal year 2010.”

Upgrades will include installing conduit for AIE system equipment, new guard booths and canopies with lighting. Typically these upgrades take about six months, Venable said.

Partners on this project include Williams Electric of Arab, Ala.; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District; LaRue Wisener, Physical Security at Redstone Arsenal; Joe Skinner, Redstone Department of Public Works; Khaleelah Muhammad, Directorate of Information Management; Kim Torrence, project engineer with Huntsville Center’s Engineering Directorate; and Brian Erickson with the Protective Design Center at Omaha District, Corps of Engineers.

This work is not in response to an incident at Redstone Arsenal June 6 where police chased suspects onto the Arsenal, resulting in a crash and death of a Marshall Space Flight Center employee and injuries to five other employees.

In October 2002, the Army’s Product Manager for Force Protection Systems (PM-FPS) selected the Huntsville Center to plan and manage this gate upgrade initiative to include survey, design, purchase and installation of ACP

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