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FORT Greely, Alaska --The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District completed the In-Flight Interceptor Communications System Data Terminal facility on schedule here Sept. 5

"This was a difficult facility to construct because of the tight schedule and inclement weather," said John Matthews, director of Ballistic Missile Defense at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville in Alabama.

More than one million hours were worked without a lost time accident, "which is absolutely outstanding," he said.

"The communications dome is high energy magnetic pulse protected and seismic protected," said Matthews.

"This is the first of several Building Occupancy Dates for the Fort Greely Ground-based Missile Defense In-Flight Interceptor Communications System Data Terminal project, and sets the pace for the rest of the construction." He said. "This, once again, shows the Corps of Engineers' resolve at meeting the rigorous schedule for this project that is vital to our nation's defense."

In 1998, Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Maj. Gen. Willie B. Nance, National Missile Defense program manager established the Corps of Engineers as a full partner in the development of the NMD Program. The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center serves as the "one door to the Corps," maintaining responsibility for program management for the entire Corps Of Engineers support throughout the life of the program.

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