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Huntsville Center contractor employee killed in Iraq identified

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee killed in Iraq May 3 has been identified.

Jerry Palinsky, 42, was killed when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device. Two contractor employees also were injured in the incident.

Palinsky, of Dupont, Washington, worked as a security specialist and was employed by Cochise Consultancy Inc., of Tampa, Fla.

Another contractor employee was killed in a second incident May 2. Next of kin notification process is under way.

“Our condolences go out to the family,” said Bill Sargent, program manager, Coalition Munitions Clearance Program. “Our personnel are highly trained and experienced and are doing a superb job, but it remains a very dangerous mission.”

The incidents are under investigation.

Huntsville Center is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Center of Expertise for Ordnance and Explosives. Huntsville Center’s Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger

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