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## **Huntsville Center contractor employees killed in Iraq identified**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** — Four U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employees killed in Iraq June 8 have been identified.

Wayne Shultz, 34, from Hervey Bay, Australia; and Penaia Vakaotia, 32, from Suva, Fiji; Mikaele Banidawa, 46, from Yalalevu, Fiji; and Vilisoni Guana, 43, from Ono-I-Lau, Fiji, were killed when the vehicle they were riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device.

The four worked as security specialists and were employed by ArmorGroup Iraq, which is headquartered in London.

This brings the number of contractor casualties killed under the Coalition Munitions Clearance program since September 2003 to 25.

“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 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. Huntsville Center’s Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving,

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