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## **Huntsville Center contractor fatality in Iraq identified**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.** — A U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee died and two were injured Nov. 17 in Iraq.

Thomas M. Thomas, 29, of Chester, Va., a security specialist working for Cochise Consultancy, Inc., of Valrico, Fla., was killed when the vehicle in which he was riding was struck by a roadside bomb. The injured employees have asked to not be identified.

The incident is under investigation.

“Our condolences go out to the family,” said Mike Stahl, chief, International Operations, Ordnance and Explosives Directorate. “Our personnel are highly trained and experienced, but it remains a dangerous mission.”

Cochise Consultancy is a subcontractor for one of the contractors supporting the Huntsville Center’s Coalition Munitions Clearance Program in Iraq. Thomas’ death brings the total number of casualties under the program to 12; six of those were employed by Cochise. Cochise has 186 employees working under the contract in Iraq of the 1,285 contractors total who support the CMC program.



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