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**William A. Armbruster Named Executive Director
of the Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority**

~ former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army to begin February 25 ~

RICHMOND – The Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority today named William A. Armbruster to be its executive director.

Mr. Armbruster has served since February 2002 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Privatization and Partnerships). In this role, he has led a staff of 40 and has been responsible for developing policy and overall implementation for the Army's privatization and partnership programs, especially in residential housing and utilities. He also has been responsible for policy and oversight of the Army-Community Heritage Partnership Program, the Office of Historic Properties, and partnerships with local governments.

In carrying out the Army's privatization and partnership programs, Mr. Armbruster has been responsible for leveraging some \$970 million in initial equity into more than \$9.8 billion in additional private capital.

Before joining the Department of the Army, Mr. Armbruster worked from 1994 to 2001 on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) matters affecting Fort Pickett, Va. He first worked from 1994 to 1996 as executive director of a five-county reuse authority and then from 1996 through 2001 as executive director of the Fort Pickett Redevelopment Authority.

"We are pleased to have attracted such a high-caliber individual to this position," said L. Preston Bryant, Jr., chairman of the FMFADA. "For the past six years, Mr. Armbruster has been working with more than 25 other military installations all across the country that, like Fort Monroe, have been affected by BRAC actions. More important, he has been working directly with the many communities associated with those installations that have been affected by BRAC actions. This experience will be vital to building upon the very good work done to date by the FMFADA."

Mr. Armbruster also is a former businessman and Navy veteran who has local government experience. He was executive vice president of Roanoke Lumber International from 1991 to 1996, was executive director of the Emporia Downtown Redevelopment Corporation from 1989 to 1991, and served as a member of the Blackstone town council from 1992 to 1995.

Mr. Armbruster served for 26 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Captain and Naval Intelligence Officer. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Bronze Star with "V" for combat valor, the Meritorious Service Medal, a Joint Service Commendation, a Navy Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, a Combat Action Ribbon, and Republic of Vietnam Theatre Ribbons.

Mr. Armbruster received his B.A. in government from the College of William and Mary and his M.S. in international affairs from The George Washington University.

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