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MEMORANDUM FOR Distribution

SUBJECT: 2025 SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC)

To DoD and other government agencies,

This document serves to communicate mission-critical training, engagement, and value for your military engineering and related components in attending the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Joint Engineering Training Conference (JETC) from May 13-15, 2025, in Louisville, KY. This conference is strategically aligned with the Department of Defense's core objectives and offers a unique opportunity for professional military education in a joint service environment.

Key benefits satisfying mission-critical training requirements to execute architecture, engineering and construction (A/E/C) within the Federal Government:

- **Strengthening the Military (and the Nation):** The event facilitates collaboration between military and industry professionals, fostering discussions and initiatives that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of delivering military engineering and technology capabilities to secure our Nation, energize the economy, and reduce disaster risk.
- **Matching Threats to Capabilities:** Engaging with experts will provide insights into cutting-edge engineering technologies and best practices, ensuring modernization efforts address current and emerging threats effectively.
- **Deterring Aggression in the Indo-Pacific:** Sessions focused on strategic planning and regional security will equip attendees with valuable knowledge to enhance U.S. presence and preparedness through the A/E/C community within the Indo-Pacific—including theater setting, basing, and contingency response.
- **Reviewing the Fiscal 2026 Budget:** The event offers a platform for discussions on effective budget allocation and resource management within the A/E/C mission set, including MILCON, interagency support, and domestic disaster relief missions.
- **Enhancing Combat Capabilities:** Attendance allows engagement in critical dialogues about facilities that support nuclear posture and modern combat capabilities.
- **Rapidly Deploying Emerging Technologies:** Presentations on the latest advancements in technologies like AI and future systems will be featured.
- **Critical Cybersecurity Measures:** Discussions with leading experts in cybersecurity and onsite demonstrations will help develop strategies to strengthen cybersecurity frameworks and their integration to energy systems, facility controls, and other critical infrastructure.

Program Highlights:

- Industry & Government jointly curated and reviewed 70+ Hours of Education & Training Sessions organized into tracks such as Warfighter Engineering, Cyber Security, Resilience, and Leadership.
- Pre-Conference Workshops and Mega-Sessions featuring high-ranking government leaders to include Engineering Service Chiefs and Senior Enlisted Leaders.

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- Exhibit Hall featuring 200+ leading companies providing solutions to strengthen installations and enhance combat power.
- Engagements with leaders of other services and agencies, enabling effective collaboration and mission support with their military and government peers in a joint environment.

SAME was founded in 1920, through lessons learned from World War I, to help ensure the entire military engineering community and national engineering industrial base were working together to advance the readiness of our national defense. It is a mission as important as ever in the uncertain global environment we all face today. Engineers lead the way.

For more information on JETC, to include a complete schedule, sessions, and registration, please visit www.samejetc.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,



MG Mike Wehr, P.E. (USA Ret.)
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Encl 1: Legal Justification

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Event Name	Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC)
Event Host Name	Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)
Type of Org	501(c)3, non-profit, non-federal entity
Date(s) of Event	May 12-15, 2025. See website for specific schedule: https://www.samejetc.org/schedule.cfm
Location of Event	Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY
Purpose of Event	National Opportunity to interface with other services, agencies, and industry; conduct joint training; maintain professional credentials; receive inter-disciplinary education; participate in mentoring and leadership opportunities.
Expected number of attendees*	2000
Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% Government Attendance • 46% Large Business Attendance • 32% Small Business Attendance • 2% Academia/Non-profit Attendance
Agencies/Partners represented	COCOMs, USACE, NAFVAC, AFCEC, VA, State Dept, USCG, USPHS, USMC, local govts., AGC, ACEC, CMAA, IFMA, other Strategic Partners
Spouse or Guest expectation	Guests/Spouses do not generally accompany attendees to this event with the exception of the Society Ball. They are allowed to purchase registrations ranging from full conference to a la carte.
Membership Requirement	None – Both members and non-members may attend.
Speakers	Speakers are not paid or reimbursed for travel. Speakers receive a discounted registration fee.
Hotel/Registration Fee	Hotel pricing generally corresponds to per diem for the area: https://www.samejetc.org/travel.cfm . For the full list of registration pricing, please see the website: https://www.samejetc.org/registration_info.cfm
Gifts	No gifts are provided to any speakers. A conference shopping bag worth less than \$5 is provided for all attendees.

*This is a widely attended education and training event.