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Media Opportunity **Ceremony for DoD's largest energy-saving battery held at Fort Carson**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – A “switch-throwing” ceremony for the largest peak energy-saving battery storage system on any Department of Defense installation will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Minick Substation at Fort Carson.

The new 8.5 megawatt-per-hour battery unit, which was installed in November, is designed to combat the high cost of peak electricity use periods. It will help offset the high energy demands placed on Fort Carson's power grid, especially during summer cooling season, ultimately increasing power grid resilience.

“The system will reduce our billed peak electric use an average of 9 percent every month, which will save Fort Carson approximately \$525,000 a year,” Vince Guthrie, Directorate of Public Works utility program manager said.

Fort Carson was able to leverage an existing Energy Savings Performance Contract in place with engineering firm AECOM to finance, design and construct the \$8 million battery system.

Pursuing the battery project aligns with the Army's increased focus on energy resiliency.

Media with questions or those who are interested in attending this event should RSVP by 4 p.m. Tuesday to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.