

## **HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Partnership is acutely aware of the critical need to be prepared for, respond to and recover from both natural and human-caused disasters and understands that government cannot carry this burden without active involvement of the private sector. It is imperative that businesses have access to the necessary tools and information for maintaining continuity in the event of a disaster. It is also important for the business community to work with governments at all levels to foster active public-private partnerships and develop strategies to protect the nation's critical infrastructure, facilitate information sharing and spur public-private engagement to effectively manage all types of hazards. The Partnership will continue to support the efforts of and engage with the Safeguard Iowa Partnership, the U.S. Chamber [National Security, Emergency Preparedness Department](#) and others to continue to develop public-private partnerships with the federal, state and local governments to enhance homeland security and emergency preparedness efforts.

### **U.S. DISTRICT COURTHOUSE EXPANSION**

The Partnership supports the construction of new Federal Courthouse facilities for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa.

The Partnership will work with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to ensure that a new courthouse in Des Moines will not only better serve the public but will also serve as an economic catalyst for Downtown redevelopment, foster an amenity in the community and incorporate sustainable design principles that will serve Iowans for the next 100 years.

### **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

In 2016, the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) approved the Army National Guard (ARNG) enhanced readiness concept. Key to this concept was the enhanced readiness of all ARNG Armored Brigade Combat Teams and Striker Brigade Combat Teams. In order to support this intensified mission, the ARNG Sustainment Training Center, located at Camp Dodge, will substantially increase capacity and training effectiveness with the addition of key Administrative and Training facilities at a cost of \$32 million in Military Construction.

The Partnership supports the Adjutant General's requirement for key infrastructure at Camp Dodge in order to enhanced readiness for logistic units in support of Army National Guard Brigade Combat Teams.

By providing enhanced training and greater unity throughput, these facilities will directly support the enhanced readiness of the ARNG, the Army and the security of the U.S.

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## **AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

The Partnership supports adding both equipment and manpower to the 132d Wing to increase support to government and private emergency management response. One such capability would include basing the MQ-9 Reaper aircraft at the Des Moines International Airport to provide unmatched disaster assessment and awareness to responders. This capability would complement the existing equipment and training that allow the 132d Wing to provide support in the areas of cyber incident response, debris clearance, fatality search and recovery, urban environment search and rescue, command and control support, mobile kitchen and meal support, civil disturbance support and incident assessment through the use of the RC-26 Metroliner aircraft and imagery analysis.

At an FY 2017 economic impact of \$80 million through payroll, expenditures, education and jobs that benefit Greater Des Moines and the State of Iowa, The Partnership values the 132d Wing and its contributions to the U.S.