

DCMA HAS ‘WALLBREAKING’ CEREMONY ON FORT LEE

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The Defense Contract Management Agency’s future headquarters on Fort Lee, Va., is one step closer to becoming a reality.

Charlie E. Williams, Jr., DCMA director, along with representatives from Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DCMA senior leadership, celebrated the start of the construction project with a “wallbreaking ceremony” April 15 in the future command suite area of Building 10500.

Building 10500 is where DCMA Headquarters, International and Special Programs employees in Springfield, Va., will be relocated due to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law.

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, one of the nation’s largest construction management and general contracting companies, was awarded a \$13,139,000 firm-fixed-price contract to renovate Building 10500 at Fort Lee Dec. 14, 2009. In September 2009, Whiting-Turner was awarded a \$181 million project to design and build support facilities for wounded soldiers at the future Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.



From left: Dan Niccolucci, Whiting-Turner vice-president, and Charlie E. Williams, Jr., DCMA director, participate in a wallbreaking ceremony at Building 10500 on Fort Lee, Va., future home of DCMA Headquarters April 15. Whiting-Turner has started the construction process and is scheduled to complete the building renovation by July 2011.

According to the DCMA facilities office, Building 10500 will be demolished to its shell and completely rebuilt. The planned completion date is July 2, 2011, though Whiting-Turner officials say they are expecting to complete the building “ahead of schedule,” said Dan Niccolucci, Whiting-Turner vice president. “We look forward to working this project and are looking to exceed your expectations.”

After the ceremony, Williams and DCMA senior leadership participated in a windshield tour of Fort Lee, getting an overview of the many construction projects, post expansion and quality of life opportunities available to DCMA employees. This was followed by a visit with agency employees at the DCMA River’s Bend East facility in Chester, Va. During the visit, the director presented

James Stamper, DCMA Lean Six Sigma master black belt, with a pin and certificate for his 35 years of government service.

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From left: Charlie E. Williams, Jr., Defense Contract Management Agency director, pins James Stamper, DCMA Lean Six Sigma master black belt, with his 35 years of government service pin April 15 at the Rivers Bend East building in Chester, Va., after touring the facility. (Photos by Cassandra Locke, DCMA Public Affairs)