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US Transportation Command and HHGFAA Partner to Bring First “Hands-On” DPS Training to Moving Industry. The Household Goods Forwarders Association of America (HHGFAA) and the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO) Household Goods Systems (HHGS) will be co-sponsoring a Defense Personal Property System (DPS) Learning Lab at HHGFAA’s 45th Annual Meeting next week in New York City – Alexandria, Virginia / DPS Learning Lab / October 11, 2007

“All the World’s a Stage – Connecting Great Performers” – is HHGFAA’s theme for its Annual Meeting in New York City and front and center stage is the Department of Defense (DOD) Families First new automated Defense Personal Property System (DPS). Premiering for the first time, Industry will be provided hands-on training by DOD Subject Matter Experts – via a DPS Learning Lab and related workshops at the Marriott NY Marquis in Times Square.

The DPS Learning Lab is open to registered attendees for the 45th HHGFAA Annual Meeting. The lab consists of 10 PC work stations set up to accommodate those who want to take a good hard look at the system, desire a brief overview or just want to stop by to see what DPS looks like. Participants will be able to process live (mock) data in DPS and interact with JPMO’s Subject Matter Experts Roland Amos, Danny Martinez and Stanley Quinn. The DPS Learning Lab will be opened Sun – Wed (Oct 14th -17th) during specific hours – attendees should refer to their program guides for details.

On Wed, October 17th, the last workshop ends on a high note with special session - *“Families First/DPS & Customs Process – Got Questions?”* The workshop is jam packed with DOD and Industry Star Performers. JPMO HHGS’ Program Manager, LTC William Carberry and Deputy Program Manager, Ralph Meacham are providing a DPS presentation followed by a Q&A period. Mr. Steve Jebo from Logistic Management Institute (McLean, VA) is presenting a brief overview of DOD’s new worldwide initiative regarding Custom (clearance) Process Automation (CPA) for DOD shipments. Chuck White, HHGFAA’s own Director of Government and Military Relations, along with the Association’s newly contracted Project Manager, Erin Davis, will bring down the curtain on the workshop with an interactive session about future Families First/DPS training opportunities, as well as Industry perspectives and updates on important issues such as DOD’s current personal property and future Families First programs, Full Replacement Value (FRV) and Direct Carrier (Claim) Settlement.

In addition to the many DOD movers and shakers, the Annual Meeting and Trade Show is the ultimate networking venue for the moving and relocation Industry. Nearly 2,000 movers and service providers from over 160 countries around globe are coming to the Big Apple to network. For more information on HHGFAA’s 45th Annual Meeting go to <http://www.hhgfaameetings.org/>.

Who is HHGFAA?

Household Goods Forwarders Association of America, Inc. is the largest international trade association for household goods forwarders, movers, and service providers. The association has a worldwide membership of over 1900 companies from more than 160 countries and territories.