NAC Congratulates ACMI for Receiving \$75M DoD Contract for Campus that will Strengthen Munitions Supply Chain

Summerville, SC (September 26, 2023) – The National Armaments Consortium (NAC) today congratulated its member organization – The American Center for Manufacturing and Innovation (ACMI) – for receiving a <u>\$75 million award from the Department of Defense</u> that will bolster our nation's munitions supply chain.

The award – approved by the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Resilience (IBR) through its Manufacturing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization (MCEIP) Directorate – will establish a state-of-the-art munitions campus and drive collaboration between DoD and private companies specializing in munitions, hypersonic systems, and critical chemicals.

"The NAC has been at the forefront of fostering collaboration between the government and the industrial base on developing a national energetics plan that supports domestically manufactured munitions," said Charlie Zisette, the executive director of the NAC. "This award is a critical step toward that goal. ACMI's innovative campus model will support a publicprivate partnership that will strengthen our munitions supply chain and support the needs of our warfighters."

ACMI's Munitions Campus will support the government and industrial base by providing facilities and services necessary for munitions development and production, such as non-destructive inspection, explosives storage and transportation, prototype testing, and munitions manufacturing tools.

The National Armaments Consortium operates under several Other Transaction Agreements OTA) with the DoD that encourage collaboration between the Government and member organizations. NAC members have access to three OTAs sponsored by government partners:

- The Department of Defense Ordnance Technology Consortium (DOTC): DOTC's mission, in partnership with the NAC, is to enhance our warfighter's lethality, survivability, and combat effectiveness by facilitating the industrial and academic research, development, and technology demonstrations needed to advance and expand our military technological superiority.
- The Aviation and Missile Technology Consortium (AMTC): AMTC engages industry and academia to develop and mature guided missile technologies to develop

and transition U.S. Army aviation and missile manufacturing technologies, and integrate advanced technologies, techniques, and processes into future effective weapon systems.

• The Naval Energetic Systems and Technologies Program (NEST): NEST is a collaboration with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division (NSWC IHD) to address the most significant energetics-related challenges facing our nation.

About the National Armaments Consortium

The National Armaments Consortium (NAC) is the largest collaborative organization working with the DOD to develop armament technologies in support of our Nation's security. The NAC's focus: transitioning technology to the warfighter fast; promoting innovation; recruiting a community of world-class technologists; encouraging collaboration with government, industry, and academia; removing barriers; promoting nontraditional defense contractor contributions and participation; promoting and enabling the industrial base; supporting the nation's equities in RD&A, OTA, and future capabilities. For more information about NAC, please visit www.nacconsortium.org.

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