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**MEMPHIS MAYOR, HONORABLE WILLIE W.
HERENTON, WELCOMES THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
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(Alexandria, VA – September 13, 2006) --- Memphis Mayor, Honorable Willie W. Herenton will greet Forum attendees at the annual Transportation and Logistics Forum and Exposition hosted by the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) September 23 through September 27. The Mayor will help officially launch the event, the 60th in the Association's long history in support of defense transportation, alongside LTG Kenneth Wykle, USA (Ret.), NDTA President and General Walter Kross, USAF (Ret.), Vice Chairman of the Board and former Commander, US Transportation Command. Commencement is scheduled for Monday, September 25 at 8:30am in the Memphis Cook Convention Center - Ballroom B.

Other notables with ties to the city will be on hand at the Forum. Keynote speaker is Mr. Frederick W. Smith, Chairman, President and CEO of FedEx headquartered in Memphis. Mr. Smith will deliver remarks on September 26 at 9:00am. The company will sponsor an evening of "Rockin n' Rollin" for Forum attendees at Graceland, recently announced as "Event Site of the Year." A Memphis-style barbecue and entertainment by The Dempsey's, one of the city's liveliest rock and roll trios is planned. FedEx has also arranged tours of their Sort Center for Forum attendees for a behind the scene glimpse of late night operations.

In addition to FedEx, YRC Worldwide will be another major participant this year, hosting the NDTA Scholarship Dinner on September 24. The event will take place in the

legendary Peabody Hotel, which celebrated its 25th anniversary of reopening on September 1. To compliment the evening's theme of "Great Performances," the company has invited Johnny Sauter, one of this year's top drivers in the NASCAR Busch Series, and Dorian Harewood who has starred in countless roles including "Roots" and "The Jesse Owens Story" to make an appearance. Great food and great views from the Peabody rooftop are also on the agenda.

"We certainly could not ask for a better location for our Forum and Expo," says Kirstin Knott, Worldwide Manager for FedEx Government Services, Department of Defense Team. *"We are surrounded by southern hospitality and charm, and state-of-the-art facilities that bear witness to the depth of the logistics and transportation capability that this city has to offer".* Nearly 1,000 attendees are expected, including key figures in government and corporate industry and NDTA chapter and regional representatives from locations around the US and overseas. Transportation security, passenger travel, advancing technologies in supply chain management and other trends are on the slate of discussion topics in keeping with NDTA's mission to educate and inform. For more information, call NDTA at 703-751-5011.

The National Defense Transportation Association is a non-profit, non-political educational association committed to fostering partnerships between government, military and industry, and maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation and distribution system in support of national security. There are over 8500 members in the association, comprised of both individual and corporate members. There are 60 plus chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, VA.

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