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PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE FOR THE 60TH ANNUAL NTA TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS FORUM AND EXPOSITION IN MEMPHIS

(Alexandria, VA – April 27, 2006) --- Preparations for NDTA’s 60th annual Forum are well underway following suggestions offered at a planning meeting. Members representing government and industry teamed up to help develop an outstanding line-up of speakers and panelists to present “Continual Transformation!” - theme for the event scheduled for September 23-27. Ms. Kirstin Knott, Director Government Sales, FedEx, and Brigadier General Mike Lally, Commander, DLA Defense Distribution Center, will kick off the event as Forum co-hosts. Keynote speakers include: Mr. Fred Smith, Chairman, President, and CEO, FedEx and General Norton A. Schwartz (USAF), Commander USTRANSCOM. “Meet your Government Contracting Officials” and “Defense Business Transformation Agency—Actions!” are just two of the topics that will highlight discussions.

On Sunday, September 24th, YRC Worldwide will host a roof top party at the famous Peabody Hotel, a local landmark featured in the “Firm” starring Tom Cruise. The food, the entertainment and the view promise to be spectacular. On the following evening, September 25th, Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley, will be open exclusively to NDTA. Thanks to the generous hospitality of FedEx headquartered in Memphis, Forum attendees will have exclusive access – at no cost - to the entire estate including the “Hot Rod Museum”, Elvis’ private jet, “Lisa Marie” and family home. Other off-site visits include St. Jude Children’s Hospital and evening tours of the FedEx Sort Center. Attendees will

have two Forum Hotels to choose from: the Marriott Downtown and the Wyndham Hotel. Both offer great food, including the famous Memphis Barbeque, and genuine southern hospitality.

Memphis, selected as the Forum site in 2002, reflects an infrastructure well suited to the transportation industry. It is one of only three US cities where five of the seven Class I railroads travel. [A Class 1 railroad, the largest in North America, is defined as a railroad company having annual revenues in excess of \$250 million.] In Memphis, the Class I railroads are: BNSF, the Canadian National (CN), the CSX, the Norfolk Southern (NS) and the Union Pacific (UP)]. The city is also home to the mega overnight delivery company—FedEx. Ken Wykle, LTG, USA (Ret.) notes, *"If transportation, distribution, or logistics are in your blood or is basic to your livelihood, our NDTA Memphis Forum is a "must do!"*

For more information, call NDTA headquarters at 703-751-5011. For details concerning exhibit and sponsorship opportunities, contact Denny Edwards at denny@ndtahq.com

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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