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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **Three SD Guard units alerted for deployment**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Three South Dakota Army National Guard units have been alerted for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 1978th Contingency Contracting Team of Rapid City, the 927th Survey and Design Team of Sioux Falls, and the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of Pierre have all received mobilization alert orders for deployments to Afghanistan in 2012 and 2013.

The 1978th and its four assigned members are tentatively scheduled for deployment in December 2012. The mission of the 1978th is to plan for and coordinate all contracting functions at a brigade or combat team level. The unit will be responsible for assisting with the development and administration of contracting support plans, policy and appendices in support of operational, contingency, and deliberate plans associated within an area of responsibility.

The 927th and its 14 assigned members are tentatively scheduled for deployment in May 2013. The mission of the 927th is to plan, conduct, prepare and provide planning studies and tests for identified engineer work projects. They also provide guidance, legal descriptions, certification and surveys for engineer projects.

The 152nd and 69 assigned members of its Headquarters and Headquarters Company are tentatively scheduled for deployment in July 2013. The mission of the 152nd is to provide multi-functional combat support and combat service support to forces throughout an assigned area of operation. Multi-functional areas include supply, transportation, maintenance and ordnance support.

All three units are expected to report to an active-duty mobilization station at a time and location to be determined to complete all required training prior to deployment overseas. This is the first deployment for each unit listed above.

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