

# NEWS RELEASE

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## News Media Invitation

### White Sands Missile Range hosts Academic Partnership Initiative

*White Sands Missile Range, N.M., April, 18, 2016* – White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen Timothy Coffin will host the Academic Partnership Initiative meeting April 22. The Academic Partnership is a joint effort between select local universities and White Sands Test Center to conduct research, development, test and evaluation on various high-level test projects in support of the commanding general's vision of drawing in all test project managers to WSMR.

In attendance will be, WSMR senior leadership, senior leadership from New Mexico State University, University of New Mexico and University of Texas El Paso. Also in attendance will be local field representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Tom Udall, U.S. Senator Martin T. Heinrich and U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce. At this meeting the university representatives will receive a command overview as well as briefings on specific WSMR projects they will be supporting.

***Media are invited to attend the meeting April 22 at 10 a.m. Meet at the Las Cruces Gate or El Paso Gate at 9:30 a.m. to be escorted on post for the meeting. Media representatives interested in covering this event should contact the WSMR Public Affairs Office at 575-678-1134 or 575-993-0637 no later than noon April 21.***