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The Department of Defense Visits Lincoln in Preparation for the 2010 USA National Games for Special Olympics

The Department of Defense to Provide Security for the Games

Lincoln, NE – Today, a representative from the Department of Defense is visiting Lincoln to make preparations for the 2010 USA National Games for Special Olympics. The Department of Defense has budgeted over \$4 million dollars to provide security for the games.

While in Lincoln, the representative will be touring the 2010 USA National Games competition venues as well as will be meeting with the City of Lincoln Police Department and security officials from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

The 2010 USA National Games will be the largest sporting event held in the history of Nebraska. Organizers expect 3,000 athletes, 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and 15,000 family members and friends to come to Lincoln and Omaha for the event. About 4,000 of the nation's 600,000 Special Olympics families live in Nebraska. The event is expected to have a \$40 million economic impact, including \$5 million in tax revenue.

Special Olympics offers year-round sports training and competition opportunities for both children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The program gives them the opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and become integrated and valued members of our society.

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