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SDNG ribbon cutting for Army Aviation Readiness Center

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for the South Dakota National Guard’s new Army Aviation Readiness Center on Friday, June 11, at 1 p.m., located at 4750 Guard Road, near Rapid City Regional Airport.

The public is encouraged to attend the event.

The \$20 million, 57,000 square-foot building features training classrooms, administrative offices, equipment and supply storage and a vehicle maintenance bay. The new facility will house over 150 soldiers from eight aviation units and will enhance unit training and readiness requirements for decades to come.

Planned speakers for the ceremony include Gov. Kristi Noem, Congressman Dusty Johnson, and Maj. Gen. Jeff Marlette, SDNG adjutant general.

The readiness center is designed to meet LEED Silver criteria – making the building energy efficient and environmentally friendly. The building also includes a geothermal heat exchanger for heating and cooling, automated temperature control monitor, anti-terrorism/force protection measures, security fencing and site lighting.

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