



## Groundbreaking Open House Scheduled for Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant on Oct. 28

### A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

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BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Ky. – You are invited to mark the start of construction of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant this Saturday at a Groundbreaking Open House at Eastern Kentucky University.

The Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, or BGCAPP, will be built to destroy the stockpile of chemical weapons stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot since the 1940s. The Defense Department's Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program, known as ACWA, is responsible for destroying the more than 500 tons of chemical agent at the depot. The safety of the workforce, as well as the safety of the people in neighboring communities, is the most important priority of this program.

The Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass Team, the systems contractor, will design, construct, test, operate and close the pilot plant, and plans to hire as much of the facility workforce as possible from Richmond and the surrounding region.

National, military and community leaders will speak at the Open House on the national imperative to destroy chemical weapons.

The Groundbreaking Open House will be held at Eastern Kentucky University, University Drive, in Richmond on Saturday, Oct. 28. Interested community members should call (859) 626-8944 to ensure seating and should arrive at the Keen Johnson Building by 9:15 a.m. for registration. Parking is available at the Alumni Coliseum lot.

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