



## Groundbreaking Open House Scheduled for Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant on Sept. 18

### A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

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PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT, Colo. – The community is invited to a Groundbreaking Open House for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant at the Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2200 Bonforte Boulevard, Pueblo, on Sat., Sept. 18. Reserve your spot at this event by calling 719-546-0400. Please plan to arrive at Hoag Hall in the Capps Capozzolo Academic Center for the Arts by 9:30 a.m. for registration.

The Open House, which celebrates the contributions of past and present Pueblo Chemical Depot employees to the nation's defense, also marks the start of the first phase of construction for the facility that will be built to destroy the chemical weapons stockpile stored there.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued its Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit on July 1, and Pueblo County issued its Certificate of Designation on Aug. 23. These permits enable the Department of Defense and its contractor, Bechtel, to proceed with the first phase of building the facility, which includes clearing, grading, underground utility work, road paving, and establishment of construction support areas, while the plant design continues.

#### **NOTE TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES:**

Call Pueblo Chemical Depot Public Affairs Office at 719-549-4135 before Sept. 15 if you plan to attend and to receive a media packet prior to the event.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO EVENT:**

From I-25, take Exit 101, Colorado Highway 47. Go east to the Bonforte Boulevard exit. Turn left on Bonforte to Desert Flower Boulevard. Turn left on Desert Flower. Follow the signs to the open house.

From areas east of CSU-Pueblo, follow Colorado Highway 47 west to Troy Avenue. Turn right on Troy and follow to the dead end. Turn left at the dead end and follow to Bartley Boulevard. Turn left on Bartley and follows signs to the open house.

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