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Satsop Business Park to host DARPA's Subterranean Challenge in February 2020

ELMA, WASH. – Where do leading scientists and researchers from around the world go to compete and test their latest autonomous inventions? The Satsop Business Park, of course! In February 2020, the Park will host the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Subterranean (SubT) Challenge Urban Circuit in the Reactor Building.

The SubT Challenge was created to better equip warfighters and first responders to explore uncharted underground environments that are too dangerous, dark, or deep to risk human lives. Qualifying teams from around the world will compete for prizes by deploying autonomous systems to navigate, search and identify artifacts in the Reactor Building's underground environment which was chosen to represent a human-made urban environment.

"We are pleased to welcome DARPA and the SubT Challenge competitors to the Satsop Business Park for this innovative use of our assets," shared Port Commissioner Phil Papac. "We are proud to partner with DARPA to host the event and look forward to welcoming everyone to Grays Harbor."

For additional information on the DARPA SubT Challenge, please visit www.subtchallenge.com. Email questions to SubTChallenge@darpa.mil.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has created many breakthrough technologies that have revolutionized defense, including stealth, unmanned aerial systems, and precision-guided munitions. Many DARPA-developed technologies have had sweeping societal and economic impacts, including portable GPS receivers, new types of computer chips, voice-recognition software, interactive and personal computers, and, most famously, the ARPANET and its successor, the internet.

Current DARPA research also may have dramatic future impacts, including self-driving vehicles, robots and exoskeletons, and cognitive computing - computers that emulate brain-like processing. In addition, DARPA has fostered the creation of important technical communities, including the fields of materials science, computer networking, and engineering biology.

Satsop Business Park, a facility of the Port of Grays Harbor, is less than 2 hours southwest of Seattle and 2 hours north of Portland. Located in scenic Grays Harbor County in Elma, Washington, the 1,800 acre mixed-use business and industrial park is approximately 30 minutes from Olympia and the I-5 Corridor. Boasting much of the only Class A office space in Coastal Washington, the business park offers a wide variety of commercial office space from single office suites with views of the Olympic Mountains to full turnkey buildings. With over 500,000 square feet in available warehousing and manufacturing space, the Satsop Business Park is the premier place to do business on the Coast.



The Satsop Business Park's Reactor Building will host DARPA's SubT Challenge in February, bringing competitors from around the world to compete in an underground environment.