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KLAS GOVERNMENT HOLDS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW 42,120 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY IN THE GATE AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

Communications solutions company serving multiple U.S. Army programs recently opened its third United States facility, staffed by 20 employees, in building developed by St. John Properties, Inc.

BALTIMORE, MD (September 8, 2021) – **Klas Government**, a communications solutions company engaged in multiple programs serving the United States Army, recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony signifying the official opening of its newest facility, located at **The Government and Technology Enterprise** (The GATE), a business community situated within **Aberdeen Proving Ground** in Harford County, Maryland. The Herndon-based company, which maintains international headquarters in Ireland, signed a full-building lease with **St. John Properties, Inc.** earlier this year for 42,120 square feet of space at 6155 Guardian Gateway. Approximately 20 employees began working at the integration facility this summer. **Matt Lenihan** of St. John Properties represented the landlord and **Joe Bradley** of **MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate Services** represented the client in this transaction.

The ribbon-cutting event was attended by numerous local business professionals and government officials such as:

- MG (R) Randy Taylor, USA, Former US Strategic Command Chief of Staff and prior to that CECOM Commander
- Klas Government Board Members and Advisors: LTG (R) John Mulholland, USA; LTG (R) Mark Bowman, USA; MajGen (Ret) Mark “Droopy” Clark, USMC; MG (R) Wayne Brock, USA
- Danielle Akwara, Representative from Congressman Ruppberger's Office
- Dave Lockhart, DM, Local APG NDIA President

The new Klas Government facility joins two others located in Northern Virginia and Tampa, Florida. The company manufactures the world’s most powerful edge technology, which allows U.S. soldiers to communicate effectively and make informed decisions on a single platform. The location at The GATE will serve as a foundation for innovation to manage and integrate hardware and software components to satisfy a contract recently awarded to the company.

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The GATE, a 416-acre commercial office and technology business park, is located within immediate proximity to the 2.4 million square foot Command, Control, Computer, Communication, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Command operations center and provides the only 24/7 unrestricted entrance to APG. Since initiating development activities at the business community in 2009, St. John Properties has delivered 14 buildings comprising approximately 750,000 square feet of Class 'A' multi-story and single-story space, as well as flex/R&D space.

“Our new facility within The GATE will break down silos when it comes to developing, fielding and use of soldier systems, so that innovation can occur in lock-step and accelerate delivery of the latest technologies for mission advantage on the modern battlefield,” said Wade Johnston, Director of Innovation, Klas Government. “Securing a facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground within close proximity to our customer will assure operational efficiencies, improve communication and yield the highest quality of results for the critical work being undertaken.”

6155 Guardian Gateway is a single-story flex/R&D building featuring 16-foot ceiling heights, dock and drive-in loading options and a free surface parking lot. The building was delivered earlier this year.

“As the only commercial real estate provider inside the secured areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground, The GATE continues to be the location of choice among defense contractors and other entities serving federal customers,” stated **Sean Doordan**, Executive Vice President of Leasing and Acquisitions for St. John Properties. “The construction and aggressive deadlines for this facility were taken headon by our entire team and continues to prove our dedication to our clients.”

Founded in 1971 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, St. John Properties, Inc. is one of the Mid-Atlantic's largest privately held commercial real estate firms. The company is distinguished by its commitment to customer service, achievements in green building, and top-rated workplace culture. Throughout St. John Properties' 50-year history, the company has developed more than 21 million square feet of flex/R&D, Office, Retail and Warehouse space serving more than 2,500 clients in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Utah, and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sjpi.com.