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# Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority

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## **NEW VNDIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED**

RICHMOND – The board of directors of the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority (VNDIA) today announced that R. Stanton (Stan) Scott has been selected as VNDIA executive director following a two-month competitive search. Scott currently serves as VNDIA’s Military Projects Manager, and will assume the executive director title on December 13.

Retired Marine Gen. Robert Magnus, chairman of the VNDIA board, said, “One of our most important duties as a board is the selection of the organizational leader. Stan is absolutely the right person to lead the authority’s staff and execute the important work we’ve been charged with by the General Assembly. He has been a key staff member for the past three years, during which time he has built impressive relationships with community and military leaders in the state. In addition, Stan has administered a very complex, multi-million dollar grant program that has been instrumental in retaining the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) and Naval Air Station Oceana missions in Virginia.”

Prior to joining VNDIA, Stan worked as senior consultant at Executive Communications, Inc., in Louisville, Ky., which he joined after retiring from a 20-year career in the U.S. Army. He moved to Virginia in 2004 to pursue a doctorate in political science and public policy at The George Washington University, where he is currently writing his dissertation. Scott has a bachelor’s in political science and economics and a master’s in political science and public policy, both from the University of Louisville, Ky.

“I’m pleased that Stan was chosen for this position,” said VNDIA’s outgoing executive director, David G. Dickson. “He brings a subject matter expertise and knowledge of VNDIA’s unique mission that will ensure a seamless transition and guarantee continued success of the organization.” Dickson will be retiring after more than 39 years of service to Virginia in state and local government.

The Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2005 to provide technical assistance and coordination between the commonwealth, its political subdivisions and the Department of Defense. The authority’s 18 members are appointed by the governor, speaker of the house and senate committee on rules and represent a cross section of senior business, civic and retired military leaders. In addition to providing insight to elected officials, the authority administers the state’s Military Strategic Response Fund which has provided more than \$35 million in grants over the past four years.