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### **Kurt Frulla Named Deputy Director of U.S. Army Rapid Equipping Force**

*Chief of Staff, PEO Soldier to Move to U.S. Army Rapid Equipping Force*

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – July 28, 2014 – The U.S. Army Rapid Equipping Force announced that Mr. Kurt Frulla will begin as its new Deputy Director on July 28, 2014. Frulla comes to the job with considerable acquisition experience, most recently as the Chief of Staff at Program Executive Office Soldier.

“I am very pleased to welcome Mr. Frulla to his new role as the Deputy Director here at REF,” said COL Steven Sliwa, REF Director. “Throughout his career, he has proven his commitment to the warfighter and I believe that his diverse experiences and strong leadership will positively impact the REF for years to come.”

Mr. Frulla joins the REF following many years of commissioned and civilian service. He served in conventional, special operations and acquisitions assignments during his twenty year military career, including deployments to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and to South America in support of U.S. Southern Command counter-drug efforts.

Immediately following his military retirement, Mr. Frulla transitioned into government service as an Army civilian employee. Throughout his civilian career, he has worked primarily in program management, acquisition and contracting. He holds a level II certification in Contracting and a level III certification in Program Management.

"I have been a huge fan of the concept behind the Rapid Equipping Force since its inception. I am convinced that with the institutionalization of the REF and decreasing Army budget, the importance of this unique organization will only increase in the future. It is my honor to have this opportunity to join the team."

Mr. Frulla received his undergraduate degree from the University of Lowell and his Master of Science in Material Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

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### **About the Army's Rapid Equipping Force**

The Rapid Equipping Force, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., harnesses current and emerging technologies to provide immediate solutions to the urgent challenges of U.S. Army forces deployed globally. The Department of the Army formed the REF in 2002 to support critical warfighter requirements in Afghanistan, and during the past 11 years, the REF has met challenges as diverse as defeating improvised explosive devices, increasing tactical-level operational energy efficiency, gathering blast effect data to better understand traumatic brain injury and improving intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance capabilities in austere locations. The REF responds to global Army units of all types, combat, combat support and combat service support, to rapidly adapt to changing battlefield conditions and enemy tactics.

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