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National Advanced Mobility Consortium (NAMC) Appoints Anthony Melita to Serve as Executive Director

Internationally Recognized Expert in Land Warfare Systems to Lead Expanded Consortium

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ANN ARBOR, Mich., August 19, 2014 – The National Advanced Mobility Consortium (NAMC) announced today that they have hired Mr. Anthony Melita as Executive Director of the manned and unmanned ground vehicle focused consortium.

Mr. Melita has over 31-years' experience with U.S. Department of Defense as a civilian ranging from hands-on technology development to serving as a Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, and concluding as the Director for Land Warfare and Munitions within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

"Tony's reputation for fairness and integrity as well as his successful career within the Department of Defense made him our top choice for Executive Director of the new NAMC consortium." Stated Andy Dallas, President of NAMC.

In July, the Robotics Technology Consortium (RTC) expanded to become NAMC after entering into a section 845 Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) with the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ. The new OTA greatly expands upon the scope and scale of the OTA that the RTC was awarded in May 2008 for ground robotics technology. The new OTA covers the entire range of ground systems technologies for manned and unmanned vehicle and robotics systems.

"I look forward to leading this new consortium as Executive Director," said Anthony Melita, "I am very proud of my involvement in the creation of the robotics consortium while at the U.S. Department of Defense and this expanded OTA is an enormous step for them. It is my pleasure to serve on behalf of the board of directors, the members and military partners of NAMC."

The NAMC and the OTA is available to be utilized by each of the services and will be administered on the Government side by the newly created Vehicle and Robotics Program Office (VRA PO) at TARDEC in Warren, MI. Mr. Melita will begin his tenure as Executive Director on September 1st, 2014.

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The National Advanced Mobility Consortium, Inc. ("NAMC"), formerly the Robotics Technology Consortium (RTC,) is a non-profit, member-driven organization of traditional and non-traditional small businesses, large defense contractors, academic institutions, and other research organizations. Via a Section 845 Other Transaction Agreement it has entered into with the Government, the NAMC

accelerates the transition of innovative technology into transformative ground vehicles and systems in several important ways:

- *readily getting projects under contract,*
- *enabling technology developers to better understand warfighter needs, and*
- *empowering Government technical managers to broadly solicit ideas and concepts from industry and academia.*

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