



Photo caption: L to R: Jeremy Hess, Economic Development Director, Greater Burlington Partnership; David Fink, The Shenton Group; Deborah Hookway, ARMS Program Manager, Project Director Joint Services; Jeremy Jackson, ARMS Project Officer, Joint Munitions Command; Eyal Shapira, CEO, Rail Enterprise Group; Randy Doyle, IAAAP Environmental Coordinator; Brett Bennett, American Ordnance Maintenance Engineer; and Tony Noll, American Ordnance ARMS Property Manager, pose during the railroad tenant ground breaking ceremony.

### **IAAAP ARMS Railroad Tenant**

Recently, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant representatives and distinguished guests posed for a publicity photo during a ground breaking ceremony for the commercial separation fence at Yard L in preparation of a new railroad tenant, Iowa and Middletown Railway, on the installation. The new railroad tenant is part of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) business efforts.

The ARMS Program was created by Congress to encourage the commercial and government use of underutilized property at Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) installations like IAAAP, in order to reduce the operating costs and also compensate for lower ammunition production volumes and facility closures that would adversely impact the local economies.

The Commerce Center of Southeast Iowa is 153 acres located within the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa. This site has been awarded certified site status by both the State of Iowa Economic Development Authority and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). A certified site provides businesses with reduced development time, increased speed to markets, and reduces upfront development risk of rail-served industrial development. The Commerce Center of Southeast Iowa has access to over 100 miles of track and several storage yards which link directly to the BNSF mainline, providing capacity to store more than 2,500 railcars. Directly adjacent to the 153 acres are more than 30 warehouses of approximately 25,000 square feet that rail and truck served.

The ARMS program is managed by the PEO Ammunition (PEO Ammo), located at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, and supported by Joint Munitions Command (JMC), located at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois. IAAAP loads, assembles and packs (LAP) medium- and large-caliber ammunition items for the Department of Defense using modern production methods in support of worldwide Warfighter operations. #Delivering lethality #Readiness #JMC