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**SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS BRIAN SMITH TO BROOKS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Brooks City-Base – The San Antonio City Council voted unanimously to appoint Brian Smith the District 5 representative on the Brooks Development Authority (BDA) Board of Directors. He was elected to fill an unexpired term of office to expire November 4, 2010.

Mr. Smith received a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A&M University and a Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He is also a former Certified Economic Developer through the American Economic Development Council. Today, Mr. Smith has a law practice in San Antonio.

“We are extremely fortunate that someone with Brian’s background and experience is willing to dedicate their time through service on the BDA Board,” said Donald Jakeway, Brooks Development Authority President & CEO. “Brian’s knowledge of planning and economic development will be great assets to the BDA as we continue to establish Brooks City-Base as a world-class research and technology center.”

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About the Brooks Development Authority

On September 27, 2001, the San Antonio City Council established the Brooks Development Authority, an independent entity under the Texas Defense Base Development Authorities statute. In addition to its role in economic development, the BDA is responsible for property and infrastructure maintenance, development, land use and environmental planning for Brooks City-Base. The BDA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of eleven members, individually appointed by the City Council of San Antonio, and an ex-officio Air Force liaison member. There are two standing Board committees: the Planning & Development Committee and the Finance Committee.

About Brooks City-Base

Brooks City-Base is considered one of the most innovative economic development projects in the United States. Through a visionary partnership between the City of San Antonio and the United States Air Force, Brooks City-Base stands as one of San Antonio's premier bioscience, biomedical, academic, environmental and technical research centers. The 1,246 acre research and technology campus is located on San Antonio's south side with approximately 350 acres available for immediate development.

Brooks City-Base currently has approximately 2 million square-feet of laboratory, office, and light industrial space. As the owner and developer, the Brooks Development Authority, offers a variety of creative financial assistance programs to encourage business attraction and expansion. While the Air Force maintains its presence as a major tenant, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Inc., EarthTech, Holt Cat, Grubb Engineering, Inc., the Challenger Learning Center of San Antonio, the new City/County Emergency Operations Center and the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering Charter School represent tenants that have located their operations at Brooks City-Base.

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