



Statement of Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative President Christopher Anderson on President George W. Bush's Reelection

The Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI) congratulates President George W. Bush on his reelection.

During the past year, MassDTI created and began implementing a strategy to preserve and enhance the missions of Hanscom Air Force Base and the Natick Soldier Systems Center through the 2005 Base Closing and Realignment (BRAC) process.

MassDTI remains committed to moving forward with its cutting-edge strategy to maximize the military value of these two unique and essential installations. MassDTI, led by co-chairs Governor Mitt Romney and Senator Edward Kennedy, has conducted an innovative and aggressive campaign that has been very well received at the highest levels of the Pentagon. The efforts of MassDTI have made—and will continue to make—a profound difference in how Hanscom and Natick are evaluated through the BRAC process.

We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with the Bush Administration and the Pentagon as they continue shaping the nation's future warfighting capabilities. We believe our region's superior technology ecosystem and intellectual capital supports the BRAC 2005 goals stated by Secretary Rumsfeld to strategically align the mission of the nation's military installations to deliver the next generation of military technology.