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Third Army ensures a Responsible Drawdown

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FORT MCPHERSON, Georgia – Third Army, in coordination with many organizations, is in the process of conducting a Responsible Drawdown from Iraq unprecedented in recent military history.

Third Army's mission in the Responsible Drawdown efforts since October 2009 has resulted in more than \$1.25 billion worth of equipment and supplies being retrograded out of theater, more than \$145 million worth of theater provided equipment redistributed from Iraq to Afghanistan. Currently 45 percent of the equipment being drawn down from Iraq has been identified or is being processed to fill requirements in Afghanistan. Retrograde and redistribution of these stocks and supplies to the U.S. and Afghanistan has netted \$907 million in cost avoidance and savings this fiscal year.

More of the Responsible Drawdown efforts by the ARCENT Support Element – Iraq have resulted in:

- More than 136,000 items of equipment have been processed by ASE-I since JUN 09.
- More than 125,000 items are non-rolling stock and more than 11,000 are wheeled vehicles.
- Of the more than 136,000 items, more than 60,000 items have arrived or are being processed for movement to Afghanistan.

"We continue to communicate daily to ensure that we are synchronized with the theater commander's equipment priorities," said Lt. Gen. William G. Webster, Third Army commander. "Our actions ensure war fighters always have what they need, as well as meeting our Army's requirements for a successful reset."

Third Army will continue through 2010 "setting the theater" to prepare the way forward. Third Army has proven its capabilities sustaining the theater for more than eight years, regardless of the complex challenges its servicemembers, civilians, and contractors have faced. U.S. Forces can count on Third Army to responsibly drawdown the required forces and equipment.

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