Washington D.C. – Today, Congressman McCarthy is pleased to announce that after working to bring Navy and Department of Defense (DoD) officials together, a business plan has been signed to implement the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) at the Naval Integrated Weapons Research, Development, Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center at China Lake.

Congressman McCarthy issued the following statement:

"I am proud to announce today that after working for months to bring officials together, the BRAC process has taken a positive step forward. We now have a working business plan that offers a blueprint for China Lake that will strengthen our country's national defense and support our community's continued well-being.

"We can now focus on implementation of the business plan and welcoming new arrivals to our community. I will continue working to ensure that China Lake has the resources it needs to support additional functions, and that the transition process moves smoothly. I applaud the community for already taking steps to move this process forward."

For technical information on the details of the business plan, please contact Navy Public Affairs.