



## Press Release

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### **Sprio Joins Taylor Defense Products**

*(Louisville, Mississippi)* Robert Taylor, President of The Taylor Group of Companies has named Phil Sprio to lead the newly launched Taylor Defense Products (TDP). TDP will provide the U.S. Military, its allies and the U.S. government with the longest lasting, best supported lowest total cost material handling and logistics products. “Phil has the knowledge, experience and expertise to manage this company.” Taylor continued by saying, “We welcome him to the “Big Red” team and are excited about the future of Taylor Defense Products under his leadership.”

“I am excited to join the “Big Red” team because of its 90-year commitment to the customer, its ability to engineer what is needed, and the quality of its products. TDP is exactly the right partner to support the numerous material handling and logistics needs of our military at this critical time”, said Sprio.

A graduate of Wake Forest University and Albany Law School, Sprio began his career in the public sector and held several positions including Chief Counsel to the Leader of the New York State Assembly as well as Deputy Attorney General in the New York State Law Department. He then entered the private sector as founder and Principal of Rappleyea Public Affairs, a boutique public affairs and lobbying firm, before serving as Senior VP for Kalmar RT Center, a division of Cargotec. Prior to joining Taylor, Sprio served as President and CEO of three North Carolina based companies, Ultra Armoring and Defense, Metalworks Manufacturing Co. and Manilift Manufacturing Co. — all serving the government and defense markets.

For more information on Taylor Defense Products and the Taylor line of products, please visit [www.taylordefenseproducts.com](http://www.taylordefenseproducts.com) or [www.thetaylorgroupofcompanies.com](http://www.thetaylorgroupofcompanies.com).

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