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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, MEDICAL JOINT CROSS-SERVICE GROUP

SUBJECT: BRAC 2005 Guidance for the Medical Joint Cross-Service Group (JCSG)

The Infrastructure Steering Group (ISG) reviewed the functions and notional metrics for BRAC analysis proposed in your report and recommended approval, with two modifications. The ISG recommended that the Medical and Dental Aspects of Human System Research subfunction be moved to the Technical JCSG and the Class VIII Supply Management subfunction be moved to the Supply and Storage JCSG. The ISG also recommended the Medical JCSG support the Technical and Supply and Storage JCSGs in the analysis of those subfunctions. The Infrastructure Executive Council (IEC) concurred in the ISG's recommendations and on June 24, 2003, the Secretary of Defense approved the functions and metrics contained in your report, as recommended.

As reflected in the attached BRAC Process Overview slide, there are several steps in the BRAC analytical process. The ISG must approve your approach to each of these steps before you proceed. The first major step is a capacity analysis to establish the base line for rationalizing infrastructure across the Department. The capacity analysis is followed by a military value analysis in which measures of merit will quantify facility attributes and provide a means to rank order facilities. These two steps, in turn, are the foundation of the final step, scenario development, in which the JCSG will array alternative configurations to arrive at closure and realignment recommendations. The ISG has directed that the JCSGs must complete final closure and realignment recommendations by the middle of the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2005.

You should be prepared to present your approach to conducting a capacity analysis to the ISG for its approval in late August 2003. The approach must include common definitions for the functions that fall within the JCSG's responsibility, common metrics that will measure throughput capacity, and a methodology for determining surge requirements. Upon approval of the ISG, these common definitions, metrics, and methodology for surge requirements will be used to generate a data call that will provide the information necessary for your JCSG to conduct the actual analysis.

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The capacity analysis must answer these questions:

- What is the inventory of facilities currently performing the functions defined as falling within your responsibility for cross-service analysis?
- What percent of the throughput capacity of these facilities is being utilized for current and surge workloads?
- What percentage, if any, currently exists in excess of current workload plus surge requirements?

Aside from developing metrics and definitions appropriate for determining the capacity of your functions, you should also develop the first draft of the questions that will be used to obtain the certified data necessary to complete your capacity analysis. The Military Departments (and Defense Agencies) will issue these questions as a data call to all installations within the U.S. after the ISG has approved your approach. Finally, your presentations to the ISG should also include an overview of the staffing, contract support, and organization of your JCSG.

The capacity analysis will provide a DoD-wide baseline of capacity and facility usage for each of the functions within your portfolio as they are currently configured and as they are currently being utilized. You should start your capacity design effort by refining and, if required, adding to the list of notional metrics provided in your initial report. Cross-service policy differences impacting your capacity analysis will be adjudicated within your group to the maximum extent possible, and at the ISG when necessary.

The OSD BRAC Office has personnel with experience in conducting these analyses to assist you with the design of your capacity analysis. The specifics of the schedule for making presentations to the ISG and the format for your capacity analysis presentations will be provided in the near future.

Once your overall approach for conducting your capacity analysis is approved by the ISG, the OSD and Military Department BRAC Directors will work with you to ensure your data call questions are consistent with the collection and certification process they have established. The Military Departments (and Defense Agencies) will be responsible for issuing data calls, collecting the information, certifying the responses back to your group, and obtaining any needed clarifications from respondents. This will remove the data call burden from the JCSG and will minimize the data requirement burden on installations. This process will also ensure the questions are standardized, consistent, and that resulting data will meet the statutory data certification requirement.

If you have questions regarding these requirements, please contact Peter Potochney, OSD Director of Base Realignment and Closure, at 614-5356.

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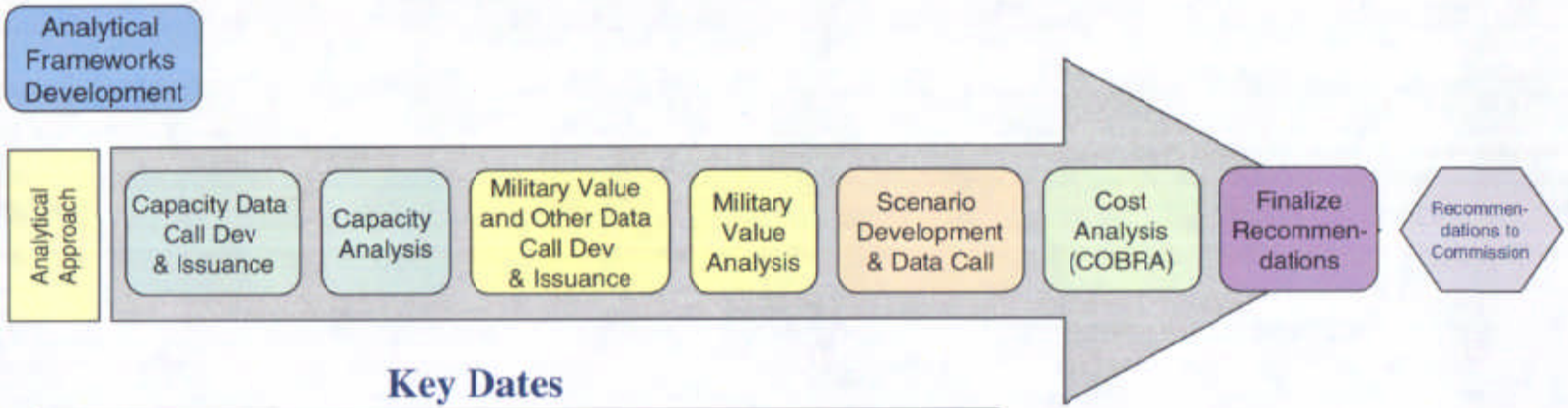
Chairman, Infrastructure Steering Group

Attachments:
As stated

cc: Technical JCSG Chair
Supply & Storage JCSG Chair
Infrastructure Steering Group Members
MilDep BRAC DASs

BRAC 05 Process Overview



Key Dates

April/May 2003
- SecDef Approves Functions/Metrics

May/June 2003
- ISG issues interim selection criteria

October 2003
- Interim Force structure plan

31 Dec 2003
- Draft Selection criteria published

Mid-Feb 2004
- Certify need for BRAC
- Final selection criteria to Congress
- Force structure plan

16 May 2005
- Recommendations to Commission

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