

**DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: July 15, 2005

TIME: 10:00 AM

MEETING [X] or PHONE CALL [] WITH:

Redstone Arsenal Community Representatives

SUBJECT:

Position Papers Related to Redstone Arsenal

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SUMMARY/NOTES:

This meeting was primarily the Redstone Arsenal Community response to comments made at the Arlington Regional by Northern Virginia representatives who argued against relocating

AMC, USASAC, SMDC and MDA to Redstone. Additionally, they reinforced arguments made at the Atlanta Regional Hearing by the AL delegation concerning all actions impacting on Redstone Arsenal. A notebook containing the details was presented and a copy will be placed in the Commission's library.

- Highlights and capabilities of the Redstone Community were outlined:

- Is the highest ranked R&D center with 37,000 acres.
- The area is not limited in the area of advanced degree as was noted in the BRAC recommendations
- Over 50% of the Army's foreign military sales occur in Huntsville.
- Based on prior BRAC, there is the expectation that people will move to Huntsville unlike other recommendations where people are not expected to move.
- They are reactivating their highly effective strategy used in BRAC 95 where over 60% of affected employees relocated to Redstone.
- The State has activated a \$1M grant to help with BRAC 05 relocations.

- Response to Northern Virginia presentation:

- Huntsville has been aggressive in getting people inside the Redstone gates, and they agree with the moves onto military facilities in support of force projection.
- MDA/SMDC/AMC moves should be accelerated instead of waiting for the 2-6 year implementation timeframe.
- People move to and stay in Huntsville.
- There is no real brain drain if the people stay within their fields of expertise or move to other government agencies.
- In the Northern Virginia presentation there was no challenge to any of the MDA/SMDC/AMC recommended moves.

- AMC/USASAC moves:

- Support the recommendations because of cost savings, force projection, improvement in Redstone military worth, and the collocation of AMC with its largest subordinate activity.
- There was a concern that the AMC Logistics Leadership Center was not mentioned in the Red River closure recommendation. They would like to see that brought to Redstone to gain synergy with the Defense Acquisition University - South that is located on Redstone.
- Depot-level reparables (DLR) recommendation - concern that there have been prior issues with DLA and qualified vendors, particularly with aviation parts which have additional safety concerns. This function should be left with each of the Life Cycle Management Centers (former MSCs) because that's where the true weapon systems experts are located, not within DLA.

- MDA/SMDC moves:

- These moves create a Center of Excellence (COE) at Redstone, especially with the move of the subordinate activities.
- Would like consideration for the move of the MDA Sensors and Battle Management directorates to Redstone for additional synergies.

- Robotics:

- Would like reconsideration of the recommended move to Detroit because: 1) usage of the capability is the focus, not the platform on which it resides; 2) the Robotics IPT is at Redstone; 3) all UAVs are located in Redstone; 4) this recommendation does not save but costs money; 5) collaboration exists as the organizations are currently located; 6) the robotics community has been located in Huntsville for decades.

- Recruiting Brigade: – support move.

- Rotary Wing Air Platform: – support move.

- EOD recommendation:

- This function should remain at Redstone as the school is a critical part of the activities that occur there.
 - Permanent staff is about 80.
 - There has been considerable investment by the FBI, and the costs to build the required ranges at Ft. Lee were not included in COBRA.
 - There is synergy between this function and the Center for Disaster Preparedness located nearby at Ft. McClellan.
- **A UAV Center of Excellence (COE):** was stood up at Ft. Rucker this week.
- **CECOM:** They proposed the relocation of the CECOM recommended for relocation to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Three options were presented 1) simple relocation i.e. Aberdeen or Dix; 2) Consolidation i.e. AMCOM/TACOM; 3) Mission Realignment i.e. Avionics to AMCOM, Vehicle systems to TACOM and Man-portable to SSC/JSOC.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM, July 15, 2005.

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