

DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: July 6, 2005

TIME: 11:00 AM

TOPIC: Meeting with Community Leaders from Slidell, LA.

OBJECTIVE:

To receive community views concerning the proposed realignment of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).

R&A STAFF:

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NON-COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS

Ben O. Morris
Mayor, City of Slidell
Raymond H. Canada
Councilman, Slidell City Council
Elsie P. Burkhalter
Slidell City Council
Marshal Hevron
Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Landrieu
Theresa J. Risley
Chairman of the Slidell Chamber of Commerce
Zak Baig
Projects Director, Office of Senator David Vitter
Representative from the office of Congressman Bobby Jindal

RECOMMENDATION:

Close 1010 Gause Boulevard, a leased installation in Slidell, LA. Relocate all components of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) to Fort Meade, MD.

Library Routing Slip 2005 BRAC Commission Materials

Title of Item: Slidell LA Community needs

Installation or Organization: Slidell DISA

Source: Memo of Meeting

Classified Material? Yes

Analyst / Provider: Ethan Saxon Date Reviewed: 7/6/05

MEETING RESULTS:

1. Community and Congressional staff take exception to the recommendation of the Technical Joint Cross-Service Group (TJCSG) that calls for closing the Slidell DISA operations and eliminating the 102 civilian positions. The current building meets all force protection requirements and is leased by the city of Slidell to DISA at a nominal cost of \$1 per year. There is room to expand DISA's operation at Slidell with lower locality pay and operating costs than Ft. Meade, MD. In the meeting, Councilor Burkhalter pointed out that Slidell has much better education, employment and healthcare than may be evident in the economic analysis performed by the TJCSG. Councilor Canada identified the highly skilled workforce that exists in the area, which would support a growth in software engineering at the DISA location. Mayor Morris identified the economic impact of the closure on the city. Mr. Hevron presented a satellite map of the location and identified how the installation meets force protection requirements, including having the only basement in the city of Slidell. The facility underwent major renovation in 1995 at an estimated cost of \$12 million. The Greater Slidell Area Chamber of Commerce presented a resolution in support of maintaining the DISA location at Slidell.
2. The local community advocated a consolidation at the Slidell, LA, location that would produce reoccurring savings and require less military construction than building at Ft. Meade, MD. Having the continuity of operations afforded by the Slidell test facility is advantageous to DISA, but its capacity to meet a larger role and the cost effectiveness of maintaining a separate testing facility must be evaluated.
3. The Slidell location is used to test software for the military services and joint commands prior to fielding. Under the current recommendation, this mission would be taken over by 43 testers at the new Ft. Meade, MD, location with significant estimated cost savings. To implement the recommendation would require \$3.5 million in one time costs and produce \$11.2 million in reoccurring annual savings. The savings are driven primarily from the reduction in contractors and operating support costs achieved in collocation, rather than the cost of the installation.
4. In summary, community leaders stated that Slidell has a high military value and as a cost effective location, DISA would be better served consolidating testing at that Slidell, even if it is removed from the DISA headquarters and the National Capitol Region.

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LEASED SPACE, VA

CLOSE/REALIGN

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(230)	(1,621)	0	0	(230)	(1,621)	(1,052)	(2,903)

ARLINGTON SERVICE CENTER, VA

CLOSE/REALIGN

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(224)	(516)	0	0	(224)	(516)	(383)	(1,123)

1010 GAUSE BOULEVARD, SLIDELL, LA

CLOSE

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(1)	(102)	0	0	(1)	(102)	(48)	(151)

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY, FL

REALIGN

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(12)	(12)	0	0	(12)	(12)	0	(24)

Recommendation: Close 5600 Columbia Pike and Skyline Place (Skyline VII), leased installations in Falls Church, VA, and 1010 Gause Boulevard, a leased installation in Slidell, LA. Relocate all components of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) to Fort Meade, MD.

Recommendation: Close the Logicon Building, a leased installation in Arlington, Virginia. Relocate the Joint Task Force-Global Network Operation (JTF-GNO) to Fort Meade, MD.

Recommendation: Realign Skyline IV and Skyline V, leased installations in Falls Church, VA, and GSA Franconia Warehouse Depot, a leased installation in Springfield, VA, by relocating all components of DISA to Fort Meade, MD.

Recommendation: Realign Arlington Service Center, VA, by relocating all components of DISA and the JTF-GNO to Fort Meade, MD.

Recommendation: Realign Naval Support Activity Panama City, Florida by relocating the Deployable Joint Command and Control (DJC2) Program Office of the Naval Surface Warfare Center to Fort Meade, MD.

Recommendation: Realign Rosslyn Plaza North, a leased location in Arlington, VA, by relocating the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Program Office to Fort Meade, MD.

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