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FROM: SAF/IE
1665 Air Force Pentagon
Washington DC 20330-1665

SUBJECT: Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC 2005) Draft Selection Criteria

The BRAC 2005 draft selection criteria (Atch) have been published in the Federal Register and are open to public comment until 28 Jan 04. Secretary of Defense will finalize these criteria not later than 16 Feb 04. As proposed in the criteria, military value is the primary consideration for BRAC 2005 deliberations.

If queried by community leaders, installation commanders may discuss the selection criteria and overall BRAC 2005 process, consistent with Office of the Secretary of Defense Public Affairs Guidance (OSD(PA) message 202320Z Nov 03). Commanders will refrain from discussing or speculating how their installations rate against the selection criteria or against other bases. Additionally, your staffs are encouraged to review and comment on the attached, and forward their comments directly to SAF/IEB.

Please provide widest dissemination of this memorandum. Our POC is Mr. Mike Aimone, DSN 227-2524 and Maj Gen Gary Heckman, DSN 227-2549.

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Attachment:
Draft Selection Criteria

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BRAC 2005 Draft Selection Criteria
(Federal Register, Vol 68, No. 246, 23 Dec 03, pgs 74221-74222)

Military Value

1. The current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force, including impacts on joint warfighting, training, and readiness.
2. The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations.
3. The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training.
4. The cost of operations and manpower implications.

Other Considerations

5. The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.
6. The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.
7. The ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions and personnel.
8. The environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.

Public comment period ends on 28 Jan 04
Public comments may be faxed to: (703) 695-1496