

RECOMMENDATION FOR REALIGNMENT

NAVAL STATION, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Recommendation: Realign Naval Station Newport, RI by relocating the Navy Warfare Development Command to Naval Station Norfolk, VA.

Justification: Navy Warfare Development Command performs the functions of warfare innovation, concept development, fleet and joint experimentation, and the synchronization and dissemination of doctrine. Relocating the Navy Warfare Development Command to Norfolk better aligns the Navy's warfare development organization with those of the other joint force components and Joint Forces Command, as well as places Navy Warfare Development Command in better proximity to Fleet Forces Command and the Second Fleet Battle Lab it supports, resulting in substantial travel cost savings to conduct experimentation events. Location of Navy Warfare Development Command in Hampton Roads area places it in proximity to Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA and Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA, as well as in closer proximity to the Air Force Doctrine Center at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, which furthers joint interoperability concepts.

Payback: The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$11.75 million. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a cost of \$8.33 million. Annual recurring savings to the Department after implementation are \$1.02 million with a payback expected in 13 years. The net present value of the costs and savings to the Department over the next 20 years is a savings of \$2.06 million.

Economic Impact: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 490 jobs (200 direct, and 290 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is less than 0.1 percent of economic area employment. The aggregate economic impact of all recommended actions on this economic region of influence was considered and is at Appendix B of Volume I.

Community Infrastructure: A review of community attributes indicates no issues regarding the ability of the infrastructure of the communities to support missions, forces, and personnel. There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

Environmental Impact: Naval Station Norfolk, VA is in Maintenance for Ozone (1-Hour) and Marginal Non-attainment for Ozone (8-Hour) but an Air Conformity Determination is not required. There are potential impacts for the environmental resource areas of cultural, archeological, or tribal resources and wetlands. No impacts are anticipated for dredging; land use constraints or sensitive resources areas; marine mammals, resources or sanctuaries; noise; threatened and endangered species or critical habitat; waste management; or water resources. This recommendation indicates impacts of costs at the installations involved, which

reported \$75 thousand in costs for environmental compliance activities. These costs were included in the payback calculation. This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management or environmental compliance activities. The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation has been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.