

Consolidate Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) Headquarters

Recommendation: Realign Park Center Four, a leased installation in Alexandria, VA, by relocating and consolidating Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) with its sub-components at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), MD.

Justification: This recommendation meets several important Department of Defense (DoD) objectives with regard to future use of leased space, rationalization of the Department's presence within the National Capital Region (NCR), and enhanced security for DoD Activities. Additionally, the scenario results in a significant improvement in military value. The military value of ATEC's headquarters based on its current location is ranked 319 out of 334 entities evaluated by the MAH military value model, while APG is ranked 128 out of 334. Implementation will reduce the Department's reliance on leased space, which has historically higher overall costs than government-owned space and generally does not meet Anti-terrorism Force Protection standards as prescribed in UFC 04-010-01. The recommendation eliminates 83,000 Usable Square Feet of leased administrative space within the NCR. The relocation to a military installation outside of the NCR provides dispersion of DoD Activities away from a dense concentration within the NCR. This, plus the immediate benefit of enhanced Force Protection afforded by a location within a military installation fence-line, will provide ATEC's Headquarters with immediate compliance with Force Protection Standards. Its current location is non-compliant with current Force Protection Standards. APG has available, vacant administrative space that can support this space requirement without the need for need for new MILCON. This recommendation has the added benefit of allowing ATEC to consolidate its headquarters facilities with its subcomponents that are currently operating at APG: the Army Developmental Test Command and the Army Evaluation Center.

Payback: The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$7.1M. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a savings of \$44.0M. Annual recurring savings to the Department after implementation are \$8.7M, with a payback expected immediately. The net present value of the costs and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$125.7M.

Economic Impact on Communities: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 796 jobs (470 direct jobs and 326 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 time period in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division economic 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 community to support missions, forces, and personnel. While the nearest city and airport to APG is Baltimore, approximately 32 miles away, this distance should not inconvenience personnel relocating to this area. There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

Environmental Impact: This recommendation has a potential impact on air quality at APG. At a minimum, New Source Review and permit modifications may be required. This recommendation has no impact on cultural, archeological, or tribal resources; dredging; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries; noise; threatened and endangered species or critical habitat; waste management; water resources; or wetlands. This recommendation will require spending approximately \$42,500 for environmental compliance activities. This cost was included in the payback calculation. This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities. The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the bases in this recommendation has been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.

Supporting Information Attachments

Section 2 – Military Value Results / Capacity Analysis / Supporting Information

Section 3 – COBRA Results

Section 4 – Economic Impact Report

Section 5 – Community Infrastructure Assessment

Section 6 – Environmental Impacts