

Brief for

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BRAC Commissioner**

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JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER (JSF) INITIAL JOINT TRAINING SITE

Dod Recommendation:

- Realign NAS Pensacola by relocating to Eglin AFB a sufficient number of front-line and instructor qualified maintenance technicians and logistics support personnel to stand up the DoN's portion of the JSF Initial Joint Training Site established at EAFB.
 - *Note: Other impacted bases in addition to NASP include Luke AFB AZ; MCAS Miramar CA; NAS Oceana VA; and Sheppard AFB TX.*

Rationale:

- Recommendation establishes Eglin AFB as the Initial Joint Training Site that teaches entry-level aviators and maintenance technicians how to safely operate and maintain the JSF/F-35 aircraft.
 - JSF delivery scheduled to begin 2008
 - Joint basing arrangement allows Inter-service Training Review Organization (ITRO) process to establish a DoD baseline program in a consolidated/joint school with curricula that permit services latitude to preserve service unique culture and a faculty and staff that brings a "Train as we fight; Jointly" national perspective to the learning process.
 - Realignments facilitate creation of the **JSF Initial Joint Training Site at Eglin AFB, Florida.**
- Requirements:**
- No MILCON at the Training Site identified by DoD.

- NAS Pensacola – Eglin AFB Joint basing arrangement
- Parallel 8,000 X 200 ft runways at NAS Pensacola
- FCLP capable 8,000 X 150 ft auxiliary airfield at Choctaw NOLF
- Air-to air training area
- Low-level routes
- Multiple air-to-ground ranges
- Ideal weather
- Deep water port to support carriers operating in Gulf

JSF Initial Joint Training Site Payback:

- One-time cost to DoD ----- \$199.1 million
- Net of costs & savings during implementation ----- \$209.6 million
- Annual savings after implementation ----- \$ zero
- ROI-None– **Annual recurring costs to DoD are \$3.3 million with no payback expected.**

JSF Initial Joint Training Site Job Loss (Pensacola only):

■ Direct -----	392
■ Military	85
■ Student	299
■ Civilian	8
■ Contractor	0
■ Indirect -----	496
■ Total -----	888

Enhancement to DoD Recommendation:

- Maintain training for this function using existing facilities and infrastructure aboard NAS Pensacola.
- The organizational structure recommended by DoD is a sound business, training and readiness decision.
- Regionally, this recommendation creates a Joint Center for JSF training (aviators and maintainers) with the potential to absorb additional joint service training.