

## **Fort Smith Air Guard Station, AR and Luke Air Force Base, AZ**

**Recommendation:** Realign Fort Smith Municipal Airport (MAP) Air Guard Station (AGS), Arkansas. Distribute the 188th Fighter Wing's (ANG) F-16s to the 144th Fighter Wing (ANG) Fresno Air Terminal AGS, California (seven aircraft) and retirement (eight aircraft). The 144th Fighter Wing's F-16s (15 aircraft) retire. Ft. Smith's expeditionary combat support (ECS) elements remain in place. Fire fighter positions realign to Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Home Station Training Site moves to Savannah, Georgia. Realign Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, distributes its F-16 Block 25s (13 aircraft) and F-16 Block 42s (24 aircraft) to retirement. The 944th Fighter Wing distributes its F-16s to the 144th Fighter Wing at Fresno (11 aircraft).

**Justification:** Military value played the predominant role coupled with homeland defense. The Air Force recommendation realigns 15 aircraft from Fort Smith (110) to Fresno (87), which supports the homeland defense Air Sovereignty Alert mission. Additionally, this recommendation helps align the eight different F-16 models across the Air Force. Finally, this recommendation makes experienced Airmen available to support the new ANG flying training unit created at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.

**Payback:** The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$18 million. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a cost of \$12 million. Annual recurring savings to the Department after implementation are \$1 million with a payback expected in 16 years. The net present value of the costs and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$2 million.

**Economic Impact on Communities:** Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 134 jobs (78 direct jobs and 56 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Fort Smith, Arkansas-Oklahoma Metropolitan Statistical economic area, which is less than 0.1 percent of economic area employment.

Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 386 jobs (184 direct jobs and 202 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Arizona Metropolitan Statistical economic area, which is less than 0.1 percent of economic area employment. The aggregate economic impact of all recommended actions on these economic regions of influence was considered and is at Appendix B of Volume I.

**Community Infrastructure Assessment:** 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:** There are potential impacts to air quality; cultural, archeological, or tribal resources; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries; noise; threatened and endangered species or critical habitat; and wetlands that may need to be considered during the implementation of this recommendation. There are no anticipated impacts to dredging; waste management; or water resources. Impacts of costs include \$253 thousand in costs for environmental compliance and waste management. These costs were included in the payback calculation. There are no anticipated impacts to the costs of environmental restoration. The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation have been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to the implementation of this recommendation.