

Mansfield-Lahm Municipal Airport Air Guard Station, OH

Recommendation: Close Mansfield-Lahm Municipal Airport Air Guard Station (AGS). Distribute the eight C-130H aircraft of the 179th Airlift Wing (ANG) to the 908th Airlift Wing (AFR), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (four aircraft) and the 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas (four aircraft). Flying related Expeditionary Combat Support (ECS) moves to Louisville International Airport AGS, Kentucky (aerial port) and Toledo Express Airport AGS, Ohio (fire fighters).

Justification: This recommendation distributes C-130 aircraft to two bases with higher military value, Little Rock Air Force Base (17) and Maxwell Air Force Base (21). The addition of aircraft at Maxwell Air Force Base creates an optimally sized Reserve Component squadron. Additionally, these transfers move C-130 force structure from the Air National Guard to the Air Force Reserve and active duty--addressing a documented imbalance in the active/Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve manning mix for C-130s.

Payback: The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$33 million. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a savings of \$3.0 million. Annual recurring savings after implementation are \$8.7 million, with a payback period expected in three years. The net present value of the cost and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$86 million.

Economic Impact on Communities: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 528 jobs (234 direct jobs and 294 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Mansfield, OH Metropolitan Statistical economic area, which is 0.72 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 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; noise; waste management; water resources; and wetlands that may need to be considered during the implementation of this recommendation. There are no anticipated impacts to dredging; marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries; or threatened and endangered species or critical habitat. Impacts of costs include \$232 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.