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Candidate Recommendation #USAF-0122

Candidate Recommendation: Close Pope AFB. The 43d Airlift Wing will inactivate and assigned C-130E AWADS aircraft (25 PAA) will be distributed to the 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. Little Rock will retire C-130E aircraft (27 PAA); recode C-130E aircraft to BAI (8 PAA); and distribute C-130J aircraft to the 143d Airlift Wing (ANG), Quonset State Airport AGS, Rhode Island (1 PAA) and 146th Airlift Wing (ANG), Channel Islands AGS, California (2 PAA). At Little Rock, C-130J aircraft (4 PAA) will be transferred from the 314 AW to the 189th Airlift Wing (ANG). The 23d Fighter Group at Pope and associated A-10 aircraft (36 PAA) will be relocated to Moody AFB, Georgia. The 347th Rescue Wing at Moody will distribute assigned HC-130P (11 PAA) and HH-60 (14 PAA) aircraft to the 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB. The AFRC Aerial Port at Pope will remain in place as a tenant to the Army. Additional active duty Air Force will remain in place as an Army tenant at Fort Bragg, to provide support for Army Ready Brigade requirements.

Justification: Enables Future Total Force transformation and increases efficiency of Operations. Distributes All Weather Aerial Deliver System (AWADS) C-130E aircraft (25 PAA) from Pope to Little Rock consolidating all CONUS E-model C-130s at one location. Distributes A-10 aircraft (36 PAA) to moody to mitigate risk of waived runway operations at Pope. Closing Pope AFB enables transfer of Pope AFB to the Army to enable Army candidate recommendations (USA-0222, HSA-0124 HSA-0128). Distributes HC-130P (11 PAA) and HH-60 (14 PAA) aircraft from Moody to Davis-Monthan consolidating CSAR aircraft and enabling A-10 move into Moody. At Little Rock as part of force structure adjustments, retire C-130Es (27 PAA) and transfer C-130Es (8 PAA) to Backup Aircraft Inventory (BAI). To build whole squadrons of C-130Js after a decrease in C-130J acquisitions, transfer C-130Js from Little Rock AFB to Channel Islands AGS (2 PAA) and Quonset State APT AGS (1 PAA).

Payback (Criterion 5): The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$213 million. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a savings of \$100 million. Annual recurring savings after implementation are \$122, with a payback period expected in 0 years. The net present value of the cost and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$1,244 million.

Impacts:

Economic Impact on Communities (Criterion 6): Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 8885 jobs (5304 direct jobs and 3581 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Fayetteville, NC metropolitan statistical economic area, which is – 4.55 percent of economic area employment.

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Impact on Community Infrastructure (Criterion 7): Review of community attributes indicates no issues regarding the ability of the community's infrastructure to support forces, missions, and personnel.

Environmental Impact (Criterion 8): There are no natural infrastructure issues affecting this candidate recommendation.