

Candidate Recommendation #USAF-0121

Candidate Recommendation: Close Niagara Falls ARS. The 914th Airlift Wing (AFRC) will inactivate. The wing's C-130H aircraft (8 PAA) will be distributed to the 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. The 107th Air Refueling Wing (ANG) will inactivate and its KC-135R aircraft (8 PAA) will be distributed to the 101st Air Refueling Wing (ANG), Bangor IAP AGS, Maine. The 101st Air Refueling Wing's KC-135E aircraft (8 PAA) will retire.

Justification: Enables Future Total Force transformation by increasing efficiency of Operations by consolidating the airlift fleet. Supports Northeast Tanker Task Force and contributes to force structure optimization at Little Rock AFB. Distributes C-130 aircraft (8 PAA) to Little Rock to adjust the active/ARC mix and consolidate aircraft fleet. KC-135Es (8 PAA) at Bangor retire due force structure changes. KC-135R (8 PAA) are distributed from Niagara to Bangor to backfill retiring aircraft and, as part of the Northeast tanker task force, provide continued support to the Atlantic air bridge.

Payback (Criterion 5): The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$91 million. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a cost of \$39 million. Annual recurring savings after implementation are \$13 million, with a payback period expected in 6 years. The net present value of the cost and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$88 million.

Impacts:

Economic Impact on Communities (Criterion 6): Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 1,071 jobs (641 direct jobs and 430 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Buffalo-Niagra Falls, NY metropolitan statistical economic area, which is - 0.17 percent of economic area employment.

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.