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BRAC Commission Announces Locations for Initial Regional Hearings

Arlington, Virginia, May 31, 2005—Today, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission announced the venues for the first four regional hearings.

The BRAC Commission has assigned military installations to regional hearings by state. Stakeholders and elected officials from states with military installations and facilities affected by the DoD BRAC recommendations, will make their presentations at the appropriately-designated regional hearing.

The Commission will conduct regional hearings to encourage community input into the information-gathering process. Although military value is the most important criteria to the Commissioners as they make their decisions as to what to include in their final recommendation to the President, they will also take into consideration the human impact that the closure or realignment of a base would have.

Testimony from community representatives will lay out possible problems and inaccuracies with the DoD recommendations that the Commission will consider. If the Commission learns, as a result of the site visits, regional hearings, or other means that some of the DoD recommendations “substantially deviated” from the selection criteria and force structure, it may be overturned or modified by the Commission.

Chairman Anthony Principi stated, “We will be open, independent, fair and equitable, and, we will ensure that the people and communities affected by the Department of Defense’s proposals have, through our site visits and public hearings, a chance to provide us with direct input on the substance of the proposals and on the methodology and assumptions behind those proposals.”

15 regional hearings are scheduled in various locations across the country. The locations have been selected for their proximity to the military installations in question, and to ensure the affected communities have maximum possible access to the hearings.

The following provides a listing of the venues and states included in the first four regional hearings. Please visit our website, www.brac.gov, for future updates.

Salt Lake City, Utah – Monday, June 6 – 2:00 PM
Salt Palace Convention Center
100 S. West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah
States Included: Utah, Idaho

Fairbanks, Alaska – Wednesday, June 15 – 1:00 PM
2010 2nd Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska
States Included: Alaska

St. Louis, Missouri – Tuesday, June 7 – 8:30 AM
Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse
111 S. 10th Street
St. Louis, Missouri
States Included: Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan

Portland, Oregon – Friday, June 17 – 8:30 AM
Convention Center
777 N. East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Portland, Oregon
States Included: Oregon, Washington