



APPENDIX S

“LIFE AFTER BRAC” RESOURCE FINDER

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recognizes that closing and realigning military installations inherently results in significant economic dislocation for workers and communities. Assistance for BRAC-impacted communities is coordinated across the Federal Government through the President’s Economic Adjustment Committee (EAC). This appendix describes *some, but by no means all*, of the federal resources available to assist communities and individuals in alleviating the socioeconomic effects of military base closures and realignments.

SELECTED ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT (OEA) (www.oea.gov)

400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200

Arlington, VA 22202-4704

Phone: 703-604-6020 Fax: 703-604-5843

Additional resource information is available at www.oea.gov/oeaweb.nsf/BRAC?readform or by calling OEA at (703)-604-6020.

The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) at <http://www.oea.gov>, is the primary DoD source of assistance to communities affected by both increases and decreases in military spending. *It also serves as a focal point for assistance from other federal agencies.* In previous BRAC rounds OEA has provided \$280 million, primarily to fund strategy development for communities seeking local development and other federal funding.

OEA provides planning and implementation assistance to communities, regions, and states impacted by defense program changes, such as base closings or expansions. OEA maintains close working relationships with other federal agencies that operate programs that can assist communities adversely affected by defense cutbacks or realignments. By design, the OEA plays a facilitating role in the economic adjustment process. The affected community, however, must play the principal role in initiating and carrying out the adjustment and conversion plan.

Currently, OEA operates with a staff of approximately 50 persons. Most communities affected by a BRAC round receive OEA assistance averaging \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year for three to five years, depending on circumstances.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410

Phone: (202) 708-1112

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm> .

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provides Federal funds for community and economic development projects. The program supports job creation and retention efforts, local government efforts to provide affordable infrastructure systems, and community efforts to improve the quality of life for low-to-moderate-income citizens. CDBG grants are based on a community’s population.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20230

<http://www.eda.gov/xp/EDAPublic/Contacts/Contacts.xml>

The list of programs administered by EDA can be found at <http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml>

EDA has provided grants to leverage private sector and local public sector dollars for targeted investments to alleviate the sudden economic dislocation caused by base closures. Total EDA grants from additional appropriations made for bases closed in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 exceeded \$640 million. Additionally, EDA received approximately \$274 million from the Department of Defense and \$8 million from the Department of Energy for specially targeted defense adjustment projects. These grants provided substantial funds for services, including infrastructure development, technology initiatives, revolving loan funds and other economic development strategies. EDA's Economic Adjustment Program predominantly supported three types of grant activities: strategic planning, project implementation, and Revolving Loan Funds (RLFs). Implementation grants supported one or more activities identified in an EDA-approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Communities economically impacted by major base closures or realignments may be eligible for funding under EDA's Planning, Technical Assistance and Public Works programs.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGENCY

Frances Perkins Building

200 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20210

1-877-US-2JOBS

Resources for States and Communities affected by BRAC can be found at <http://www.doleta.gov/neg/Faqs.cfm>

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRAC PLANNING GRANTS

National Emergency Grants fund planning for layoffs resulting from BRAC 2005. States likely to face the largest impact get priority. A first round of grants totaling \$28 million was issued to States on June 28, 2005. BRAC questions from local communities can be sent to DOL at bracquestions@dol.gov.

SELECTED ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS

DoD EMPLOYEES

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES (CPMS)

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/bractransition/index.htm>

CPMS administers the Civilian Assistance and Re-Employment (CARE) Program, which oversees the management of draw-downs and transition assistance programs. The CARE Program consists of job placement programs such as the DoD Priority Placement Program (PPP), separation incentives such as Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay, and other benefits and services for civilian employees in career transition. CARE also provides direct program assistance to DoD activities affected by downsizing or reorganization.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Toll-Free Hotline 1-877-US2-JOBS

<http://www.brac-coach.org/>

The BRAC Coach Web Site assists workers, businesses, and workforce professionals affected by a base realignment or closure. Operators refer callers to local programs, including One-Stop Career Centers for assistance. These Centers can be found at www.servicelocator.org and are the focal point of the workforce investment system, supporting the employment needs of job seekers and the human resource needs of businesses. Transitioning workers can access career guidance, information on available jobs, job search assistance, information on training availability, training and educational opportunities, and job placement services. Laid-off workers may also access temporary income support and more intensive services to assist with child-care and transportation needs.

RELATED FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

A number of other federal agencies and activities offer assistance to communities and individuals adversely affected by base closures and realignments. They include:

FOR COMMUNITIES

- DoD-funded environmental review and cleanup at closing military facilities may support local jobs after a base is designated for closure but before federal land is actually transferred. More information can be obtained at <http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/stakeholder.htm>.
- DoD transfer of closed military base land for less than market value.
- The potential transfer of military airports to civilian use under the Federal Airport Improvement Program of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- Programs to promote economic development in rural communities with populations of fewer than 50,000, administered by the Rural Development Administration of the Department of Agriculture. Assistance includes: community facilities loans, rural business enterprise grants, business and industrial guaranteed loans, and intermediary relending programs.

FOR INDIVIDUALS:

- Post-secondary education and training assistance for students under Title IV of the Higher Education Act and vocational education programs under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act.
- Benefits related to past employment: Unemployment Compensation and temporary health insurance continuation.
- Benefits related to financial need: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Food Stamps, subsidized school meals, Medicaid, and housing assistance furnished by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Benefits for service-disabled veterans who are small business owners. New laws and regulations now provide more opportunities for businesses owned by service-disabled veterans to contract with federal agencies. For more information, consult the following website: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/fpp/fpp.htm>.
- A list of agency-by-agency contacts for this VA service-disabled veterans small business owner program: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/fpp/designees.pdf>.