

Executive Summary
Scope of Work – CRGP Implementation
BRAC RTF

The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) of the Department of Defense has approved the Scope of Work for CRGP Implementation submitted by the BRAC Regional Task Force. The recommendations put forth in the CRGP will be used by local governments, regional and state agencies and other organizations to plan for the impacts that are identified in the report. To implement and integrate the actions, the BRAC RTF staff will coordinate and collaborate with existing organizations, agencies, the Fort Bragg Garrison and local government planning staffs to provide assistance and add value to on-going efforts.

The CRGP also identifies functional areas that require additional or more detailed assessments, as well as recommendations to be implemented through the BRAC RTF staff. In most of the functional areas, the community working groups established for CRGP development will continue to assist with the implementation plan and follow-on assessments. Consultants will be hired as needed to assist with this process.

Following is a summary of the Scope of Work for the 11 functional areas in the CRGP:

Education: *The CRGP identified the requirement for nine additional schools in the region due to 6,776 additional mission growth students. According to OEA and OMB school projects need to be specified and sited to validate the requirements. (1) As an extension of the original OEA grant NC State OR/ED is currently working with five impacted school systems to provide site locations due to projected mission related growth. BRAC RTF will work with each Tier I school system to identify (2) short-term strategies for accommodating expected enrollment increases, and (3) funding solutions to address the gap in military-generated education operating and construction expenses.*

Health Care: *BRAC RTF will (1) facilitate meetings with regional behavioral health care provider, including the VA and Womack hospital, and State regulators to identify solutions to increasing behavioral and mental health care services in the region, and (2) reconvene the Health Care Working Group and organize a regional Health Network Council to develop a strategy and action plan for recruitment of needed physicians, surgeons, and dentists.*

Transportation (Roadways, Aviation, Rail, Mass Transit, Parking): BRAC RTF will work collaboratively with the planning staffs and technical experts at Fort Bragg, FAMPO, Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization, the Lumber River RPO, and other appropriate agencies to: *(1) develop an action plan for improving the regional transportation system, including a sub-area traffic study and travel simulation model, mass transit planning from local communities to Ft. Bragg, and corridor/activity node plans for the purpose of evaluating optimum land use scenarios in conjunction with high-priority intersections affecting entry to Fort Bragg; (2) assess local and regional*

mission-related aviation demand and alternative air travel options for meeting the needs of senior military officers and civilian contractors; (3) undertake a comprehensive military freight rail service feasibility study; (4) develop a regional multi-modal transportation plan.

Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste: BRAC RTF will work in conjunction with Sustainable Sandhills, Sustainable Fort Bragg, NC Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) and other appropriate agencies to: *(1) create a regional master plan for Water, Wastewater and Water Supply, and (2) prepare report on the feasibility of creating a Regional Solid Waste Authority, as a public/private partnership (PPP) with Ft. Bragg.*

Regional Planning, Compatible Land Use, and Sustainable Development: BRAC RTF will work with the NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership, Sustainable Sandhills, RLUAC, Sustainable Fort Bragg and other stakeholders to develop a coordinated, regional growth management strategy. Included are: *(1) development of regional plans and reports necessary to combine various funding sources and programs into a coordinated growth management strategy; (2) an assessment and fiscal analysis of encroachment upon range and training areas from planned land uses and development within Critical and Important areas as defined in the JLUS; (3) creation of new geospatial datasets for the region's local governments and a 'needs analysis' for inter-jurisdictional GIS compatibility; (4) development of a template to assist local governments in adopting integrated capital planning; (5) analysis of the future electric power and fuel requirements of Fort Bragg and the capacity of the surrounding region to meet these requirements through renewable sources.*

Housing: *BRAC RTF will develop a report identifying residential growth areas and the market segments where new housing demand exists. Specific focus will be on matching housing needs with existing and planned developments.*

Information and Communication Technology: *BRAC RTF will prepare a report assessing requirements for additional communications and IT capability to support Fort Bragg and associated defense-related contractors on and off-post, and the region's defense and homeland security industry.*

Social Services and Child Care: BRAC RTF will convene a region-wide networking task force of social service providers, building upon existing local Continuum of Care coalitions that serve the counties in the Fort Bragg area, to: *(1) develop an implementation strategy with priority needs and funding sources; (2) work with the United Way to expand 2-1-1 service to the entire Fort Bragg region.*

Hospitality: *BRAC RTF will: (1) convene representatives from the County Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Economic Development Commissions and other municipal officials and advise on the shortfalls and gaps in available meeting space; and (2) prepare a report identifying the appropriate existing or planned meeting facilities suitable to the needs of Army Forces Command, both on and off-post, including an assessment of security requirements.*

