



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Transatlantic Programs Center

# Program Overview

## Transatlantic Programs Center

The Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC) provides quality, responsive engineering, construction, and related services to customers in the Middle East, Africa, and other areas as required. The Center designs and constructs facilities for use by U.S. forces, performs engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies, and provides operations and maintenance services for various customers.

TAC is a subordinate command within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, and has several field offices throughout the Middle East. In total, the Center has approximately 350 military and civilian members. In addition, TAC provides stateside engineering and support services – called reachback – to the Corps of Engineers' Gulf Region Division and its three districts in Iraq and to the Afghanistan Engineer District.

### Work for U.S. Forces in the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations

TAC provides engineering, construction, and contracting services for U.S. military organizations during peacetime and contingency or wartime operations. These services support U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM), the major unified command with operational control of U.S. security interests in the 27 countries from the Horn of Africa through the Arabian Peninsula into Central Asia. USCENTCOM relies on the Corps of Engineers to provide facilities at certain installations in the region, and these facilities are provided in accordance with established government-to-government agreements.



In providing engineering services, TAC may manage projects from planning and design through construction completion and turnover. Or under other arrangements, TAC may provide specialized design services or construction management oversight, according to host nation and customer needs.

Typical programs include:

Designing and building facilities for use by U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force units assigned in Qatar and Kuwait. Engineering expertise is also provided for U.S. Air Force programs in other countries in the region. The facilities include long-term military projects, such as operational and living facilities at military installations, as well as contingency construction projects – such as temporary billeting, parking aprons, hospitals, and administrative areas – to support continuing military operations.

Designing and constructing facilities in Bahrain to support U.S. Navy operations, with work geared toward quality of life improvements, such as housing, administrative offices and medical clinics, and operational facilities, such as a new waterfront development program.



*The Transatlantic Programs Center designs and builds facilities for U.S. forces deployed in the USCENTCOM area of operations. This facility supports the U.S. Navy in Bahrain.*

## Support for the Global War on Terrorism

In addition to the efforts already focused on supporting USCENTCOM requirements, TAC quickly expanded to meet the engineering needs generated by the War on Terror. TAC responds to design and construction requirements generated from the Afghanistan District for Operation Enduring Freedom and from the Gulf Region Division for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Afghanistan Engineer District provides engineering services to help the international efforts aimed at establishing a secure and stable environment in that nation. In the defense sector, the district designs and constructs facilities for the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police. In addition, the District provides engineering services for U.S. military facilities in Afghanistan and neighboring Central Asian nations and provides support to other U.S. government agencies in this region.

The Gulf Region Division, headquartered in Baghdad, provides engineering services to the Multi-National Forces-Iraq and the Iraqi government for a multi-billion-dollar program of military and civil infrastructure reconstruction.

As the designated stateside reachback organization for the Afghanistan District and the Gulf Region Division, TAC provides a wide range of services, based on the forward-deployed organizations' needs. These services include project management, technical assistance, contracting support, legal advice, financial management services, logistics support, public affairs, information technology, and deployment and personnel processing services. In addition, to meet the rapidly changing requirements within the U.S. Central Command area of operations, TAC competitively awarded several large capacity contracts with task orders issued for specific projects throughout the USCENTCOM area of operations.

## Work for U.S. Forces in the Balkans Region

TAC has administered logistics services contracts on behalf of U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) since December 1995 when U.S. forces were deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina for peacekeeping missions in support of the NATO-led force.

Today, work is carried out as needed throughout the Balkans region, with the majority of the logistics services being provided in Kosovo. The current contract provides for base camp operations and maintenance with associated troop housing; basic life support, such as food preparation, water production, sanitation and laundry operations; shuttle bus and transportation services; road repair and maintenance; and vehicle maintenance and repair.

In addition to supporting peacekeeping operations in the Balkans, the contract can be used for future military operations and military training exercises.



*The Corps of Engineers assists with military and civil infrastructure reconstruction in Iraq (above) and builds barracks for the Afghanistan National Army (below).*



*The logistics services contract provides base camps and quality of life facilities for U.S. Army forces in the Balkans.*



Management of this contract requires a partnership among several Army organizations. TAC provides contract administration and project management support on behalf of USAREUR, which is responsible for Army operations in the Balkans. Other partners are the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), which provides contract oversight; the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), which provides verification of contractor costs; and the deployed military task forces that carry out the Army's mission.

## Supporting Security Assistance Programs

The Defense Department's security assistance program supports the mutual defense interests of both the United States and its allies by promoting regional stability and deterring aggression, maintaining alliances, and disseminating democratic values.

Foreign Military Sales (FMS) is a component of security assistance that transfers defense equipment, services, and training to allied nations. TAC accomplishes a portion of its overseas engineering work through the FMS program.

The Corps has worked with Egyptian defense forces for more than 20 years to upgrade their facilities to support purchases of military aircraft, naval vessels, and related systems from the United States. Funded under the Camp David Peace Accords and oftentimes working with other U.S. government agencies, the work includes renovation and construction of facilities at air, land, and navy bases. Typical projects include utility systems, depot repairs, complete air bases, and ship-lifting and repair systems. In a separate program, TAC has procured and maintains equipment for an International Medical Center.

Under another FMS program, TAC is constructing the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Jordan. This government-to-government project will provide the Jordanian Ministry of Defense with a state-of-the-art facility and valuable resource for training special operations forces of the military, police and other civil and paramilitary organizations. The \$70 million facility will be used by Jordanian, regional, and U.S. forces to train for counterterrorism and internal security.

Also under the security assistance program, the Center provides project planning, technical assistance, and procurement services for projects in Africa, aimed at promoting democracy, raising the standard of living, and increasing the capacity of those nations to provide for their own infrastructure needs. TAC works with host nation agencies in accomplishing these projects or with other federal agencies, such as the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. MCC works to reduce poverty and promote economic development in eligible countries. TAC assists MCC by providing technical services when proposals are being considered and after agreements are reached. Services are provided for projects such as transportation, health care infrastructure, roads, and ports.

The people of the Transatlantic Programs Center are proud of their accomplishments on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers and stand ready to continue their public service traditions well into the future.



*TAC completes a wide range of projects to support foreign defense forces, such as air bases in Egypt (above). Support is also provided for humanitarian projects in Africa, such as this clinic (below).*



*Construction begins on a village at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center in Jordan.*