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BRAC medical training complex falling into place with award of \$28.7 million contract

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has awarded a \$28.7 million contract to build a dining facility that will eventually serve one of the largest medical education and training institutions in the world. The 4,800 person facility will be part of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) complex, which is being built on Fort Sam Houston as the location where the enlisted medical training of all branches of the U.S. military will ultimately be consolidated. The contract was awarded to SpawGlass Contractors, Inc. of San Antonio.

The award of the dining facility contract follows the recent award of a contract to build two of the three METC dorms that are planned. Along with the dining facility and dorms, the campus will include approximately 1.2 million square feet of instructional and laboratory space, as well as other support facilities to accommodate an average daily student enrollment of more than 9,000. Contracts for construction of these additional components will be awarded in the future. In all, completion of the METC complex will involve approximately \$500 million of construction work.

The Medical Education and Training Campus is one of the primary elements of the San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Program, a construction and renovation initiative aimed at providing the facilities and infrastructure necessary to implement the 2005 BRAC law. The BRAC mandates call for relocating several medical training and administrative missions to San Antonio, as well as consolidating certain missions that already exist at local installations.

Construction work is scheduled to take place across San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases through September 2011. The total cost of the San Antonio BRAC Program and related military construction is projected to exceed \$2 billion. In all, the

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Corps Awards San Antonio BRAC Contract

San Antonio BRAC Program will involve building and renovating 78 major facilities that amount to more than 6 million square feet of space.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers are working on the San Antonio BRAC

Program as members of the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO), which is overseeing the design and construction efforts. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and private-sector contractors.

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