

# TABS Process & Commission Interactions



Transforming Through Base Realignment and Closure

*“Throughout this process we are assessing all of our installations and functions and missions in an equal way so that we can have a defensible package of recommendations to provide to the independent commission.”*

Philip Grone,  
Deputy Undersecretary  
of Defense, (I&E)  
April 12, 2005

*“There is a window of opportunity. If we slip out of this window of opportunity... we run the risk of not being able to make some decisions that are really good for the country and for the armed forces. And that is why we... need BRAC.”*

General Peter J.  
Schoomaker, Chief of  
Staff of the Army

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Military Value	
1.)	The current and future mission requirements and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force, including impacts on joint war fighting, training, and readiness.
2.)	The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations.
3.)	The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, surge, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training.
4.)	The cost of operations and the manpower implications.
Other Considerations	
5.)	The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.
6.)	The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.
7.)	The ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions and personnel.
8.)	The environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.

## Joint Analysis

- The complete DoD inventory of installations was reviewed world-wide – active and reserve
- The seven Joint Cross Service Groups looked at common business-oriented functions that lend themselves to joint opportunities such as logistics, training, industrial, medical, and others.
- The Services examined multi-Service business opportunities that add military value, and enhance operations and training of the Joint Team.

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## Presidential Commission Actions

### Preparing for Commission Hearings

- Once the SECDEF's recommendations are published, the Army will provide the Commission information on the deliberative process and data used, and respond to any questions.
- The Commission will review the SECDEF's analysis and realignment and closure recommendations, through a public process, to verify that the statutory requirements and selection criteria were appropriately followed.
- The Commission's recommendations will be reviewed by the President and the Congress.
- Previous Commissions held public hearings at facilities that were not located on military installations to ensure unrestricted public access and maximum public input.
- DoD personnel may receive requests, based on their professional position, to participate in BRAC Commission hearings and should be prepared to support such requests.
- PAOs should be prepared to support requests from the BRAC commission for base tours, press conferences, briefs or other information.

### Preparing for Commission Site Visits

- Previous Commissions asked installation commanders to support their site visits. As such, installation commanders should prepare for and host visits by Commissioners to their facility.
- Commanders should be prepared to provide the raw information from which they derived their certified data, as well as basic mission briefs or installation familiarization briefs.
- The Commission may arrange public announcements or press conferences off post.

## TABS Summary

- BRAC 2005 is larger and more complex than prior rounds, involving more joint solutions
- BRAC 2005 helps the Army generate a portfolio of installations that projects power, trains, sustains and enhances the readiness and well-being of the Joint Team
- The TABS process included:
  - Holistic review of force structure basing
  - Units returning from overseas and modular units
  - Opportunities for joint basing, training, and deployment
  - Synergy between combat and combat support forces
  - Initiatives for RC Multi-Component solutions

# Purpose, Vision, and Planning