Army Strategy

The Army BRAC 2005 strategy is to establish a streamlined portfolio of installations with optimized Military Value and a significantly reduced cost of ownership that facilitates transformation, joint operations, and joint business functions; accommodates rebasing of overseas units within the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy; and divests of an accumulation of installations that are no longer relevant and are less effective in supporting a Joint and Expeditionary Army.

The Army partnered with the Air Force, Navy, Marines, and the seven Joint Cross-Service Groups to seek Joint training, deployment and operational opportunities and efficiencies in common business functions and to transform the Reserve Component infrastructure. The Army used Military Value assessments to select the optimum modular brigades, ensuring units had the capability to train, deploy, and sustain themselves in operations and taking care of families and Soldiers at home. This is a conscious effort to accelerate transformation, enhance jointness, and generate efficiencies.

“BRAC must enable the Army to establish a streamlined portfolio of predominantly multi-use installations that optimizes Military Value and reduces cost of ownership.”

Dr. Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army

“...development world deals ruthlessly with organizations that do not change... We must constantly reshape ourselves to remain relevant and useful members of the Joint Team.”

General Peter J. Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

Recommendations

The most profound impact of BRAC 2005 will be the transformation of the Army’s installation infrastructure. The resulting infrastructure will enable the operational force to better meet the challenges of a dangerous and complex 21st century security environment.

The Army, with its joint partners, proposes BRAC recommendations that enhance Military Value, advance the Army Modular Force Initiative, accommodate the rebasing of overseas units, enable the transformation of both the Active and Reserve Components as well as rebalancing the forces, contribute to Joint operations and joint business functions, and reduce facilities cost of ownership.

BRAC 2005 proposes to close 15 Active, 7 leased, 176 Army Reserve installations, and 211 Army National Guard facilities (upon agreement of the state governors), while creating Training Centers of Excellence and Joint Technical and Research Facilities and increasing productivity of armaments and equipment. The recommendations create 125 multi-component Armed Forces Reserve Centers (ARFC), realign the Army Reserve command and control structure, and provide 6 brigades to the deployable force. The Army’s BRAC 2005 recommendations maintain sufficient surge capabilities to expand to 48 maneuver brigades and handle increased production, training, and operational demands now and in the future.

These recommendations create a one-time cost of $12.8B and generate 20-year gross savings of $20.4B and net savings of $7.6B which is 1.2 times that of the first 4 BRAC rounds combined. Recurring savings after completion of BRAC 2005 implementation are expected to be $1.5B annually, 1.7 times the recurring savings of the first 4 BRAC rounds combined. The total economic impact (including costs and savings generated by overseas moves) is a steady-state savings of $2.5B annually and a 20-year net savings of $28.0B.

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Transforming Through Base Realignment and Closure
Realign or Close Installations to Consolidate Headquarters (HQ) and Other Activities in Joint or Multi-functional Installations

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- Co-locate HQ, 3rd US Army with the Air Force (AF) component of US Forces Central Command, 9th AF at Shaw AFB, SC.
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Objective: Realign or close installations to integrate critical munitions production and storage, manufacturing, depot-level maintenance, and materiel management to enhance Joint productivity and efficiency and reduce cost.

Results:
- Close 4 Army ammunition plants, 3 chemical depots, and 2 Army depots (1 maintenance and 1 munitions storage) to reduce costs and increase efficiency.
- Relocate workload among 9 other depots and arsenals and 5 Army ammunition plants; enhance 4 Joint Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence for specific commodities; create 3 Joint Manufacturing and Technology Centers; create a Joint Logistics Expeditionary Center; and create 5 Joint Munitions Centers of Excellence.

Transform DoD Research, Development, Acquisition, Testing, and Evaluation (RDAT&E) Organizations into Joint Centers of Excellence

Objective: Consolidate DoD RDAT&E organizations to enhance support of DoD transformation and Joint operations.

Results:
- Create RDAT&E Joint Centers of Excellence at Detroit Arsenal, MI (ground vehicles), Redstone Arsenal, AL (aviation), and Picatinny Arsenal, NJ (guns and ammunitions).

Transform the Reserve Component

Objective: Realign and close facilities to reshape the command and control functions and force structure and create joint or multi-functional installations.

Results:
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- The Army understands that state governors will close 211 Army National Guard facilities and relocate their tenant units into these new AFRCs.
- These new AFRCs will improve the readiness and ability of Reserve and National Guard units to train, alert and deploy in support of current and future contingency operations, including homeland defense.
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