

About Aberdeen Proving Ground

Aberdeen Proving Ground is one of the most diversified military installations in the United States. APG is an Army Installation Management Agency installation operated by the US Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground (USAGAPG) and hosts units and activities of 9 major Army Commands. In total, the installation supports 66 tenants, 20 satellites and 17 private organizations. These numbers will increase with BRAC. (See back of brochure for listing of incoming organizations.)

Serving as a Department of Defense Major Range and Test Facility Base, the installation provides facilities to test, proof, and provide for much of the Joint Service inventory of materiel. Test and support operations allow for instrumented firing of weapons and weapons systems on state-of-the-art ranges and test facilities; testing of ground vehicles, soldier systems, and chemical/biological materiel; and, a wide variety of laboratory-type investigations and environments.

The Army's recommendation adopted by the BRAC Commission will create a new C4ISR Life Cycle Management Command along with the consolidation of chemical and biological defense activities and the Army Research Laboratory, and the relocation of the Army Test & Evaluation Command to APG. These changes will provide for a more efficient and consolidated command structure and will create a new critical mass of **high technology jobs** at APG.

In addition to the positive benefits for the US Army and APG, the BRAC changes will bring numerous genuine gains and opportunities that will translate into continued economic growth for the region.

GENUINE GAINS

- ❖ 8,200 net new government positions to APG
 - ~ 35,000 direct and indirect new positions to Harford County
 - ~ 60,000 new residents to the Region, most in Harford County
- ❖ \$2 Billion a year in salaries
 - \$100 Million in annual income tax revenue
 - \$51 Million increase in projected annual sales tax revenue

Total increase of approx. 60,000 people in the region

GENUINE OPPORTUNITY

- ❖ High technology and professional degrees
 - Masters and Ph.D.'s in numerous engineering disciplines and most hard sciences including biology, chemistry, and physics
 - Numerous degreed service professionals including contracting, legal, human resources, etc.
- ❖ Stronger industrial base
- ❖ Increased local employment opportunities
- ❖ Many young professionals (average age: 46.5 with 42% between ages 30-50)
- ❖ Average Salary \$86,715
- ❖ Education Level
 - H.S. or Associate 38%
 - Bachelor 47%
 - Master 14%
 - Ph.D. 1%

Incoming personnel are established in their careers, high wage earners, and strong contributors to the community.

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS

But in order to ensure that these gains and opportunities become a reality, we must work together NOW. With people already starting to plan their move into the region, we must act now to have all their needs met by 2009 to ensure the advantages promised by BRAC 2005 are realized. Some of the critical issues that must be addressed by elected officials, local and state government agencies, and the communities are:

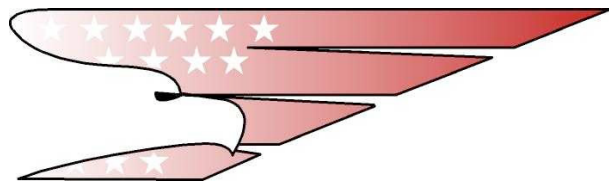
- ❖ Transportation infrastructure – the most critical need
 - Rail & Commuter
 - Inter-modal
 - Local roads
- ❖ Increased capacity and resources in the following areas due to added population
 - Education
 - Health care
 - Public safety
 - Parks and recreation
- ❖ Harford County's Requirements
 - Finalize the study for the MD 715 Extension-APG Gate to I-95 area and include in the SHA Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP)
 - Edgewood MARC Train Station (match existing federal funds)
 - Inter-modal Station/Center at Aberdeen
 - School Construction: Accelerate funding for new projects
 - Improve linkages from APG Gate to I-95/U.S. 40 as part of Maryland's Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP): Routes MD 22, MD 543, MD 24, MD 7 and MD 152

Army Alliance, APG, and BRAC

The Army Alliance was a key participant in focusing the region's support of the DOD Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations. The Alliance will continue its stewardship and advocacy as Aberdeen Proving Ground implements the BRAC decisions. We will continue to inform and support our elected officials and the community about issues affecting APG and the surrounding region; promote a clear, coherent image of APG; and enhance the reputation of the post as a national asset. For example, the Alliance has provided financial support and helped coordinate such BRAC initiatives as the award winning website www.marylandready.com, the APG Brochure, and the Maryland Welcome and Relocation Guide to assist those relocating to the region.

The changes that will result from BRAC do not just guarantee APG's long term survival but initiate a process of significant growth and transformation. **Our efforts are really just starting.** It will require the combined efforts of advocacy groups like the Alliance, government leaders and elected officials, and community organizations to ensure that the transformation of APG is a success. This includes ensuring that needed attention is paid to critical infrastructure needs including transportation, education, health care, and quality of life concerns.

For more information, or more importantly, if interested in becoming actively involved, please contact us: Army Alliance, Inc. c/o HEAT Center, 1201 Technology Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001. www.armyalliance.org



Who's Coming to APG

The organizations being relocated to APG address defense against chemical and biological weapons, aerial vehicle technology, test and evaluation, and communications and electronics, including:

- Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO CBD), Falls Church, Virginia
- Joint Project Manager Guardian, Falls Church, Virginia
- CBD development and acquisition activities from Air Force, Brooks City Base, Texas; Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Bethesda, Maryland
- U.S. Army Research Laboratory Vehicle Technology Directorate, Langley, Virginia, and Glenn, Ohio
- HQ, Army Test & Evaluation Command including its Army Evaluation Center, Alexandria, Virginia
- From Fort Monmouth, New Jersey:
 - Communications & Electronics Command
 - Communications-Electronics Research, Development, and Engineering Center
 - Program Executive Office Command Control and Communication Tactical (PEO C3T)
 - Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S)
 - Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (C-E LCMC), unifying headquarters for CECOM, PEO C3T, and PEO IEW&S



Aberdeen Proving Ground and BRAC: An Engine for Managed Growth in Northeastern Maryland

The Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) decisions for Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) provides:

❖ *Genuine Gains*

- *New Jobs*
- *Increased tax revenues*

❖ *Genuine Opportunity*

- *Higher average incomes*
- *Significant influx of those with professional and technical degrees*

It presents:

❖ *Immediate Requirements*

The Army Alliance encourages you to support the various initiatives required to ensure that the economic potential of the BRAC changes to APG is realized and that Maryland receives the maximum benefit.

We need your help to ensure that we capture the promise of these gains and opportunities.