



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

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Today, the Fort Meade mission generates 55,000 jobs on the installation and another 110,000 jobs off the installation. Over 12,000 Howard County residents currently work on Fort Meade. Over the next 10 years, extensive growth is projected to continue at Fort Meade in support of the National Security Agency, Defense Cyber Command, and Service Cyber Headquarters. The combination of these factors could add as many as 10,000 more positions to the Fort Meade workforce over an extended time frame, with significant growth likely to occur between 2013 and 2020.

As Fort Meade, the nation's epicenter of cyber security and information assurance continues to grow, communities, such as Howard County, will continue to be affected by this growth's impacts and opportunities. For over thirty years, the planning relationship between Fort Meade and the surrounding jurisdictions has been ad-hoc in nature. This has been an ineffective and costly method of responding to issues of joint interest, and now with the critical national Cyber Mission driving a multi-billion dollar economy, this ineffective methodology could threaten the quality of life of the region and the mission of Fort Meade.

As a result, the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) in the Department of Defense (DOD) has awarded the Howard County Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office a grant totaling \$357,435. The goal of this award is to help establish a collaborative and sustainable planning relationship between the installation, Howard County, and the surrounding region. This effort not only addresses the impacts, opportunities and consequences generated by BRAC growth but also focuses on preparing and mitigating the announced growth of future DOD actions at Fort Meade. The ultimate goal is to integrate planning and improve the effective use of regional resources.

This SAO is in support of the BRAC Office and its DOD Grant which supports the critical activities described above. This SAO is necessary to reflect the full amount of the DOD grant at \$357,435 and corrects the FY14 shortfall of \$67,861 in the HCEDA's previously approved budget request.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the grant and the information provided.