

The Economic Development Administration

The Economic Development Administration's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

The Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) administers one of the federal government's most important programs for defense adjustment at the community level. Since 1992, EDA has awarded \$646 million in 385 investments in approximately 113 counties across 38 states affected by 103 base closures. Additionally, EDA received roughly \$274 million from the Department of Defense (DOD) and \$8 million from the Department of Energy (DOE) appropriations for specially targeted defense adjustment projects.

The Defense Economic Adjustment Program

EDA's role in responding to communities impacted by military base realignments and closures is guided by Executive Order 12788. Signed in January 1992, and updated in May of 2005, Executive Order 12788 serves as the coordinating mechanism for the federal government's response to communities impacted by Base Realignments and Closures (BRAC).

- Established by Executive Order 12788.
- Coordinates federal economic adjustment assistance necessitated by changes in DOD activities.
- Establishes a Defense Economic Adjustment Program and Economic Adjustment Committee (EAC).
- The EAC, comprised of 22 federal departments and agencies, advises, assists, supports and prepares procedures for the Program and reports annually to the President and Congress.
- The Secretary of Defense serves as the Chair of the EAC.
- The Secretaries of Commerce and Labor serve as Vice Chairs of the EAC.

How Is BRAC 2005 Different Than Other Rounds?

The Largest Single BRAC Round – BRAC 2005 recommends 33 major base closures, 29 major realignments, and 775 minor closures or realignments.

Affects Reserve and National Guard Facilities as well as Active Bases.

Reflects Redeployment of Military to U.S. Soil – BRAC 2005 reflects growth at some facilities for troops returning from abroad. Growth issues can include community utility, transportation infrastructure, educational facilities and overall capacity.

Increase in Efficiency – The Secretary of Defense is committed to expediting the process of base closure, property disposal and community economic recovery.

Community Assistance

Through September 30, 2004, federal agencies have collectively provided \$1.9 billion in assistance in previous BRAC rounds (1988, 1991, 1993, and 1995)
The primary agencies providing assistance include:

Department of Labor: \$223 million to help communities retrain dislocated workers. www.dol.gov

Department of Transportation: \$760 million to assist with converting former military airfields to civilian use. www.faa.gov

Department of Defense: \$280 million to help communities to plan and carry out adjustment strategies, including base reuse. www.oea.gov

Department of Commerce: \$646 million to assist communities' improvements and other site activities.* www.eda.gov

*The Economic Development Administration obligated a total of \$963 million including oversight of Office of Economic Adjustment and Department of Energy investments.

EDA'S Economic Adjustment Program

The Economic Adjustment Program assists state and local interests design and implement strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base.

The Economic Adjustment Program predominantly supports two types of investment activities:

Strategic Planning - Strategy investments help organize and carry out a planning process resulting in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) tailored to the community's specific economic problems and opportunities.

Project Implementation - Implementation investments support activities identified in an EDA-approved CEDS. Activities may include, but are not limited to, the creation of strategically targeted business development and financing programs such as, construction of infrastructure improvements, organizational development and market or industry research and analysis.

Additional EDA Resources

EDA's Other Applicable Investment Programs:

Public Works – The Public Works Program empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment.

Trade Adjustment – EDA uses a national network of eleven Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers to help manufacturers and producers affected by increased imports prepare and implement strategies to guide their economic recovery.

Technical Assistance – The Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in distressed areas from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues.

Success Stories

Pease Air Force Base (NH): EDA infrastructure investments helped create the Pease International Tradeport. The Tradeport is now the host to over 155 tenants and over 6,800 jobs – all of which has generated over \$280 million in private investment.

Hunters Point Annex (CA): EDA reuse planning investment and causeway construction helped generate 1,150 new civilian jobs.

Glenview Naval Air Station (IL): An EDA construction investment assisted with increase in 4,098 new civilian jobs.

Williams Air Force Base (AZ): EDA supported infrastructure improvements and engineering investments helped provide an estimated 3,704 new civilian jobs. The base is now Williams Gateway Airport, an international aviation and aerospace center and foreign trade zone.

Of the previous BRAC Rounds, 21 communities have enjoyed over 150% civilian jobs recovery rate; 20 of these did it with assistance from the Economic Development Administration.

How To Get Started

Strategic Planning:

Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)

For strategic base reuse planning assistance, contact the Office of Economic Adjustment, Department of Defense, at 703-604-6020 or visit their Web site: www.oea.gov

Economic Adjustment

Strategy Development and Implementation:

Economic Development Administration (EDA)

For economic adjustment strategy development and implementation, contact the appropriate EDA Regional Office (listed on the following page) to obtain additional EDA program information, application instructions and forms. EDA regulations and other information are available on the EDA Web site: www.eda.gov

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THE Defense Economic Adjustment PROGRAM

*A Coordinated Approach For
Addressing the Economic Challenges
Resulting from Base Realignment and
Closures (BRAC)*