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San Antonio BRAC construction soars into fiscal year 2009 with the awarding of \$101 million in additional construction contracts

FORT WORTH, Texas – After awarding about \$1.2 billion in construction contracts in fiscal year 2008, the San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction program is carrying its momentum into fiscal year 2009, which began on October 1. Three construction contracts worth more than \$101 million have been awarded for BRAC projects at Fort Sam Houston, Randolph Air Force Base, and Port San Antonio, formerly known as Kelly Air Force Base. These contracts are for the construction of dormitories, renovation of two buildings, and modifications to a hangar, in preparation for the arrival of new military missions and the realignment of existing missions in accordance with BRAC mandates.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, awarded the largest of these contracts for construction of a 1,200 person dormitory that will be part of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) on Fort Sam Houston. The \$73.4 million contract went to the Hensel Phelps Construction Company, which has a district office in Austin, Texas and is based in Greeley, Colorado. This dormitory is the third of three dorms being built for METC. Hensel Phelps also received the contract to build the first two dorms and has begun constructing those facilities.

METC will consolidate the enlisted medical training programs of all branches of the U.S. military. In addition to the dorms, METC's 1.9 million square feet of facilities will also include classrooms, labs, a physical fitness center, and an 80,000 square foot dining facility.

The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) awarded a \$24 million contract for renovation of two buildings at Port San Antonio that total approximately 452,000 square feet of space. The contractor is Environmental Chemical Corporation, which will oversee this project through its regional office in San Antonio. The company is headquartered in Burlingame, California. The two buildings will be altered to create administrative and support space for as many as 2,700 military personnel and civilian employees who work for 10 Air Force and joint agencies that are being relocated.

AFCEE also awarded a \$4 million contract to modify Hangar 6 on Randolph Air Force Base to support the realignment of a pilot training mission from Moody Air Force Base. The contract was awarded to Innovative Technical Solutions, Incorporated, which operates a regional office in San Antonio and is headquartered in Walnut Creek, California. Approximately 15,000 square feet of the hangar will be renovated to accommodate an Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals training mission.

These three contracts are among as many as 29 contracts worth more than \$700 million that are scheduled to be awarded for BRAC and other military construction projects in fiscal year 2009, which runs through September 30. These contracts come in addition to the \$1.2 billion in construction contracts that were awarded in fiscal year 2008. The prime contractors that receive these contracts are expected to hire a multitude of subcontractors from the San Antonio area to help complete the various projects.

a result of the 2005 BRAC process. Construction work is scheduled to take place across San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases through September 2011. The BRAC program involves building and renovating as many as 78 major facilities that amount to more than six million square feet of space. The total cost is projected to exceed \$2 billion. The BRAC projects are part of a larger military construction program in San Antonio, which encompasses more than \$3 billion of projects that represent approximately 10 million square feet of space.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers are working on the San Antonio BRAC program as members of the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO), which is overseeing the program's design and construction efforts. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE), and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), and is supported by private sector contractors.

About the Fort Worth District : The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.