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BRAC construction surge continues in San Antonio with almost \$43 million in additional contract awards

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction program in San Antonio has increased its growing impact on the city's economy with almost \$43 million in additional contract awards. Three contracts have been awarded for BRAC projects at Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Air Force Base, and Camp Bullis, a sub-installation of Fort Sam Houston. These contracts are for construction of a medical field training complex, laboratories, classrooms, and a telecommunications and computer operations center to prepare for the arrival of new military missions and the realignment of existing missions in accordance with the 2005 BRAC law.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, awarded the largest of these contracts for construction of a 64,000 square foot medical field training complex on Camp Bullis. The facilities will allow enlisted personnel to apply medical knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to realistic situations in an outdoor environment. The \$17.9 million contract went to the MCC/Catamount, LLC, which operates a regional office in San Antonio and is based in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

The Corps of Engineers also awarded a \$14.9 million contract to build the last of five medical instructional facilities that will be part of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) on Fort Sam Houston. The 39,000 square foot facility will include classrooms and laboratories. The contractor is Innovative Technical Solutions, Incorporated, which maintains a local office in San Antonio and is headquartered in Walnut Creek, California.

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

The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) awarded a \$10.2 million contract to Toltest, Incorporated for construction of an Intelligence Operations Center at Lackland Air Force Base. The 40,000 square foot facility will be used to support units that monitor and assess Air Force telecommunications

and computer systems. Toltest, Incorporated will oversee this project through its regional office in San Antonio. The company is headquartered in Maumee, Ohio.

These three contracts are among 30 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 BRAC and BRAC-related construction contracts that were awarded in fiscal year 2008. The prime contractors that receive contracts are expected to hire a multitude of subcontractors from the San Antonio area to help complete their projects.

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About BRAC in San Antonio: The San Antonio BRAC construction program will provide the facilities to accommodate thousands of military personnel, federal employees, and military missions that are moving to and within the city as 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 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 of BRAC construction is projected to exceed \$2 billion. The BRAC projects, however, 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.