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BRAC project to bring \$18.5 million complex to Lackland AFB, make room for further redevelopment at Port San Antonio

FORT WORTH, Texas – An \$18.5 million contract has been awarded for construction of an airfield maintenance technical training complex on Lackland Air Force Base, as part of the San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) construction program. The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) selected AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. as the contractor. AMEC will carry out construction through its San Antonio office. The company's headquarters is located in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District will provide construction management.

The complex will support the Inter-American Air Forces Academy at Lackland, which provides education and training to personnel from the air forces of several Latin American partner nations. The 74,700 square foot development will include classrooms, aircraft operations and hangar maintenance training areas, and administrative space. The project is scheduled to be finished in the fall of 2010.

The technical training that will take place at the new location on Lackland currently is conducted at a site on Port San Antonio, formerly known as Kelly Air Force Base. Relocating the technical training to Lackland will allow Port San Antonio to free up the existing site for additional commercial redevelopment opportunities.

This contract is among more than 30 contracts worth more than \$700 million that are scheduled to be awarded for BRAC and other military construction projects in San Antonio by the end of fiscal year 2009, which runs through September 30. These contracts will come in addition to the \$1.2 billion in BRAC and BRAC-related contracts that were awarded in fiscal year 2008. The construction contractors that have received contracts are hiring many subcontractors from the San Antonio area to help complete their projects.

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The peak of construction activity for the overall BRAC program is anticipated to occur at the end of this summer, when more than 2,200 construction workers are expected to be spread across the various project sites.

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, ongoing military construction program in San Antonio, which encompasses more than \$3 billion of projects that represent as much as 10 million square feet of space.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers are working on the San Antonio BRAC construction program as members of the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO), which is overseeing BRAC project design and construction. 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.