



Base Realignment And Closure

Turning BRAC Action Into Opportunity

While many communities are being impacted by the latest round of BRAC activity, BRAC action can be used to spur local economic growth if implemented effectively. A recent study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that the majority of communities affected by the past four BRAC rounds eventually recovered from a base closure and a significant number were fairing better. Working in partnership with communities, regulators, and government, Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) can help turn base realignments and closures into economic opportunities.

Best Practices in BRAC Economic Recovery

CTC builds on national best practice models to assist local communities impacted by BRAC. Keys to successful recovery based on best practice research conducted by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and other sources include:

- Unified and engaged local stakeholders working closely with Department of Defense officials,
- Comprehensive and realistic strategic plans developed early in the BRAC process, and
- Effective program management for property transition that leverages federal resources.

CTC's competencies in economic development, workforce development, research, brownfields redevelopment and remediation enable us to successfully meet client needs in these three areas.

Integrator and Collaboration-Builder

CTC understands the issues and "language" of all the partners involved in BRAC initiatives: DoD officials, local community organizations, the business community, local governments and contractors. CTC staff members leverage this understanding of the key players and our knowledge of BRAC processes to facilitate effective collaborations that quickly and effectively transition government properties and facilities into private-sector use. CTC also has the outreach and communication expertise needed to include the public in the decision-making process, including working with relevant nonprofit stakeholder groups and volunteer organizations.

Strategic Planner

CTC's economic and community development professionals help communities to create common visions for the end use of the government property and facilities. Through detailed industry and community research, stakeholder participation and knowledge of national best practices, the CTC team develops strategic reuse plans that integrate with the community's economy and ethos to create new jobs and spur future economic development for the region.



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Technical Program Manager

The process of transitioning government property to the private sector can involve a wide range of programs that include brownfields redevelopment, workforce development, UXO remediation, property development, and economic development. *CTC* possesses the requisite technical expertise in all of these areas to effectively manage these programs while working with local contractors to implement the initiatives. This ensures that federal BRAC funds flow back to local firms, sustaining the local economy while at the same time leveraging the technical know-how and capabilities of *CTC*'s 1,300 employees.

Project Highlight: CAN-DO

When a base closes everyone feels the pain. The military, civilians who work on the base, and the community are impacted. After the shock of the announcement, there is the shock of starting over to build a new economy, rebuild careers and open new doors.

CTC implemented the CAN-DO program following a base closure in Jacksonville, Florida. From 1996 to 1999, the CAN-DO (Career Assessment Network for Developing Occupations) program helped those affected by the military base closing successfully transition to new environments of employment. CAN-DO offered individualized career planning based on a comprehensive assessment of skills and aptitudes, and then matched those skills and aptitudes to career choices and existing jobs.

After 30 months of operation, *CTC*'s CAN-DO program met or exceeded 100 percent of its goals. For example, in addition to calming civilian personnel after the shock and worry about the closing of the base, the program helped 1,009 individuals find new jobs.

Military Communities Not Impacted by BRAC

CTC also works with communities that have a high economic dependence on military expenditures but are not the target of BRAC action. Federal funding is available to assist these communities in developing economic diversification plans. *CTC* is working with municipal and county governments in various locations across the country to apply for these grants and implement effective projects. *CTC* assists in the development of actionable strategies that lead to sustained economic growth.

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