

# Facility purpose, schedule and costs

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## **What is the project?**

Construction of a US Army and Armed Forces Reserve Center in Middletown, Connecticut.

## **Why a new Reserve Center?**

Part of Base Realignment and Closure program known as BRAC 2005. The current facility does not meet the modern operation and training needs. Older facilities need to be updated for energy efficiency and population shifts.

## **Who will work at the site?**

Citizen soldiers (Medics, Bridging, Logistics, Infantry, Human Resource Office, Maintenance personnel)

## **What are the project operations including weekends?**

The project is expected to have 150 personnel working at the center on weekdays and three weekends. The reserve could have a maximum strength one weekend per month with up to 850 personnel.

## **What will the facility look like?**

The project will include an Armed Forces Reserve Center with approximately 186,000 square feet and a Vehicle Maintenance Shop with approximately 56,000 square feet. There will be an Organizational Unit Storage with approximately 31,000 square feet and parking offering approximately 45,000 square yards of space.

- Fencing and lighting for military vehicles in back
- Paving for employee and military vehicles
- Appropriate landscaping for the site
- Main building (AFRC) in front with employee/visitor parking
- Exterior facade could be masonry or tilt up pre-cast concrete panel

**How many people will use the facility?**

It is estimated 150 full time personnel will use the facility. During mobilization for state emergencies and federal missions, the estimated peak usage will be approximately 850.

**What will be done at the facility?**

- Used by citizen soldiers including medics, bridging, logistics, infantry human resources office and maintenance
- Campus focus on assembly of personnel, Classroom training, administration, and maintenance
- Classrooms for distance learning and computer simulation
- Human Resource Office – Administration support for full time personnel and families (ID cards, in processing etc.)
- Maintenance of vehicles stored on site

**Will ammunition will be stored on site? Will this change and will training be done on site?**

Small arms including M-16, 9mm and M-60s will be stored in a Class V vault with a small amount of ammunition stored in a vault for emergency response to threats. No training with live or blank ammunition is planned for the site. No tanks or cannons are planned to be used at the facility. This will not change. The training at this reserve center will be done in a classroom with computer simulation. Other installations offer live training which will not be offered at this site. If there is a terrorist or other attack on our nation, guards with weapons will be on site.

**Will there be nuclear or other munitions at the site?**

No nuclear, chemical or biological weapons will be used at the site.

**Is there a timeline in place that requires that the Army build by a certain date? It has been suggested that construction was to begin by 2009.**

The Base Realignment and Closure Act requires the Army to occupy the new reserve center by Sept. 14, 2011. To meet this deadline, a site must be selected and construction started in the calendar year 2009, and it is one of 125 BRAC AFRC projects across the county. By statute, the Defense Department had until Sept. 15, 2007 -- two years from the date President Bush sent Congress the BRAC commission's final report -- to begin closing and realigning the installations as called for in the report.

**Who will do the work/construction?**

Design will be done by Louisville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Architect/Engineer Consultant will be RSP Architects. The Louisville District will do the

contracting for the design/build request for proposal. The project contract is expected to be awarded in October 2008 with project occupancy in late 2010.

**What is the budget for the project?**

The U.S. Government must follow the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Costs of construction projects may only be released as a cost range. For the Middletown project, the Army released the \$50 million to \$100 million range. The FAR states, "Advance notices and solicitations shall state the magnitude of the requirement in terms of physical characteristics and estimated price range. In no event shall the statement of magnitude disclose the Government's estimate."