



THE FUTURE OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

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BACKGROUND



- 2013 – Commissioned Wisconsin Military Bases Economic Impact Study
 - 2 part study – Qualitative and Quantitative
 - Economic impact of major installations and Army National Guard
 - Understanding of BRAC process, SWOT of Wisconsin Installations
- Takeaways
 - In 2013, nearly \$1.04 Billion in economic activity in the state
 - 16,776 jobs
- Association of Defense Communities – 2016 & 2017
 - Understanding of what's happening
 - Information
 - Best practices nationwide



ADC SUMMIT 2017



- Held in D.C. June 19-21
- Topics ranged from BRAC 101 to budget, basing decisions to building the next great American defense community
- Idea generation; networking
- Takeaways
 - There is potential for BRAC
 - Some members of Congress seem to be warming to it
 - Military is requesting it – believes 20 – 23 percent excess capacity
 - Secretary Mattis has stated that he would want to review those numbers before asking for a BRAC
 - Military budget request increased and looking to add more personnel, ships, and planes



WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?



- Use the pivot – how do we do our best to secure for BRAC
- Work with installations to determine needs
- Each installation is unique – “When you have been to one installation, you have been to one installation.”
 - Find what each installation needs
 - Work with them
 - Examples:
 - Military family quality of life
 - Schools
 - Educational opportunities for adults, both spouses and service members
 - Jobs for spouses
 - “Ease” for reservist soldiers/airmen/marines when in training – telecommunications, banking
 - Look to the future – what are the new national security challenges



WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? CONT.D >

- Examples, continued
 - Create or join a military support group
 - Adopt a service member
 - Show support



THE FUTURE?



- It depends
- Common themes (current)
 - Growth / Budget
 - Buffer zones around installations
 - Energy
 - Unmanned aerial systems
 - Cyber



