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## BRAC construction surge continues in San Antonio

(Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District)

The Base Realignment and Closure construction program in San Antonio has increased its growing impact on the city's economy with \$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. 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, Colo.

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 on Fort Sam Houston. The 47,000 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, Calif.

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.



Construction is in progress on the Medical Education and Training Campus, Medical Instructional Facility #5

The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment awarded a \$10.2 million contract to Toltest, Incorporated for construction of an Intelligence Operations Center at Lackland AFB. 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 Sept. 30. These contracts come in addition to the \$1.2 billion in BRAC and BRAC-related construction contracts that were awarded in fiscal 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.

The peak of BRAC construction activity is anticipated late this summer, when more than 2,200 construction workers are expected to be spread across various project sites.