



Base Realignment and Closure

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\$69.9 million BRAC project to create new research laboratory on Fort Sam Houston

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The latest project awarded as part of the Base Realignment and Closure construction program in San Antonio will provide a facility that consolidates Air Force and Navy bio-effects research at one location on Fort Sam Houston.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has given a \$69.9 million contract to Skanska USA Building, Inc. for construction of the Tri-Service Research Laboratory, which will be located north of Brooke Army Medical Center. Skanska will oversee the project through its San Antonio office. The company's headquarters are located in Parsippany, N.J.

The Tri-Service Research Laboratory is an 181,000 square foot facility that will house Air Force and Navy research programs that address the health and safety effects of exposure to a variety of stressors. These programs currently operate in a collection of buildings located at Brooks City Base in San Antonio. The new facility on Fort Sam Houston is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2011.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has also awarded a related \$367,000 contract for installation of the ducts and cabling necessary to provide voice and data communications to the laboratory facility. This contract went to Blackhawk Ventures, LLC, which is based in San Antonio.

These contracts are among 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 Sept. 30. They come in addition to the \$1.2 billion in BRAC and BRAC-related construction contracts that were awarded in fiscal year 2008. The prime contractors that have received BRAC contracts are hiring many subcontractors from the San Antonio area to help complete their projects.

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