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BRAC Regional Task Force Awards \$208,000 to Training & Development Associates

Contract to Enable Local Community to Plan for Defense Job Influx

Laurinburg, NC, February 20, 2009 – Training & Development Associates announced the BRAC Regional Task Force (RTF) awarded TDA more than \$200,000 to conduct studies related to the expansion of the Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

The funding is associated with the Base Realignment and Closure (or BRAC) process to close excess military installations and realign the total asset inventory. Thousands of jobs are expected in the BRAC region with the move of the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) to Fort Bragg. The government will be hiring highly-skilled, highly-paid workers to fill vacant positions upon moving to Fort Bragg. Professional and technical positions will be available as defense contractors and other firms relocate to the region to support the Army. Many other professions—from doctors to teachers—will also be needed to support the historic growth coming to the area.

The RTF selected TDA's proposal to develop a comprehensive asset mapping, gap analysis, and regional strategy related to a Defense and Homeland Security Cluster. TDA's team for this project consists of Booz Allen Hamilton, the University of North Carolina's Chapel Hill School of Government, and the Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness at George Mason University. The TDA team will provide a regional inventory of all resources that can support the workforce, service, and product needs of FORSCOM and USARC. It will also analyze gaps and provide recommendations to meet the demands for a viable Defense and Homeland Security industry cluster in the region.

"Because this effort has such far reaching implications, it will touch nearly every organization and individual in the region," said [Wayne Freeman, President and Chief Executive Officer](#) of TDA. "It is for this reason that TDA puts the highest priority on collaboration and ongoing interaction between our team, the BRAC RTF, representatives of local and state government, local planning

organizations, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community residents. It is important that project outcomes address the needs of the entire region.”

About the BRAC Regional Task Force

The BRAC Regional Task Force is a cooperative effort between Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, 11 surrounding counties, and 73 surrounding municipalities. It is tasked with studying the impacts of the relocation of the U.S. Army Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command from installations around the Atlanta, Georgia area to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base. The BRAC RTF serves as the liaison between the military, the communities, and the state and federal agencies designated to provide community assistance for BRAC. For more information go to www.bractrf.com.

About Training & Development Associates

Training & Development Associates is a national technical assistance and training provider that provides professional services, develops training curricula, and delivers workshops related to community development programs and activities as well as organizational, professional, and board development. To enable our clients to create more livable communities, TDA is committed to inspiring excellence and professionalism throughout the community development field. We accomplish this mission by consistently providing high-quality, responsive, customer-centered service. For more than 10 years, TDA has been providing its services throughout the United States on behalf of the federal government as well as private organizations, municipalities, and states. To learn more about TDA, please visit our website at www.tdainc.org.