

## HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

**BRAC BIT:** #19

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**SUBJECT:** Regional Update

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### DISCUSSION:

1. **Regional Work Force Events:** Heads up! Starting as early as February, there will be at least 5 or 6 work force related events scheduled in the region. They will focus on small and minority businesses, individual employment and general information on federal employment opportunities. Expect the schedule for the first events to come out in mid-January of 2009. We will keep you informed!
  
2. **Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) Focus:**
  - a. The RGMC during 2009 will be focused on three subjects: Transportation, Work Force and Regional Emergency Services.
    - i. Transportation: Our Regional Transportation Coordinator is putting together our Transportation Committee. It will consist of two elements: policy group and technical group. Its first meeting will be on 27 January. More to follow.
    - ii. Work Force Development: I have been slow off the mark on this action! The co-chair of this committee, Jeryl Baker and I are working to put together the initial planning document and staff the committee. We will complete the draft planning document over the holidays and get it out to the world for comment in mid-January.
    - iii. Regional Emergency Services: After receiving additional assistance from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), we are in the process of revising our grant proposal. This grant will focus on identifying regional emergency service issues in the region. Actually, it is a little more complicated than that, but this is a “bit,” not a bite! We should be submitting for the grant in late January 2009. The subject study will provide the basis for the mission and goals of the Regional Emergency Services Committee.
  
3. **Department of Defense Family Surveys:** On behalf of the Fort Meade Region, the Howard County Family Support Committee has been distributing surveys to DOD families currently living in HC in order to identify issues they may have had during their transition into the county. The results will help us prepare for the new families coming into the region. If you or someone you know would like to fill out one of these surveys, contact Raj Kudchadkar at [Rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:Rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov).