



The BRAC Communities Conference

The Economic Development Administration

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What Can EDA Do?

- Provide professional expertise and advise communities with economic development planning
- Provide resources for additional technical assistance
- Implementation and Infrastructure



EDA and BRAC

- Since 1992, EDA has made 694 investments projects in 265 communities across 46 states.
- 20 of the 21 communities that have recently enjoyed over 150% civilian jobs recovery rate post-BRAC did so with assistance from the Economic Development Administration.
- EDA BRAC-related funds typically come from supplemental appropriations. EDA will work with Congress on this request.



Success Stories

Pease Air Force Base (NH)

EDA Infrastructure investments helped create the Pease International Tradeport. The Tradeport now plays host to 155 tenants and over 6,800 jobs – all of which has generated over \$280 million in private sector investment.



Success Stories

Williams Air Force Base (AZ)

EDA supported infrastructure improvements and engineering investments helped provide an estimated 3,700 new civilian jobs. The base is now Williams Gateway Airport, an international aviation and aerospace center and foreign trade zone.



Keys to Success

- Have a Plan
- Take a Collaborative Approach
- Include the Private Sector
- Envision the Future