

Information Systems Software Center (ISSC), Virginia

Category: Leases

Mission: Software support

One-time Cost: \$ 9.0 million

Savings: 1996-01: \$-4.9 million (Cost)

Annual: \$1.2 million

Return on Investment: 2007 (9 years)

FINAL ACTION: Close

Secretary of Defense Recommendation

Close by relocating Information Systems Software Center to Fort Meade, MD

Secretary of Defense Justification

In 1993, the Commission suggested DoD direct the Services to include a separate category for leased facilities to ensure a bottom-up review of leased space. The Army has conducted a review of activities in leased space to identify opportunities for relocation onto military installations. Because of the cost of leasing, the Army's goal is to minimize leased space, when feasible, and maximize the use of government-owned facilities

This activity can relocate easily for a minor cost. The annual cost of the current lease is \$2 million

Community Concerns

Even though the lease on the facility occupied by the Information Systems Software Center expires in 2000, the community contends there would be no savings to the government, as a result of the recommendation because the General Services Administration must continue to pay the rent. The community argued there is no existing space to renovate at Fort Meade, so the Army must construct a new building. They noted the return on investment for new construction is 18 years versus 9 years under the renovation option.

Commission Findings

The Commission found the Army plans to back-fill the leased space occupied by the Information Systems Software Center (ISSC) with activities currently in less desirable leased space. The Commission found the lease savings should be comparable because the lease costs for the activities under consideration are approximately the same as ISSC's lease cost. The Commission found the recommendation is consistent with the Army's Stationing Strategy to reduce leased space and

move into government-owned space where economically feasible.

Commission Recommendation

The Commission finds the Secretary of Defense did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and final criteria. Therefore, the Commission recommends the following: close by relocating Information Systems Software Center to Fort Meade, Maryland.

Camp Bonneville, Washington

Category: Minor Installation

Mission: Provide training facilities for active

Army and Reserve Component units

One-time Cost: \$0.04 million

Savings: 1996-2001: \$0.8 million

Annual: \$0.2 million

Return on Investment: 1996 (Immediate)

FINAL ACTION: Close

Secretary of Defense Recommendation

Close Camp Bonneville.

Secretary of Defense Justification

Camp Bonneville consists of approximately 4,000 acres and 178,000 square feet of facilities. The primary mission of Camp Bonneville is to provide training facilities for Active and Reserve units. Training currently conducted at Camp Bonneville will be shifted to Fort Lewis, Washington. Accordingly, Camp Bonneville is excess to the Army's requirements. Closing the camp will save base operations and maintenance funds and provide reuse opportunities.

Community Concerns

There were no formal expressions from the community.

Commission Findings

The Commission found no reason to disagree with the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense.

Commission Recommendation

The Commission finds the Secretary of Defense did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and final criteria. Therefore, the Commission recommends the following: close Camp Bonneville.