



IMPLEMENTING THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

America's defense communities and states recognize the importance of investing resources in our most critical infrastructure -- the state and local infrastructure that supports our national security. The Congressionally-enacted Defense Community Infrastructure Program authority creates a new partnership that will leverage state, local and private sector to achieve this important goal. The Association of Defense Communities looks forward to working with DoD to implement this program based on the following principles:

Ensure the program develops a long-term partnership between DoD and communities that:

- Supports the goals of the National Defense Strategy and the military value of our nation's military installations.
- Identifies projects that are clearly linked to increasing the military value of installations.
- Provides a way to "rack and stack" high military value projects by focusing resources on projects that increase mission capabilities, reducing costs and enhancing installation sustainability and resilience.

Implement a fully-developed program that is transparent and allows all eligible communities/states a fair chance to participate, including:

- Providing clear and timely guidance on the program, the steps in the process and the basis for decisions.

- Creating a system that builds a prioritized list of projects that are ready for funding.
- Establishing a predictable timeline that can be easily integrated into other project funding resources.

Promotes equal access to all communities and states by providing information, planning resources and technical assistance including:

- Creating a planning grant program that provides assistance to communities in developing project plans and proposals and ensures a strong pipeline of projects representing the diversity of installation needs.
- Developing partnerships with leading non-governmental organizations to provide education on the program goals, process and timelines and how communities/states can maximize the opportunity to increase the military value of their installations.

Enhances the impact of the program by focusing funding on a wide range of high military projects that:

- Maximize the value of other resources, whether in place or able to be leveraged through this federal partnership.
- Spans a wide range of infrastructure projects.
- Establishes a project funding target that will fairly distribute resources.