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**Eglin Installation Growth Committee and Subcommittees
Meeting
June 12, 2006**

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Bill Smith, Department of Growth Management Director, introduced Sherry Campbell, Okaloosa County Commission Chairman.

Ms. Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for volunteering to become involved in this very important project as this area will soon experience an influx of people coming to this region, due to the BRAC* process. This committee was formed to prepare for that unprecedented growth. She stated that working together everyone here will help plan for the future and decide what needs to be done and how to prioritize those needs. Teamwork is vital to a successful plan and together we achieve the extraordinary. What will be done today and in the upcoming months will directly affect the quality of life for thousands of citizens in this region. The issues that will be covered are as varied as transportation, public health, housing, education, and the environment and Ms. Campbell reiterated they are all vital to planning for growth that will come as these new military members and their families move into the area.

Jim Curry, County Administrator, addressed the attendees and stated one of the objectives is to get a view of the big picture of what this is all about, where we hope to get to and how we plan to get there. The other objective, working with Eglin, is the Joint Land Use Study. He thanked everyone for coming and stated this is a regional approach where between Walton, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties will work in close concert with the military. We all know that we have been experiencing unprecedented growth for the last few years and it is very important to start planning for future growth.

Danielle Slaterpryce stated the impacts of BRAC 2005 have already been felt and have been positive. The area is looking at a 12,000 to 20,000 increase in community population, not only in military personnel but in the civilian personnel that will be necessary. There is already growth in the county that is not military based. There will be an increase in jobs, military spending and an increase in the infrastructure needs. All of these things need good support and that is what everyone is here for today. The HAAS Center Study projects \$304 million in new construction with the economic impact to the local area of non-recurring impact related to military construction at \$473.1 million in local spending with 6,437 new jobs and recurring impact related to personnel realignment with \$473.6 million per year in local spending with 7,704 jobs. Top level challenges

include: transportation, housing, schools, utilities and communications, the environment, emergency services – medical/fire, airspace/airports. The big question is how to pay for this and how to do it. The US 98 corridor will present a challenge and SR 123, Gen Bond, Lewis Turner and Green Acres will need to be upgraded. Other transportation challenges will be the Navarre and Niceville By-passes, Mid Bay Bridge, possible new Ft. Walton Beach bridge, base housing location impacts, gate relocations and mass transportation. A plan is underway to upgrade on base housing which will include some off base housing and ways to make more affordable workforce housing. Schools will need to be expanded as well as more adequate teachers and bus transportation. Electricity, gas, wastewater capacity improvements and water supply and treatment will need to be addressed as well as communication facilities. Environmental, emergency services and all aspects of law enforcement will need to be met.

The purpose of this meeting is to establish the Eglin Installation Growth Committee to facilitate the Growth management Planning initiative and establish the Policy Committee and (at a later date) establish the Technical Advisory Group for the Tri-County Joint Land Use Study. The Tri-County Joint land Use Study is supported by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) with Eglin Air Force Base sponsoring the grant application for the JLUS. Okaloosa County will coordinate the effort and a Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Group will be established to work specifically on this project (which are separate working groups). The results of the JLUS will be incorporated into the Growth Management Plan Initiative. There is some overlap but it is a very specific process. One has to do with land planning issues, zoning issues, etc., and the other has to do with the whole impact of growth. This is a joint effort for all three counties on how to implement the strategies that are developed. These implementation strategies include reviewing available capital-funding resources for transportation, water, sewage and utility systems, public schools, health care and social service systems. We'll need to work with residential and commercial developers, the mortgage banking industry, venture capitalists, private utilities and philanthropic supporters.

The Eglin Installation Growth Committee will consist of a twelve member executive committee and eleven sub-committees. The Executive Committee consists of one representative from Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, League of Cities, military and DSI (Defense Support Initiative) /BRAC. Sub-committees to advise the Executive Committee consists of the military, transportation, law enforcement public safety, environmental concerns, public health, economic development, education, utilities, housing, planning and citizens advisory committee. The purpose of each sub-committee is to discuss issues related to their topic, identify challenges and develop strategies to address those challenges. The sub-committees will then share this information with the Executive Committee. Individual members of the sub-committees will be responsible for presenting their organization's concerns to the sub-committee as well as provide feedback to their organization.

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to discuss the information received from each sub-committee, bring individual representative's concerns to the attention of the group and discuss and formulate strategies related to the Growth Management Plan Initiative.

The chair of the Executive Committee will be responsible to bring information and action items to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Eglin Installation Growth Committee is subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. All meetings must be open to the public, with notice given and minutes taken and the general public has a right to inspect and examine any public record upon request.

Bill Smith opened the floor for discussion and was asked what the final product would like when they're through. He stated the product is basically going to be a study of a plan, both on the implementation side and on the funding side, to put together what we need in a plan on how to get there. Ms. Slaterpryce advised as this process evolves, consultants will help with the meeting facilitations and help gather all the information from the committees and put that into a study that turns into a growth management plan. We need to have goals, objectives, and strategies to accomplish this.

The sub-committees chose from each group a chair, vice-chair and secretary/recorder. The Executive Committee is going to be the governing committee and a consultant and a staff person will be hired to assist both the Executive Committee and the sub-committees in collecting the information needed to compile a study. This structure must be in affect before an application can be made for a grant. Once the grant is approved the consultant will be hired so at the next meeting it will be at the direction of that consultant.

The following people were selected for the Executive Committee:

EGLIN INSTALLATION GROWTH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Okaloosa County

Sherry Campbell

League of Cities

Mike Anderson

Military

Dean Clemons

Economic Development Council

Larry Sassano

Education

Dr. Bob Richburg

DSI/BRAC

Gordon Eldridge

State/Local Agencies

Paul Thorpe

Transportation Committee
Danielle Slaterpryce

Citizen Advisory Committee
Lois Hoyt

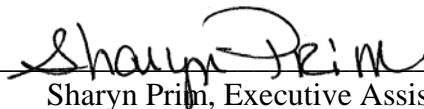
Walton County
Scott Brannon

Santa Rosa County
Robert Cole

Joint Chamber of Commerce
Bruce Marshall

On July 13, 2006 there will be another meeting to discuss the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

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