Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) and LED

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Iowa Workforce Development

Panel Uses of LED Data (Round table)
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• The Base Realignment and Closure Commission is moving ahead with a new round of base closings

• The four previous BRAC rounds -- in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 -- brought about 97 major closures, 55 major realignments and 235 minor actions
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Impact on a community.

- Change in tax revenue
- Change in housing availability
  - Housing cost/price
  - Real estate market
  - Rental properties
  - Business properties
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Impact on a community.

- Change in health care
  - Types/frequency of patients
  - Mental health

- Change in student population
  - K12
  - Post secondary
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Impact on a community.

- Change in employment
- Change in buying habits
- Change in infrastructure
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The magnitude of the impact is difficult to predict!
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Marketing LED is now even more important to BRAC stakeholders

- Federal Partners
- Community Development
- Community Colleges
- Economic Developers
- Businesses
- Workers
  (only to name a few)
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**Federal Partners**
Provide planning and implementation assistance to communities, regions, and states impacted by BRAC

LED can play a facilitating role in providing our federal partners with a demographic economic profile of the community performance before and after the event
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**Community Development**
Organize leadership to realign their infrastructure to prepare for the impact of BRAC

LED can provide community stakeholders access to ‘On the Map’ to show the relationship between jobs and workers (commute and labor sheds)

Note: Iowa currently is not a partner in ‘On the Map’ pilot project…
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**Economic Developers**
Organize leadership to recruit new companies and encourage expansion of existing businesses into the available facilities

LED can provide economic stakeholders information about industries prone to hiring
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**Community Colleges**

Develop programs for job placement and training; develop resource rooms; provide career advisors, entrepreneurial training, and specific occupational training.

LED can provide community colleges information about industries with competitive employment advantages enabling them to create new training curriculums.
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**Businesses**
Assess the initial impact and secondary effects on the local economy including retail establishments, real estate, competition for available jobs

LED can provide the business community with Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) for businesses to monitor the socio-demographics of the impacted area
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Workers

Need services to provide assistance in career, retirement and financial planning, relocation guidance and other applicable services. These services should also be available to spouses and other family members.

LED can provide information on top industries for potential employment opportunities
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We, as LED state partners, should take this opportunity to market our LED product and encourage BRAC stakeholders to use as a key economic indicators during the BRAC decision making process.
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Thank you