

DISPOSITION OF NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA)
PROPERTY POST-BRAC (as of 5-28-10)

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2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Actions effect on National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA), Bethesda, MD

- The following information is provided regarding the Sumner Site in Bethesda, MD. This is the current location of the National Geospatial Agency.
- This property consisting of 39 acres, five buildings and 1,480 flat parking spaces was never declared surplus to the needs of the Federal government.
- During Federal screening in 2005-2006 the property was requested by GSA for occupation by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Subsequently, the Navy requested the property, and then later declined their interest. At that time, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) requested the use of the property for national intelligence requirements. The ODNI is currently conducting a detailed study regarding converting the Bethesda site into an intelligence community campus (ICC). Final results of this feasibility study and a subsequent use decision are expected this fall.
- The Army approved the application from the ODNI for the entire Sumner Site on June 12, 2009.
- As things stand now, the property will transfer from the Army to the ODNI via an intergovernmental letter of transfer following the completion of BRAC 2005. NGA is projected to occupy the site through the summer of 2011, and preliminary planning indicates that transfer of administrative jurisdiction to ODNI would occur in December 2011.
- Since this is a Fed-to-Fed transfer, none of the reuse planning milestones or environmental cleanup issues apply. The property will transfer "as is where is" and remain as Federal property.

The size of the ODN's anticipated workforce:

It is anticipated the Sumner site will become an intelligence community campus (ICC) housing several intelligence community (IC) agencies, in addition to staff from the ODNI. The on-going feasibility study will help the ODNI determine the exact size and composition of the intelligence community staffs that will be housed at Bethesda. The ODNI expects an estimated intelligence community workforce of about 2500 to 2800. (NGA workforce now: approximately 3000 employees, so this represents a reduction.)

The status of the property between NGA's departure and ODNI's arrival:

Ideally, ODNI plans to work closely with the current NGA staff to allow some work to begin before NGA completely vacates the Sumner site. ODNI does not intend for the site to become vacant for any period, and will work with the Army on the necessary permits after NGA's departure. At a minimum, the Sumner site will be in a caretaker status for a period prior to initial occupancy. The feasibility study will also tell us how the staffs from the IC will occupy the campus.

ODNI does not intend for the Sumner site to become vacant for any period. The site will remain guarded by the appropriate security force.

Anticipated construction once ODNI takes occupancy:

ODNI anticipates some construction will be required to bring the Sumner site up to appropriate building standards and to meet DoD anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) standards.