

## BRAC RTF Presents Talent Development Program at Workforce Innovations Conference

FORT BRAGG (JULY 14, 2008) -- The Fort Bragg/ Pope AFB BRAC Regional Task Force (BRAC RTF) has been selected to present at a major workforce conference convening in New Orleans this week.

Steve Wilkins, Program Director for Workforce, is representing the BRAC RTF at the Workforce Innovations 2008 Conference and will moderate a Globalization and Innovations Economy session called "Talent Trumps All: Virtual Solutions to Talent Development in the All American Defense Corridor". Assisting in the presentation are: Geoff Cramer, President and CEO of Futures, Inc., Research Triangle Park; Bob Ervin, Vice President for Learning Technologies, Fayetteville Technical Community College; and Sean O'Brien, Vice President for Learning Management, Navigator Development, Enterprise, Ala.

In this session, participants will experience innovative, high tech solutions for regional workforce development. The All American Center for Workforce Innovation (AACWI) established by the BRAC RTF at Fayetteville Technical Community College will link our region's eight community colleges, five universities and K-12 systems together in a high tech virtual network using Web-based and interactive 3D technologies. The program will create a network of talent development solutions among the full range of workforce and economic development stakeholders across the 11-county Fort Bragg BRAC region. This presentation will demonstrate the AACWI's virtual technologies and describe a collaborative program that will soon be the basis for transforming the region's workforce to meet the future needs of defense and other high technology companies.

Workforce Innovations is the premier annual conference promoting collaboration among leaders from workforce development, business, economic development, education, community-based organizations, and philanthropy. Nearly 4,000 workforce, business, education and economic development professionals from across the country will attend this conference.

The BRAC Regional Task Force was established to unify the BRAC regional planning efforts of the 11 counties and 73 municipalities surrounding Fort Bragg and Pope AFB. BRAC RTF serves as the liaison between the military; the communities; state and federal agencies designated to provide community assistance for BRAC. For more information go to [www.bractf.com](http://www.bractf.com).

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