

The Economic Impact of BRAC on the 11 Member Counties: *Bridging the Gap for Economically Disadvantaged Populations*



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Regional Recommendations

- **Strategies**
 - The Feed the Troops Initiative
 - Education and Training Needs
 - Entrepreneurial Opportunities
 - Transportation Solutions



Feed the Troops

- **Strategies**
 - Collaborations among the farming population
 - Identify and submit competitive grants
 - Identify value added processing/services related to the regional food supply chain



Education and Training

- **Strategies**
 - Develop collaborations among counties that maximize each county's comparative advantage with respect to training resources
 - Pool the resources of contiguous counties to expand broadband for educational and training purposes
 - Coordinate the resources of the Workforce Development Boards to address anticipated skill shortages



Entrepreneurship

- **Strategies**
 - Identify micro-funding intermediaries in each county
 - Identify microenterprise opportunities including those that may be launched through virtual marketplaces (e.g., etsy.com, foodzie.com)
 - Develop collaborations that capitalize on subcontracting opportunities
 - Employ the resources of regional institutions of Higher Education to strengthen counties with deficient entrepreneurial training programs



Transportation

- **Strategies**
 - Identify transportation brokers to coordinate travel among counties
 - Create transportation centers within One Stop Career Centers
 - Establish central pick up centers manned by volunteers paid on a per mile basis

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