



North Central Texas
Council of Governments

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Committee Focuses on Communication, Coordination Around Base

Local governments join to further military installation operations, encourage compatible development

April 9, 2010 (Arlington, Texas) – Formerly Carswell Air Force Base, the Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base is important to not only national defense but also the local economy.

To preserve and promote the military mission at the installation while allowing for compatible growth and development in surrounding communities, local governments around the base voluntarily formed the Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) to encourage compatible land use, educate the public about base operations and serve as a resource to residents, businesses and other stakeholders in the area.

The RCC recently mailed to residents living near the base a summary of how noise and safety influence development around the base. The publication is also available at www.nctcog.org/rcc.

Established as a military installation in 1941, NAS Fort Worth, JRB is now home to U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Texas Air National Guard units. The installation employs over 11,000 active duty Guard and Reserve and civilian personnel and provides an annual economic impact of approximately \$1.3 billion. The base's central location in the U.S. makes it a strategic center for military operations.

RCC voting members include representatives from the cities of Benbrook, Fort Worth, Lake Worth, River Oaks, Westworth Village and White Settlement as well as Tarrant County. Non-voting entities involved in the coordination effort include the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment, NAS Fort Worth, JRB, Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Lockheed Martin and North Central Texas Council of Governments. The RCC meets bimonthly, and the next meeting will be April 14.

As a result of RCC efforts, several cities modified planning or zoning to increase land use compatibility around the base, and the committee established a Development Review Web site to serve as a voluntary forum and peer review for projects and plans. Long-term goals continue to focus on encouraging communication, coordination and compatible land use. To ensure proper access and security to NAS Fort Worth, JRB, transportation access to the base will be studied in the coming months.

Finally, to show appreciation to neighbors in the local community, NAS Fort Worth, JRB will host its annual Air Power Expo, a free showcase of America's military airpower and concert, on April 24-25. For more information about the event, visit www.airpowerexpo.com. For more information about NAS Fort Worth, JRB, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/Fortworth.

About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 233 member governments including 16 counties, 165 cities, 23 school districts and 29 special districts.

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