



Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance to Conduct BRAC Impact Event in Stafford County

The *Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance* is partnering with the MAC to conduct a BRAC Impact Event on **November 20, 2008** that will explore the ramifications of BRAC buildups for businesses and workers in the region. The event will be held at the University of Mary Washington Stafford Campus in University Hall at the Center for Professional Development in the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Sponsored in part by the Stafford County Economic Development Authority, the Symposium will feature presentations by Federal officials responsible for awarding construction contracts at Ft. Belvoir and Quantico Marine Corps Base. Corporate leaders will also discuss job and business opportunities created by the nearly 8 million square feet of new construction and 20,000 new positions coming to Quantico MCB, Ft. Belvoir and other installations. Presenters will explore:

- ☆ *Plans for upcoming major construction projects at Ft. Belvoir, Quantico MCB, Ft. Lee and Ft. Eustis*
- ☆ *Timing and procedures for awarding contracts*
- ☆ *The types of industries likely to be impacted by the BRAC mandated buildups*
- ☆ *Tips on how to gain business with major contractors*
- ☆ *Information on where and how to find new opportunities*
- ☆ *Reports on how the Alliance can help find jobs and business*

This event is open to anyone in Stafford, Prince William, Fairfax and other parts of Virginia that are impacted by BRAC. The day will include sessions on construction and other industries, introductions to key officials, profiles of the kinds of jobs and business opportunities that will arise; and opportunities to network with business, government and community leaders.

The *Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance* opened in April 2008 and hosted its kickoff event for more than 175 business, education, military and community leaders at Ft. Belvoir on June 6, 2008. The Alliance, featuring 25 Founding Members, is dedicated to helping the communities, workers, businesses and military personnel in the region to realize the potential benefits resulting from the personnel and facility expansions at Ft. Belvoir and Quantico MCB.

This BRAC Impact Symposium is the second in a series of workforce and industry impact events that is being conducted by the Alliance. Lunch and continental breakfast will be provided; there is a \$65.00 fee to participate. **To RSVP, please call 540-373-9400 or email susan@fredericksburgchamber.org.** RSVPs will be accepted through November 14.

The Symposium is made possible by a grant to the Alliance from the Commonwealth of Virginia, using funds provided by the United States Department of Labor. **For More Information Contact:** Miles Friedman at mfriedman@milesfriedman.com or 703.730.2020.