



July 19, 2012

Mr. Patrick J. O'Brien
Director
Office of Economic Adjustment
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RE: NAS-JRB Willow Grove

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

At the July 18, 2012 meeting of the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (HLRA), the Board directed that I request recognition of the HLRA as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for the purposes of implementing the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Redevelopment Plan, serving as the sole point of contact regarding conveyance and redevelopment of the former Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove. We are specifically requesting an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) to facilitate the closure and reuse process.

On June 25, 2012, the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (HLRA) was created by action of the Council of Horsham Township in compliance with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Municipality Authorities Act ("Authorities Act"), Act of June 19, 2001, P.L. 287, No. 22 (53 P.A.C.S. 5601 et seq). The purpose of the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority is to implement the reuse and economic development of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation, filed with the Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth, is attached.

The HRLA is comprised of a five member board, appointed by Horsham Township Council, four of whom are members of the planning LRA and all are uniquely qualified to insure successful implementation of the redevelopment plan at the former base. A listing of the board members is attached.

The HLRA is a body corporate and politic formed by the Horsham Township Council, the local government with zoning authority for the 862 acres of the base for which an EDC is proposed. Horsham Council will appoint all future members of the HLRA. The powers of the HLRA include all powers granted to municipal authorities in Pennsylvania. Those powers include, but are not limited to, the following: the ability to purchase, lease, dispose, acquire, hold and otherwise control of land acquired from the federal government; adopt development plans, propose zoning, design and land use ordinances to the Horsham Township Council (the local

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zoning and land use authority), enter into contract(s) with designated developer(s), issue RFP/Qs and enter into contracts for professional services, construct, improve, maintain, lease and perform all other development activities on the property, borrow money, accept grants and issue bonds, establish appropriate revenue districts; and do all things necessary or convenient to insure the successful redevelopment of the former base. A copy of the Authorities Act is attached hereto to ease of reference.

The work of the HLRA will be carried out by the staff of the HLRA, dedicated to implementing the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Redevelopment Plan. The staff has extensive experience with the creation of the redevelopment plan specifically and with the BRAC process in general.

The authority hereby requests recognition as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for the purposes of implementing the NAS-JRB Willow Grove Redevelopment Plan, serving as the sole point of contact regarding conveyance and redevelopment of the former Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, requesting an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC). It is anticipated that the HLRA will assume the assets and liabilities of the Horsham Township Authority for NASJRB (Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base) in the near future.

If you have any questions or if you are in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael J. McGee, Executive Director of the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (215) 643-3131 or mmcgee@horsham.org)

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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