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SUBJECT: Force Structure Actions at Rock Island, Illinois; Detroit Arsenal, Michigan; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; Joint Base San Antonio, Texas; and Alexandria, Virginia

The Army announced today the reorganization of the Army Contracting Command - National Capital Region, effective February 16, 2013. The force structure action results in the realignment of six military and 260 civilian authorizations from Alexandria, Virginia, to several other Army Contracting Command subordinate organizations.

The mission of the Army Contracting Command is to provide global quality contracting support to war fighters through the full spectrum of military operations. As Army Contracting Command continues to evolve, this Contracting Center restructuring effort supports better utilization of existing resources, eliminates duplication, and improves customer support.

This force structure action results in manning authorization changes as depicted below;

Location	Military	Civilian	Total
Rock Island, IL	1	86	87
Detroit Arsenal, MI	2	8	10
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD	1	31	32
Redstone Arsenal, AL	1	21	22
Fort Belvoir, VA	0	14	14
Fort Knox, KY	0	10	10
Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ	1	78	79
Joint Base San Antonio, TX	0	12	12
Alexandria, VA	-6	-260	-266

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Questions and Answers

Q1. What is the total increase or decrease of military and civilian personnel to the installations as a result of this action?

A1. The authorizations are being realigned to Army Contracting Command centers at Rock Island Arsenal, IL (86 Civilian, 1 Military), Detroit Arsenal, MI (8 Civilian, 2 Military), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (31 Civilian, 1 Military), Redstone Arsenal, AL (21 Civilian, 1 Military), Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ (1 Civilian, 78 Military), and (12 Military) as well as to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command centers at Fort Knox, KY (10 Civilian). A Contracting Support Element of 14 Civilians is to remain in the National Capital Region to perform customer liaison functions.

Q2. Why is the Army reorganizing these units?

A2. The Commanding General, United States Army Materiel Command (USAMC) approved the Executive Management Decision for this action on 22 September 2011. As Army Contracting Command continues to evolve, efforts are under way to restructure our Contracting Centers to better utilize our existing resources, eliminate duplication, and provide better customer support. With the high cost of the Washington DC metropolitan area, we are looking for alternatives that allow us to provide better customer service while maintaining the operational readiness to the war fighter.

Q3. Are any Department of the Army Civilians affected?

A3. Yes

Q4. Are there adequate facilities at US Army Garrisons for this stationing initiative?

A4. Existing facilities will be utilized as much as possible under this concept.

Q5. Will this stationing impact the local environment?

A5. No significant environmental impact.

Q6. Will this force structure action have an impact on the local communities in and around US Army Garrison installations?

A6. No.