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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Benning command team addresses civilian workforce reduction**

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – In order to meet reductions to the federal budget, the Army is moving forward with its plan to reduce the size of its civilian employee workforce. In July, the Army announced a planned reduction of about 8,700 positions by Sept. 30, 2012 at more than 70 locations.

At Fort Benning, we have been asked to reduce our civilian workforce by about 250 positions. However, officials have been preparing for this decision for some time, and we are using it as an opportunity to restructure our workforce, rather than simply reducing it. In fact, our permanent IMCOM workforce will be gaining positions as a result of the growth that was necessary to accommodate BRAC. But while the need for some functions is growing, the need for others is declining.

The intent is that no one currently employed here will involuntarily lose a job. In order to mitigate the effects of this reduction on our workforce, Fort Benning has been aggressively seeking ways to reach our goal. Efforts include offering Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) and extending command-wide hiring freezes in order to eliminate vacant positions or move those affected.

There are numerous resources available to those who may be affected by this decision.

A media opportunity is scheduled for 3 p.m. Interested media should call the Public Affairs office for more information.

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