



# ***Fort Benning Transformation Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)***

## ***Purpose and Need for the Transformation Actions***

The underlying *purpose* for the Army's proposed action is to implement Transformation actions at Fort Benning. These include:



- ◆ **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)** - fulfilling the September 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations.
- ◆ **Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy (IGPBS)** - relocating overseas troops and assets to the United States.
- ◆ **Army Modular Force (AMF)** - meeting emerging challenges, the AMF initiative involves converting to a modular force to make the Army more powerful, more flexible, and more rapidly deployable.
- ◆ **Other Stationing Actions** - realigning Army missions across the United States for more efficient and effective operations following BRAC actions.

These transformation actions are interrelated to such an extent that they are, in effect, a single course of action.

The Army *needs* the proposed Transformation actions in order to:

- ◆ Carry out the congressionally mandated BRAC recommendations at Fort Benning and
- ◆ Improve the ability of our Nation to respond rapidly to 21st century challenges. The Army is legally bound to:
  - Defend the United States and its territories,
  - Support national policies and objectives, and
  - Defeat nations responsible for aggression that endanger the peace and security of the United States.



***To fulfill these tasks, the Army must adapt to changing world conditions and improve its capabilities to respond to a variety of circumstances across the full spectrum of military operations.***