



RPMP

Award-Winning Real Property Master Plan Helps Army Installations Build a Path to the Future

WE LIVE IN an era of persistent conflict around the globe. Compounding this challenge for the U.S. military are tough economic conditions facing the homefront. Confronting the reality of fighting a global war on terror, fighting for scarce resources and fighting to provide the best life possible for military personnel and their families requires a good dose of planning to ensure that

decisions about stationing forces and building supporting infrastructure are fully informed.

A key tool used by the Army to understand existing conditions at bases and installations around the globe is the Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) program. Managed by the Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM),

the RPMP outlines a strategy for installation development and sustainment.

ARMY PLANNING THAT CIRCLES THE GLOBE

Military planning experts in the HDR | Colorado DataScapes office in Colorado Springs, Colo., have spent much of the last year developing

RPMP Digests for nearly 30 Army installations. The Digests, a more succinct document than the complete RPMP, outline existing missions and conditions, along with strategies for future development at Army locations across the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii, as well as overseas locations in Japan, Germany, Italy and South Korea.

In contrast to the lengthy RPMP documents, the RPMP Digests developed by HDR communicate the most important features and strategies of the RPMP in a format and writing style accessible to military leaders, congressional representatives and other decision-makers, soldiers and their families, as well as civilian and contract employees.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

The Digests, prepared by HDR under contract to the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala., were recognized this spring by the Federal Planning Division of the American Planning Association as the Outstanding Planning Program for 2008. But beyond the award, the value of the RPMP Digests prepared by HDR is perhaps best expressed in the joint statement from commanders at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, used to introduce their RPMP Digest shown above. □

“The payoff will be better management of each and every dollar entrusted to us by the American public.”

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