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From the Midlands Workforce Development Board*

Midlands Area Military Base Realignment and Closing Impact to be Released

Under a grant provided by the US Department of Labor, a special community audit of the Midlands Area of South Carolina has been conducted to measure the impact of the movement of military personnel and their dependents into the area due to the BRAC recommendations. Under BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure), approximately 1,900 individuals plus their families will be moving to the Midlands. The Midlands Workforce Development Board has been charged with the responsibility of evaluating the current local economy and aiding in the transition of these dependent workers into jobs in most demand in the area. A presentation will be made on December 14, 2005 at 1:00pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 200 Stoneridge Drive in Columbia to outline the findings. Representatives from Regional Technology Strategies, Inc. of Carrboro, North Carolina will share the results of the community audit and answer questions regarding the results. The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes long followed by a question-and-answer session. Media are invited to this event. For more information, contact Bonnie Austin at the Midlands Workforce Development Board at 803-744-1670.

Details of the Event:

Site: Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia, SC

Date: December 14, 2005

Time: 1:00pm

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