

DOD confirms US Army Civilian Force Reduction MetroDCites affected

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The 2012 Presidential Budget requires the US Army to reduce civilian employees to comply with funding decrease demands. The Department of Army announced today it is moving forward with plans to reduce the size of its civilian employee workforce. The intended 8,700 civilian employee reduction will be completed by 30 September 2012.

According to the CATO Institute in *Downsizing the Federal Government, a Plan to Cut Military Spending*; reduction of US Army Civilian personnel payroll by 30 percent over 10 years would save about \$105 billion. Thankfully, Military Technology remains cutting-edge, progressive and innovative, which is a resilient combination in a downturn economy - so the techies following the column - keep on keeping on.

“Army commands and agencies are continuing to take necessary actions to reduce their civilian on-board strength to meet funded targets established by the secretary of defense and reflected in the President’s Budget,” said Thomas R. Lamont, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs. *“To the maximum extent possible, the Army will rely on voluntary departures to achieve these manpower reductions.”*

Eight agencies and commands, 70 locations within 37 states are going to be affected by the staff reductions, 90% of the reductions will take place at:

- Army Materiel Command - Alexandria Virginia Headquarters (among others)
- Installation Management Command - Arlington Virginia offices (among others)
- Training and Doctrine Command - Ft. Belvoir, VA; Carlisle Barracks, PA; Ft. Eustis, VA; Ft. Lee, VA (among others)

The DoD suggests Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment may reduce the number of mission objective personnel requirements.

The Congressional Budget Office states in "Budget Options: Volume 2," August 2009, p. 7 - estimates of savings from Army and Marine Corps reductions are conservative. Given trends in the cost of compensation, DoD projections for manpower costs in the Army and Marine Corps during 2011–2015 are unrealistic.