

DARCOM PROJECT FACT SHEET

In April 1982 a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Army Material and Readiness Command (DARCOM) and the National Park Service (NPS) initiated a project to bring this major command of the Department of the Army into compliance with current historic preservation laws and Army regulations. The project, referred to by the Army as DARCOM Historic/Archeology Survey (DHAS), is funded by headquarters DARCOM, Washington, D.C.

There are two aspects to the project: one for architectural and engineering resources, developed and administered by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), and another for archeology and general historic preservation, developed and administered by the NPS Division of Interagency Resources. Overall program manager for NPS is Robert Kapsch, Chief, HABS/HAER, Washington, D.C.

HABS/HAER is providing a complete historic structures inventory with all buildings categorized by historic importance. All nationally significant buildings and structures identified during the course of the survey will be documented to the standards of HABS/HAER. Reports will be provided on engineering and manufacturing processes applicable to the buildings along with the historic themes into which these processes fit. A pilot project for the historic inventory of five installations was begun by a team of NPS employees in the summer of 1982. A single contract for further work was awarded to Building Technology, Inc. This contract will be monitored entirely from the Washington office of HABS/HAER.

Parallel to the historic structures survey project, NPS will provide the Army a prehistoric and historic archeological overview and cultural resource management plan that contains prioritized recommendations for 74 installations in 34 States. There are three levels of effort for the overviews, and each contains sufficient depth to provide thorough and realistic treatment of each installation. Where they are available, State preservation plans are to be considered in the overview. A Work Plan has been developed that defines the contents of the overview and management plans and that provides national consistency. No excavation or field work, other than observation of the installation, will occur.

Installations were organized into eight Task Groups, based on geographic proximity and cultural affinity, for contracting purposes. Five contracts were awarded in September 1982. At present, all contracts are being transferred for administrative purposes to four NPS regions. The transfer is expected to be completed about April 15, 1983. Attached is a list of Task Groups, installations, contractors, and regional Contracting Officer's Representatives.