



# EITF News

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SECURING ARMY INSTALLATIONS WITH ENERGY THAT IS CLEAN, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE

## From the Desk of the Executive Director *Wins and Losses*



The two months since the last newsletter have been quite busy in the offices of the Energy Initiatives Task Force (EITF).

### **Wins!!**

At the end of April, the EITF, in conjunction with the General Services Administration, Fort Huachuca, Tucson Electric Power and developer E.ON Climate and Renewables, broke ground on the largest solar array in the Department of Defense (DoD) to date. Following the procurement process

described in the last newsletter, this project will provide over 25 percent of the electricity demand of the installation and support the critical tenants at Fort Huachuca: Network Enterprise Technology Command, Army Intelligence Center, Electronic Proving Grounds, Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center and others. While this is our first ground breaking, we anticipate it will not be the last for this calendar year.

Earlier this month, the Army announced plans to develop three 30 megawatt (AC) solar photovoltaic arrays—one each on Forts Stewart, Gordon and Benning. Known as “Georgia 3x30”, the three projects are a collaborative effort between the Army, the General Services Administration and Georgia Power. Groundbreakings at each of the three sites are planned for later this year. When operational, these projects will provide 18 percent of the Army’s electricity consumed in Georgia. These projects will also increase renewable energy sustainability efforts at all three installations.



Army, GSA, Georgia Power

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Efficient business practices are integral to our success. As such, over the last six months, we have been examining how the EITF performs its mission. To help with that examination, we conducted after action reviews, process assessments and internal reviews. While many of the challenges identified continue to be addressed, we recognized that the organizational structure established for the EITF nearly three years ago can be transformed to garner greater efficiencies for our maturing organization. Thus, at the beginning of this month, the EITF reorganized into three directorates: Renewable Energy Programs; Resource, Policy and Process (Business Operations); and External Engagement. This reorganization brings singular focus to each directorate.

### ...and Losses

The end of June marks the end of an era. Renewable Energy Programs Director Alan King will retire after 32 years of public service. Alan co-authored the White Paper that created the EITF, and has been instrumental in every project currently moving forward. Prior to the establishment of the EITF, Alan served on the Army Staff as a Program Manager in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management where he focused on the Enhanced Use Lease program. He also served as the Deputy Garrison Commander at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and held numerous positions at several installations throughout his government career. Alan is a great team member who will be truly missed. Rightfully deserved, Alan will be transitioning to the Caribbean. An Army “Hooah” to Alan – thank you for your outstanding service to enhance mission effectiveness and provide energy security for our Soldiers, their families and our nation. We will miss you.



Mr. Alan D. King

As many of you know, Alan is a huge baseball fan. He would be the first to note every team wins some games and loses others; however, it is the record at the end of the season that crowns a champion. The EITF is not only currently leading the league, but also has a very impressive win-to-loss ratio. We continue to maintain high expectations for the rest of the season.



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