

Baltimore Chapter

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On April 21, **Tom Sadowski, President & CEO of the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore**, spoke to the Baltimore LAI Chapter about the status of the Federal Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) initiative in the Baltimore region. Mr. Sadowski coordinated the region's response to the Department of Defense plan in 2005, and now manages the regional marketing effort aimed at relocating defense employees, defense contractors and support businesses and institutions.

Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County and Fort George G. Meade in Anne Arundel County are the centers for relocating defense jobs. The Baltimore region stands to attract additional contractors, and spin-off jobs generated by this new employment.

Sadowski maintains that to best take advantage of the opportunities stimulated by the BRAC relocations, the Baltimore region should:

- Maintain its high quality of life
- Nurture an entrepreneurial culture
- Improve public transportation; promote transit oriented development
- Attract the region's graduates to remain here

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