Washington Military Alliance Quarterly Meeting

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Greater Spokane, Inc.

**Update: Fairchild AFB, Col. Matthew Fritz**

* Discussed strategic importance of tanker operations in current/anticipated theaters of operation.
* SERE training – WA’s unique biom provides an excellent environment for survivability training.
* Highlighted recent partnership events between Fairchild and the local community, including HAZMAT Responses, Firefighting Support, Explosive Ordnance Removals, and Mutual Use Agreements (i.e. firing range)
* $84 M Local contract expenditures, $242 payroll expenditures
* Upcoming MILCON priorities: Consolidated Flight/Base Operations Facility ($23M), Air Traffic Control Tower ($8.3M), Small Arms Range, Command Post, Civil Engineering Maintenance Shop, Civil Engineering Complex
* 75th Anniversary will be celebrated with Skyfest Airshow July 29-30
* Independent of KC-46A Decision, expect continued investment in KC 135 for the next 40 years
* Served as test base for implementation of DOD e-health records
* Continued force integration with Air National Guard

**Legislative Update, Kristine Reeves**

* Military Compatible Land Use Bill 2111 – in House Environment Committee. AWC has agreed to do some interim meetings with the WMA. Request to get the report a hearing with Military Affairs and start working with legislature sometime in November.
* Veterans Bills – Changing terminology to receive official veteran status for hiring purposes. Once DD214 received, transitioning service members can claim veterans preference
* 1802 Wounded Warrior Shared Leave Bill – eliminates 6 month probationary period to access paid leave for wounded warriors and spouses.
* State level licensure compact bill allows for easier transfer of licensure for military spouses.
* Priority: Funds to address MLUS issues. Cited $2 million requested for McChord Clear Zone/City of Lakewood. Moving forward, there is a need to think collectively and strategically about funding available for this purpose rather than one-off requests.
* John Powers addressed WA Senate budget, which cuts OEDC from Commerce and eliminates sector lead program, and House budget, which includes a plus up of $500K. Advised group to educate key legislators on importance of economic development work and impacts to WMA.
* Question from Pat Iolavera/NAVFAC NW: When is WA setting new renewable energy credit targets?

OEA Grant Update/PNNL Cybersecurity Project Update:

Scope of Year 3 DOD OEA Grant includes three projects:

1. Cyber Security Collaboration Roadmap, Contractor: PNNL
	1. Will include opportunities for industry involvement
2. Updating Supply Chain Map, Contractor: CAI
	1. Local economic development organizations and other WMA members may be contacted by CAI for interviews, please be responsive
	2. WMA requests a live streamed demonstration of the data tool
3. Demonstration Projects, Contractor: TIP Strategies
	1. This is an opportunity to connect defense contractors in your community with business diversification and operational sustainability consulting services valued at approximately $80K.
	2. See attached one pager, please refer interested defense contractors to jeff@tipstrategies.com

**Presentation: Military-Civilian Compatible Use Report:**

* See slides (attached).
* Commerce and Spectrum Group need guidance/feedback from WMA on setting priorities and goals.
* Anticipate draft released first of June, seeking comment through August.
* John Powers advised importance of including appropriate stakeholders in future discussion (i.e. cities, counties, appropriate staff from installations) Commerce/Spectrum will be working directly with people at local level, WMA would like a coordinated effort.
* Spectrum has requested help identifying additional stakeholders during public comment period.
* Per Spectrum, feedback needs to be centered around implementation plan, specifically how to implement the recommendations of report, not creating new recommendations.
* **Next Steps:** Executive Committee will meet to discuss at the end of May, further discussion amongst the full membership will occur at the summer WMA meeting (July, date and location TBD).

**Presentation/Discussion: WMA Strategic Plan and Current OEA Update, Jeff Marcell, TIP Strategies**

* See slides (attached)
* Discussion centered around future of WMA. There is a sense of urgency in standing up the organization independently due to uncertainties with state budget and end of DOD OEA Year 3 funding September 30th, both of which potentially eliminate WA Commerce employees who currently staff the WMA.
* Executive Committee will meet within the next 30 days to discuss a finance strategy.