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April 3, 2008

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Director  
Office of Economic Adjustment  
400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200  
Arlington, VA 22202-2884

RE: Request for Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRC) Reading, Successor  
Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Request

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

The Berks County LRA, in consultation and agreement with the City of Reading, is requesting approval for the City of Reading to be named as the successor LRA for the above referenced project. If approved, the Berks County LRA is requesting that the City of Reading be recognized by the Department of Defense as the successor LRA and be permitted ample time for a thorough analysis and planning process to occur.

The relocation of the County Communications/911 Department, as well as our Emergency Management Agency, was originally slated for this project. Recently an alternative site has been identified that could realize a more cost-effective alternative to the Reserve Center. Therefore, the County's NOI is being withdrawn and no further interest in the facility exists. For this reason, we respectfully request the granting of this LRA successor request.

The Berks County LRA thanks you for your continued support of our efforts to improve services to our community.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair  
Berks County Commissioners

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CC: Garry Gontz, Project Manager