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## **Issue: SSGN Support**

The arrival of USS Florida in May 2006, and the expected arrival of USS Georgia, opens a new chapter at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA, with the addition of the conventional strike (tomahawk missile) and the special operations missions.

Trident SSGNs at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA creates additional opportunities, and highlights the potential of this unique installation. The joint service and interagency relationships that could be developed due to Kings Bay's strategic location in the southeast, the existing facilities and infrastructure that could sustain new missions, the low cost of living and operational costs that make Kings Bay financially attractive, the strong community relations, and the excellent quality of life all support bringing new activities and commands to Kings Bay.

Expanding missions mean new partnerships and the community looks forward to supporting these new relationships. Commands, activities, organizations and companies desiring to establish a base of operations in Camden County to provide support to shipboard systems or to the crews will find an area ready to assist them. Camden communities are looking to the future by anticipating the infrastructure and services required to support growth in the county. Camden County desires the Navy to be a participant in this growth.

The area boasts a high quality education system with the flexibility to tailor programs to the unique needs of individual employers – a critical factor in building a workforce for the future and for meeting current needs.

The area combines a high standard-of-living with a low cost-of-living. A full range of health care and community services provide support to county residents.

Local governments via a Joint Development Authority are proactive in reaching out to accommodate *Smart Growth*.

### Action:

Promote all opportunities, including joint service and inter-agency that will fully leverage the capabilities created by homeporting SSGNs in Kings Bay, GA.

We will continue to identify and to communicate with companies involved with SSGN ship systems or crew support to foster interest in establishing a base of operations in Camden County.

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