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Issue: Department of Homeland Security Opportunities at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay presents a very strong case for adding new mission activity from both DoD and other Federal Agencies.

- Home to Atlantic fleet Trident ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs), this high-security installation possesses redundant utility and communications systems – all with additional capacity, some as high as 65% which can be made available to other missions.
- Existing facilities are available to host new units on the waterfront and in the administrative areas. Current realignment of SSBNs will reduce submarines and crews by 50%, with five of ten ships transferred to the Pacific, creating additional capacity.
- The installation is not encroached and, moreover, is contiguous to Crooked River State Park and other state park property that offers an additional physical buffer.
- Inexpensive utility costs and the area's low cost of living, as evidenced by the low Locality Pay for DoD civilian employees and Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for military personnel, offer financial advantages for operations at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.
- There is area-wide community support for the base, active duty and civilian workforce, and their families. The community supports transformation of the base to a multi-use, multi-service installation.
- Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is located in a region saturated with other DoD and federal facilities and associated assets. Of particular note is the proximity to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Brunswick, GA.

Recommendation. The physical strengths, economic benefits and strategic location make Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay an installation ready for growth.