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Statement of MassDTI President Christopher Anderson on the Appointment of the 2005 BRAC Commission

The nine-member Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRACC) appointed by President Bush today is a distinguished and experienced group who should help guide the efficient transformation of the U.S. military infrastructure.

The Commission is a critical component of the BRAC process – much more than a rubber stamp for the Pentagon’s closure recommendations. The Commission will serve as an objective, analytical watchdog to ensure the closure process actually accomplishes the stated Transformation objectives of the Secretary of Defense.

While MassDTI had hoped for a commissioner with direct ties to and understanding of the Northeast’s military technology cluster, the Commission as a whole has an appreciation of the role of technology in creating the next generation of warfighting capabilities. We commend the Commissioners’ commitment to public service and look forward to working with them in support of the mission of Hanscom AFB and SSC-Natick.