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**SECURING FUTURE OF TINKER AFB SUBJECT OF PUBLIC MEETING on FEB. 28**

Cooperation, collaboration and future visioning are key tenets to a study that is currently being conducted between Tinker Air Force Base and the greater Oklahoma City metropolitan region. The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) serves as the primary sponsor of the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), which is funded by the US Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.

The study is a cooperative land use planning effort. It is designed to promote community growth and development that is compatible with Tinker's training and operational missions. Citizens interested in the study and living in the vicinity of Tinker are invited to a public meeting. The meeting will be held February 28, at 7 p.m. at the Midwest City Library, Room A, 8143 E. Reno Ave., in Midwest City.

At this meeting, the public will see a full presentation on the findings and recommendations in the JLUS draft report and the consultant team will receive further input from the public.

While the focus of the JLUS is to protect the communities as well as address encroachment threats to the base, it will also strengthen Tinker's position when it comes to the next round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) hearings. With the prospect of another BRAC process occurring in the coming years, the Central Oklahoma communities most impacted by Tinker's presence want to be prepared to fend off any efforts to close, or reduce its current missions.

During the JLUS process, the consulting team is studying how Tinker interacts with adjacent cities and neighborhoods by analyzing existing development codes. Compatibility among all entities and property owners is vital.

ACOG serves as the study's sponsor. Partners are: Midwest City, Del City, Oklahoma City, Spencer, Choctaw, Nicoma Park, Oklahoma County, Cleveland County, the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning commission, and Tinker Air Force Base.

For more information, visit [www.acogok.org/JLUS](http://www.acogok.org/JLUS) or call Jerry Church, 234-2264.