



## PROJECT FACT SHEET (No. 1)

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### FASTC AND FORT PICKETT

The Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) will provide security training for Department of State (DOS) and other U.S. government staff posted at American embassies overseas; a small number of foreign security personnel will also be trained. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and DOS officials began a conversation in 2010 with the Virginia Army National Guard's (VaARNG) Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett, Virginia (acting on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia) and representatives from Nottoway County regarding approximately 1,500 acres of land on and near Fort Pickett as a possible site for FASTC.

An initial feasibility study concluded that the proposed parcels at Fort Pickett can support FASTC. Additional analysis of the site is required. Environmental and land use planning studies will begin shortly on the potential site to determine the appropriateness as a possible site for FASTC. The site being analyzed includes two large parcels of land in Nottoway County, one held by VaARNG at Fort Pickett and one held by Nottoway County at Pickett Park. Both parcels would be needed to fit the FASTC program.

### FASTC PROGRAM

Training will include small arms weapons training, driving courses, and classroom instruction. When fully operational, DOS expects to train approximately 8,000-10,000 students per year, with courses ranging from one week to several months long.

The Master Plan will include the following FASTC program functions:

#### Soft Skills Training

Classrooms  
Simulation Labs

Administrative Offices  
Fitness Center

#### Hard Skills Training

Driving Tracks  
Mock Urban Environments

Indoor | Outdoor Firing and Explosive Ranges  
Weapons and Explosives Storage

#### Life Support

Student Housing | Dining  
Recreation

Medical and Fire | EMS  
Logistics Support

#### Infrastructure

Power, Water, Waste  
Telecommunications

Buildings and Grounds

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING STUDIES

The environmental and planning studies that will begin shortly on the site are being done under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Both NEPA and NHPA require public participation in the decision-making process. For additional information, see the Fact Sheet on "Frequently Asked Questions – NEPA and NHPA."

See [www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/](http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/) for additional information.

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