



**U.S. Army Corps
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Huntsville Center

Missile Defense Support

Ballistic Missile Defense Program

Huntsville Center (HNC) supports the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) on the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Program. Agency director is Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish. The GMD Joint Program Office (JPO), a sub-element of MDA, is managed by Deputy Director Maj. Gen. John W. Holly.

Efforts by the HNC include conducting special studies and siting surveys, developing facilities requirements and criteria, preparation of facility designs and cost estimates, and supporting engineering and design during construction. After GMD facility designs are completed by HNC, the respective District accepts the responsibility for construction execution.

Huntsville Center is designated the Corps of Engineers' GMD Deputy Program Manager for design and construction of the GMD facilities. On December 15, 1998, the GMD Program Manager, then Brig. Gen. Willie B.

Nance, and USACE Director of Military Programs, Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, signed a charter formally linking the NMD JPO and USACE as partners. Huntsville Center is responsible for preparation of the detailed designs for all GMD test, tactical, and tactical support. Facilities included are Ground Based Interceptor launch and support facilities, In-flight Interceptor Communications Systems (IFICS) Data Terminals (IDT) and Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS).

The Corps of Engineers' GMD Team combines the talents and expertise of Huntsville Center, Alaska District, the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Honolulu District, Omaha District, Los Angeles District, New York District and the Transatlantic Programs Center. The team will expand as necessary to use the Corps' full depth and capabilities.

Honolulu District successfully completed construction of missile test facilities (July 2000) and finished construction of an In-Flight Interceptor Communications System Data Terminal (Dec. 2002) at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Site, Kwajalein Atoll. The Huntsville Center has completed the design for the Ground Based Interceptor Facilities, the IFICS Data Terminal Test Facilities and DSCS Facilities in Alaska currently under construction by Alaska District. Designs for additional facilities at Fort Greely, Alaska, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, and Fort Drum, New York, are currently in progress.



*Ground Based Radar Facility
at Kwajalein Atoll*



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