

INFORMATION PAPER

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Subject: Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)

1. Purpose. The Civil-Military IRT program is military training conducted in the civilian community. Individual IRT Projects provide commanders another option to meet their mobilization readiness requirements. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense of Reserve Affairs is the program sponsor and responsible for policy and oversight.

2. Points

a. Section 2012 of Title 10, United States Code is the authority governing military participation when DOD/Military training is being conducted in the civilian community and the community is receiving a benefit incidental to the military training. DOD Directive 1100.20, January 30, 1997, Support and Services for Eligible Organizations and Activities outside the Department of Defense, clarifies civil-military IRT activities conducted under the authority of Title 10, Section 2012.

b. Dental IRT(s) are excellent training opportunities and in the past have supported several Native Americans in the Navajo Nation, Cheyenne and Sioux Tribes, and remote regions in Alaska. The training can be tailored for MTOE Dental units using field equipment or TDA dental personnel working in United States Public Health Service (USPHS) dental clinics. This type of training is good for public relations and benefits all that are involved.

c. The IRT application process is very time consuming and complex.

The civilian agency must initiate IRT(s). A memorandum requesting some type of military service is sent to DCSOPS, at the United States Army Reserve Command (USARC). This request is reviewed by the USARC IRT manager and if approved enters the training opportunity in the Unit Training System (UTS). The USARC Surgeons Office will schedule the appropriate unit for the mission. The RSC IRT manager will contact the unit and have them submit the IRT application form and funding requirements.

The IRT request form has a standard format and is initiated by the unit commander and sent through the RSC, to USARC. This application form requires a GO signature and legal review at the Medical Brigade or RSC level. The unit commander drafts a memorandum of agreement with the requesting agency, as well as, Letters of Understanding with agencies and schools, and credentialing of health care providers. The completed request is reviewed by USARC and sent through OCAR to ASD-RA for funding and approval.

d. IRT training opportunities require much planning and coordination. The USARC POC is MAJOR Biggs at (404) 464-8347 and the OCAR POC is MAJ Donahue at (703) 601-3492.

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