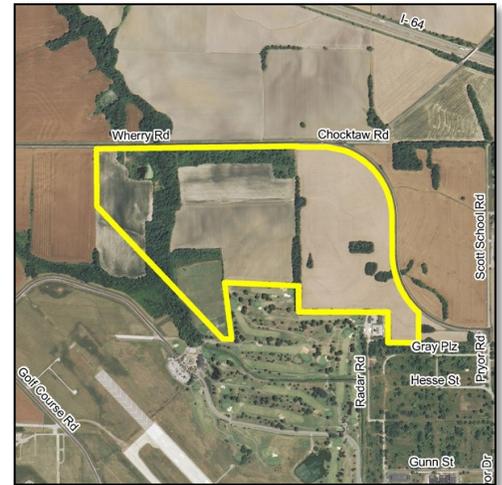


Why Scott AFB (St. Clair County) site for NGA West?

- ✓ Geospatial intelligence is absolutely critical to today's United States Armed Forces, as well as to important rescue and relief efforts. For almost 100 years, Scott Air Force Base has provided a high-level, secure environment for U.S. Air Force and other military service missions.
- ✓ Mission security, force protection, antiterrorism and workforce safety are primary criteria for the new NGA West. By these standards, the Scott AFB site is in a class by itself.



**NGA West Facilities Modernization Project
Scott Air Force Base (St. Clair County) Site**

Scott AFB site has advantages for NGA!

Mission Synergy

- ✓ The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) are two of NGA West's largest agency clients. They rely on NGA's classified work products to carry out their essential national security missions. Both DISA (CONUS) and USTRANSCOM are headquartered at Scott AFB; USTRANSCOM receives NGA's data and DISA (CONUS) provides network security for NGA through dedicated and secure communications infrastructure! The logic behind locating NGA West in close and secure proximity to DISA(CONUS) and USTRANSCOM is compelling.



Project Cost

- ✓ St. Clair County will provide the entire 182-acre site to NGA at zero cost:
- ✓ \$0 – Land acquisition
- ✓ \$0 – Environmental remediation
- ✓ \$0 – Demolition
- ✓ \$0 – Archaeological (any costs borne by St. Clair County)

Workforce Benefits

- ✓ Over 7,500 military service members and more than 5,000 civilians currently work at Scott AFB. Most of these live off-base and commute via personal autos, vanpools, buses and MetroLink directly to the Shiloh-Scott Station. The approximately 3,000 additional NGA West employees will represent roughly a 25 percent increase in the total location workforce that will be accommodated by current infrastructure and planned improvements.
- ✓ New Interstate 64 Exit 21 at Rieder Road and associated access road improvements will provide greatly increased vehicle access to Scott-NGA security gates.
- ✓ MetroLink and other mass transit riders will be eligible for full fare reimbursement under the Department of Defense Mass Transportation Benefit Program – currently up to \$130/month, saving NGA military and civilian employees up to \$1,560/year!
- ✓ NGA's active duty, Reserve, and Retired military employees are eligible to use the Scott AFB Commissary and other base amenities.
- ✓ Scott's new and modern Military Family Housing may be available for rent to certain NGA personnel, depending upon vacancy rate.
- ✓ 1% salary increase to NGA employees due to elimination of St. Louis city earnings tax.
- ✓ Recently announced Midwest Cyber Center of Excellence, adjacent to Scott AFB will provide qualified Cyber workers.

Community Support

- ✓ In 2014, Air Force Times ranked Scott AFB as the Number-One Base for Airmen in the U.S. The award was based upon the base's many amenities, plus high marks for good area schools, a low crime rate, commuting times, and convenient health care facilities. NGA West employees will enjoy and benefit from these same quality-of-life advantages.



- ✓ Also in 2014, Southwestern Illinois was chosen to receive the prestigious Air Mobility Command Community Support Award – for the second time in three years! Also known as the Abilene Trophy, this award is presented annually to recognize the community that provides the finest support to an Air Mobility Command (AMC) unit. The Metro-East region is poised, prepared and pledged to provide similar support to NGA and its critical military and civilian employees.
- ✓ The Scott AFB site has the full support of the surrounding communities and local government.

Construction Schedule

- ✓ Single Land Owner - The Scott AFB site is currently owned by a single land owner (St. Clair County) and is available to the NGA immediately. There will be no lengthy legal battles over this site.
- ✓ No Surprises. The Scott AFB (St. Clair) Site requires zero demolition above or below ground. Since all property is agricultural, once construction begins there will be no hidden issues below ground. The Scott AFB site has been extensively studied and any/all issues are known.
- ✓ No Environmental Contamination. The Scott AFB (St. Clair) Site doesn't require cleanup of short term or long term contamination.
- ✓ St. Clair County leaders: aligned and effective partners.

Additional Benefits

- ✓ Large site with room for expansion. The Scott AFB (St. Clair) site is 182 acres, which is nearly twice the size of the St. Louis City Site (100 acres). Additional adjacent land owned by St. Clair County will provide abundant buffer and space for future expansion.
- ✓ Convenient Location with Transit Opportunities. The Scott AFB (St. Clair) Site is conveniently located adjacent to I-64 and adjacent to an interchange under construction. The Shiloh-Scott MetroLink station is less than 3 miles from the site and St. Clair County has indicated its willingness to extend MetroLink to a new station at the NGA West site.



Scott AFB
MetroLink Station

- ✓ Land Use - The Scott AFB (St. Clair) site is surrounded by either military or agriculture. These are the appropriate land uses adjacent to an agency which is vital to the security of our country. Scott AFB and surrounding communities are experienced in maintaining the appropriate land use around governmental and military facilities.
- ✓ Modern Utilities. St. Clair County and the State of Illinois will coordinate / finance utility extensions as necessary; providing modern, reliable utility infrastructure to the site.
- ✓ Proximity to MidAmerica St. Louis Airport.
- ✓ Enables employee recruitment from Scott AFB resources.

