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Luke Air Force Base - Update

Lt Col Branden D. DeLong and Kevin Porter
56th Civil Engineer Squadron

Lt Col Christopher James
56th Contracting Squadron



Lt Col Branden D. DeLong

Commander, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron

Luke Air Force Base



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lt Col Branden DeLong is currently the commander of the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron at Luke AFB. Lt Col DeLong was previously the Commander, of the 312th Training Squadron at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. The 312 TRS is responsible for training, developing, and inspiring warriors to deliver fire and emergency services and nuclear treaty monitoring for the Department of Defense and our international partners. The squadron is home to the Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Academy, the only consolidated fire school in the DoD.

Lt Col DeLong grew up in Grand Island, New York. He was commissioned in 2008 after graduating from the Virginia Military Institute where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He completed engineering technical training in November 2008 and since then has held a variety of assignments. Lt Col DeLong has deployed three times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and has served in assignments around the globe attached to Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Lt Col DeLong is also a graduate from the Air Force Institute of Technology where he published a thesis on *Quantifying Resiliency Risk Metrics through Facility Dispersion*. Prior to his current position, the Lt Col was the Chief, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Detachment 2, Operating Location Alpha. In this capacity, he led design and construction projects valued at \$1.8B, to surge the capability of Indo-Pacific Command's Pacific Deterrence Initiative.

EDUCATION

2008 Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia

2008 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2015 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2019 Master of Science in Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

2021 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



Lt Col Branden D. DeLong

Commander 56th Civil Engineer Squadron

Luke Air Force Base



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2008 – September 2010, Civil Engineer, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida (January 2010 – September 2010, Project Engineer/Master Planner, 877th Expeditionary Prime BEEF Squadron, Camp Marmal, Afghanistan)
2. September 2010 – August 2011, Deputy Operations Flight Commander, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida
3. August 2011 – August 2012, Programs Flight Officer in Charge, Aviano Air Base, Italy (January 2012 – August 2012, Base Development Officer, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan)
4. August 2012 – September 2013, Installation Management Flight Commander, Aviano Air Base, Italy
5. September 2013 – September 2014, Readiness and Emergency Management Flight Commander, Aviano Air Base, Italy (January 2014 – July 2014, Support Flight Commander and Base Civil Engineer, 879th Security Forces Squadron, Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
6. September 2014 – June 2015, Command Programmer, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe – Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
7. June 2015 – August 2017, Officer in Charge of European Operations, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe – Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
8. August 2017 – May 2019, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
9. May 2019 – May 2021, Commander, Operations Flight, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
10. May 2021- June 2023, Chief, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Detachment 2, Operating Location Alpha, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam
11. June 2023 – Commander, 312 TRS, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas
12. July 2025 - Present, Commander, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2011 Society of American Military Engineer Young Member Award f/Outstanding Leadership
2012 AETC IG coined as "Wing Top Performer" in ORI
2016 USAFE-AFAFRICA Maj Gen Gilbert Award for Civil Engineer HQ Staff Officer OTY
2017 USAFE-AFAFRICA A4 Sijan Nominee
2017 Coined by the Secretary of the Air Force
2020 Civil Engineer Operations Flight of the Year, PACAF
2020 AF-Runner Up Resource Excellence Award
2020 Flight Commander of the Year, 51 Mission Support Group
2021 Field Grade Officer of the Year, AFIMSC Det 2
2021 Field Grade Officer of the Year, AFIMSC
2022 AFIMSC Det 2 Sijan Nominee
2022 Field Grade Officer of the Year, AFIMSC Det 2

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES

Master Civil Engineer

PUBLICATIONS

"Quantifying Resiliency Risk Metrics through Facility Dispersion," Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 2019

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 15, 2008
First Lieutenant June 1, 2010
Captain June 1, 2012
Major March 1, 2018
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2023

Mr. Kevin J. Porter PE

Engineering Flight Chief, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron

Luke Air Force Base



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Mr. Kevin Porter is the Engineering Flight Chief for the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base (AFB), Arizona. He leads a 31-member flight, directing all work related to planning, programming, design, and construction, and overseeing a portfolio of \$360 million in construction, maintenance and repair projects.

Mr. Porter entered the Air Force in March 2009 as a graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Oregon State University after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served on Active Duty for over seven years in a variety of civil engineering and leadership roles. His experience spans project management, mechanical engineering, and operations leadership at bases including Dover AFB, Delaware, and Luke AFB, Arizona. He has also deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan and Kuwait and went on a temporary duty to Cuba. Prior to his current position, Mr. Porter was the Project Management Element Chief for the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron.

During his career, Mr. Porter has played a key role in several significant efforts. He led a 23-person team to sustain facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including six detention camps. While deployed to Afghanistan, he managed the conversion of 238 acres of farmland into a central U.S. Army logistical hub. At Luke Air Force Base, he has been instrumental in the F-35 "beddown" with 12 partner nations and guided beddown efforts for the Belgian Air Force, supporting a \$5.1 billion Foreign Military Sales case.

EDUCATION

2009 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.

2014 Master of General Engineering Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

Nov 2025 – Present, Engineering Flight Chief, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

April 2018 – Nov 2025, Project Management Element Chief, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

January 2017 – April 2018, Mechanical Engineer, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

January 2016 – October 2016, Deputy Flight Chief, Engineering, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

April 2014 – January 2016, Deputy Flight Chief, Operations, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. (TDY to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to lead facility sustainment team)

November 2010 – August 2012, Deputy Flight Chief, Asset Management, 436th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Del. (Deployed to Kuwait to manage facility maintenance, repair, and construction)

March 2009 – November 2010, Project Programmer/Estimator, 436th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Del. (Deployed to Afghanistan to manage conversion of farmland into a logistical hub)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Registered Professional Engineer, Arizona

Society of American Military Engineers





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Luke AFB Update

Kevin Porter, PE
Engineering Flight Commander
56th Civil Engineer Squadron

17 March 2026



Overview



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- Luke AFB Overview
- 56th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Luke AFB Status of Infrastructure
- Luke AFB Construction Program Update



56TH FIGHTER WING

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



The 56th Fighter Wing, headquartered at Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Ariz., is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force. The wing is part of Air Education and Training Command. The wing also oversees the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Military Training Range.

MISSION

We train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen!

VISION

The world's premier fighter wing... advancing airpower to win tomorrow's fight.



WE TRAIN 75% OF THE WORLD'S F-35 PILOTS



Active: 5,280
Reserve: 2,365
Civilian: 2,876

ECONOMIC IMPACT

DIRECT: \$974 Million
INDIRECT: \$761 Million
INDUCED: \$697 Million
Total Economic Impact in AZ
\$3.8 Billion

LEADERSHIP



Wing Commander
Brig. Gen. David J. Berkland



Deputy Commander
Col. John D. Ryan



Command Chief
CMSgt. Nathan D. Chrestensen

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LUKE HISTORY

Luke Air Force Base is named for the WWI flying ace and Phoenix native Lieutenant Frank Luke Jr., the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Luke scored 18 aerial victories, 14 against German observation balloons, before being killed at the age of 21 on Sept. 29, 1918.



THUNDERBOLT NATION

Since 1941, Luke has graduated over **61,000** pilots

260 F-35 pilots annually

79 Intel specialists annually

98 F-35 maintainers annually

8 Medical lab technicians annually

16 Critical Care/Emergency Trauma Fellowship annually

281 Air Control Squadron personnel annually

PARTNERS IN TRAINING

Italy



Netherlands



Norway



Singapore



Denmark



Belgium












Luke Fighter Wing Roadmap

Luke AFB, AZ



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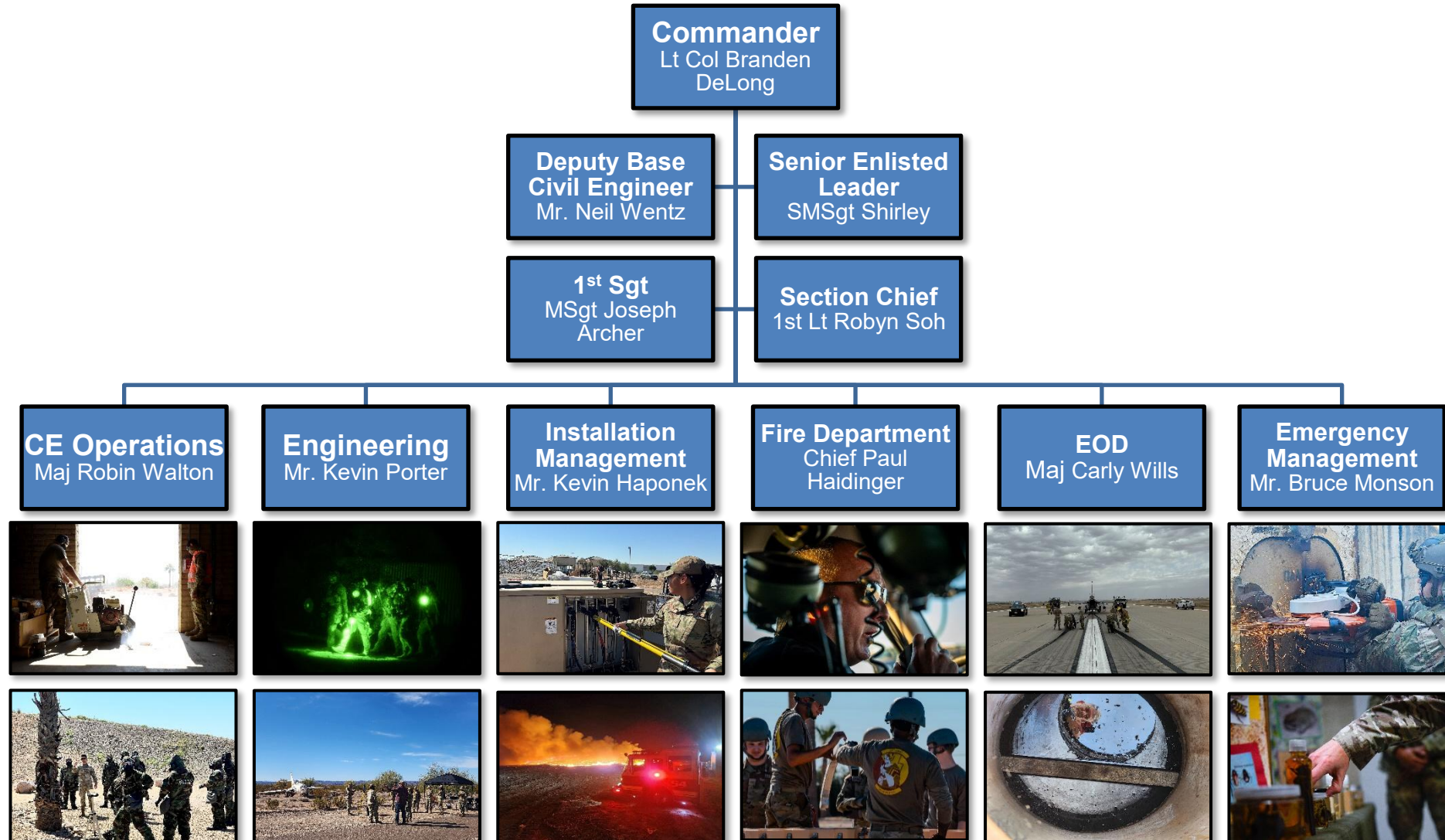
Type	Notes	CY24	CY25	CY26	CY27	CY28	CY29	CY30	CY31	CY32
USAF F-16	309 FS	7	4							
FMS F-16 	425 FS (RSAF)	12	12	12	12	12				
ADAIR	ATAC F-1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		
	TACF-16A	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
TOTAL 4th Gen	PAI only	31	28	24	24	24	12	12	0	0
USAF F-35		95	102	104	106	106	106	106	106	106
Partner F-35		27	28	32	37	38	38	38	38	38
62 FS 	Norway	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
62 FS 	Italy	7	8	8	9	10	10	10	10	10
308 FS 	Denmark	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
308 FS 	Netherlands	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Sq 6 	Canada			4	8	8	8	8	8	8
FMS F-35 - 312 FS 	Belgium	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
TOTAL F-35	PAI only	130	138	144	151	152	152	152	152	144
TOTAL A/C	PAI only	161	166	168	175	176	164	164	152	144



56th Civil Engineer Squadron



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56 FW Real Property Managed Assets



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Area	# Bldgs	SF Bldgs	# Facilities *	# Owned Acres	# Acres Leased/Easement/B LM	Total Replacement Cost
Luke AFB	686	5,092,246	1538	2,926.44	1,910.72	\$ 4,401,232,170
Gila Bend AFAF	43	137,518	168	0	2,652.70	\$ 249,743,656.60
Ft Tuthill	32	36,093	54	14.21	.05	\$ 42,129,834.50
Waste Annex	8	25,846	42	0	46.06	\$ 40,560,135.02
BMGR	8	7,323	115	42,881.98	1,110,126.36	\$ 968,747,211.40
Aux Field 1	1	1,000	20	400	705	\$ 152,656,559.40
Keystone Peak	1	200	3	0	4.34	0
Smiths Peak	0	0	1	0	.23	0
Sentinel Tracker	0	0	0	0	10.04	0
All other GSU's <small>Includes Dysart @ FDGC</small>	0	0	27	35.83	41.17	\$ 4,657,747.28
Totals	779	5,300,226	1,968	46,258.46	1,115,496.67	\$ 5,859,727,314

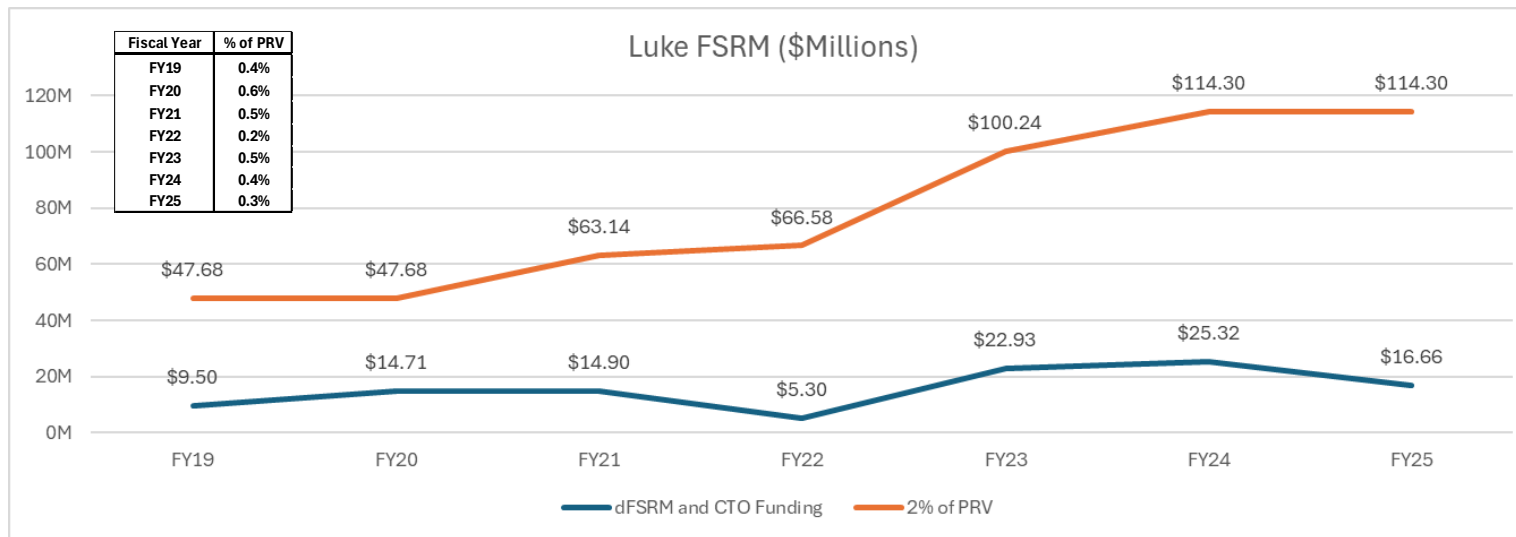
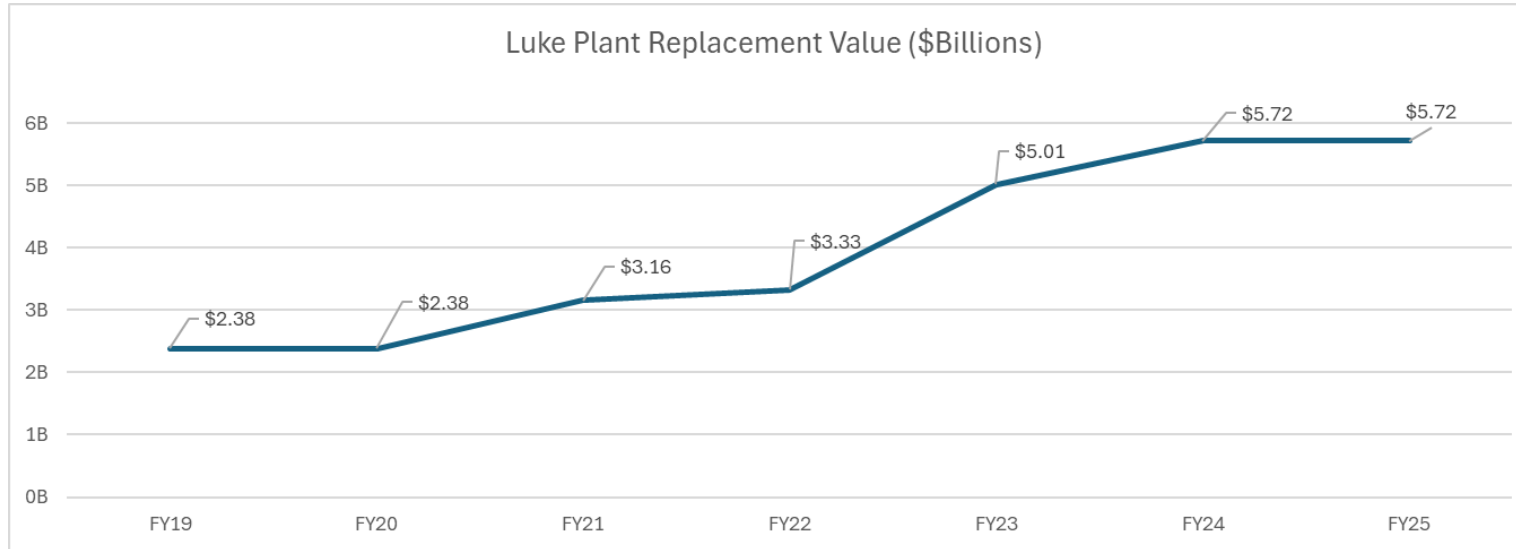
Facilities include buildings, structures, runways, lands, pavements, utility infrastructure, etc.



Luke PRV vs FSRM



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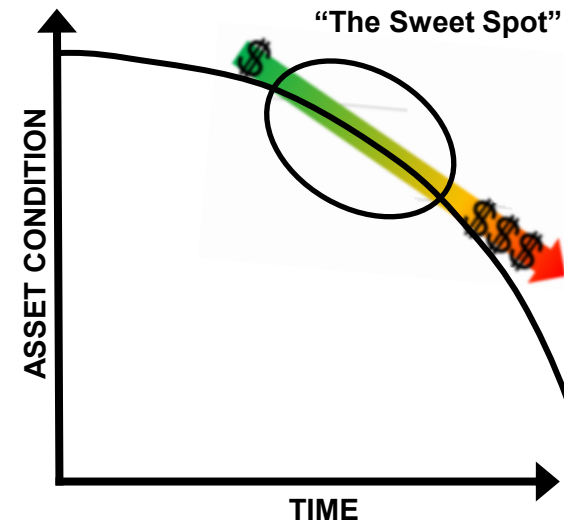
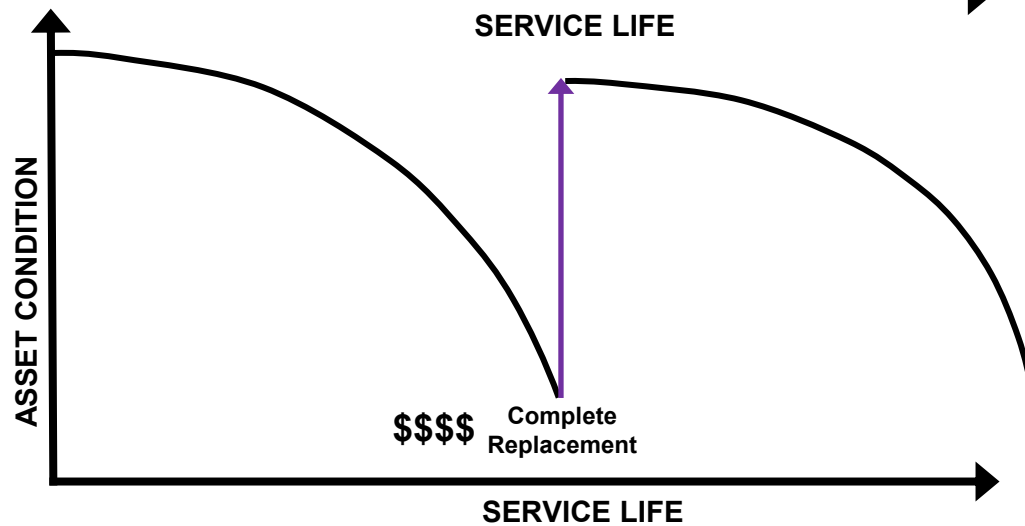
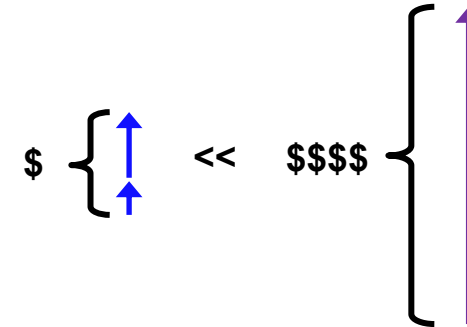
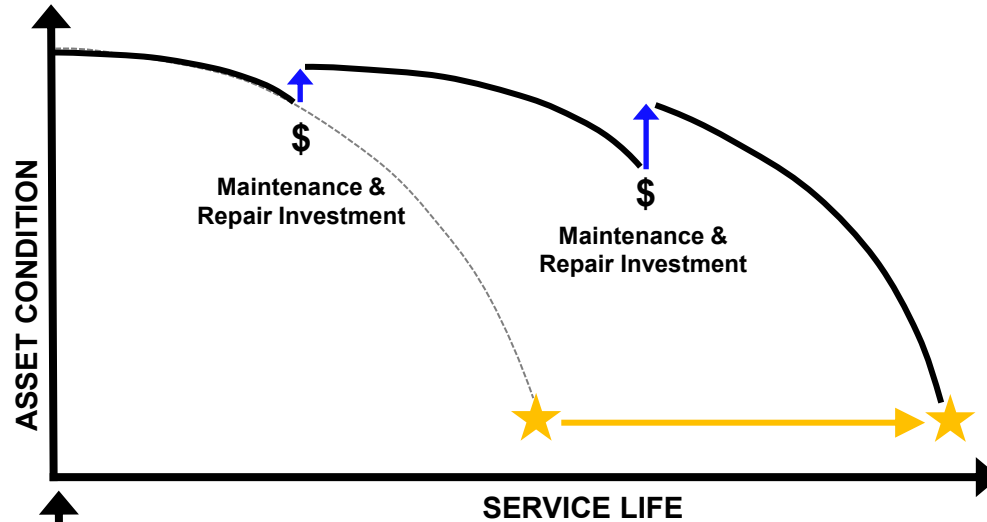
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Asset Management Principles



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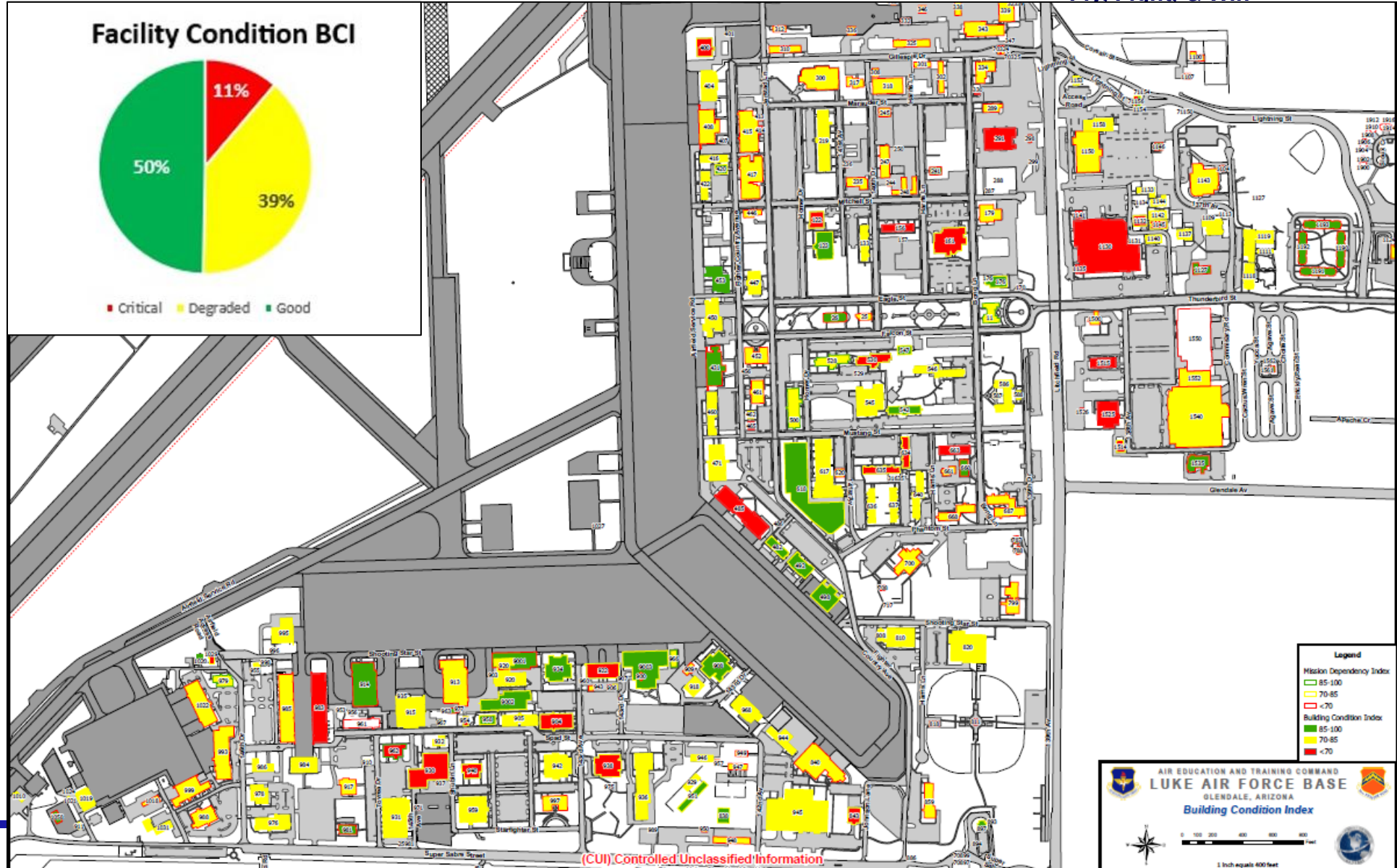
Investing in the sweet spot maximizes investment and extends service life.



Overall Facility Condition



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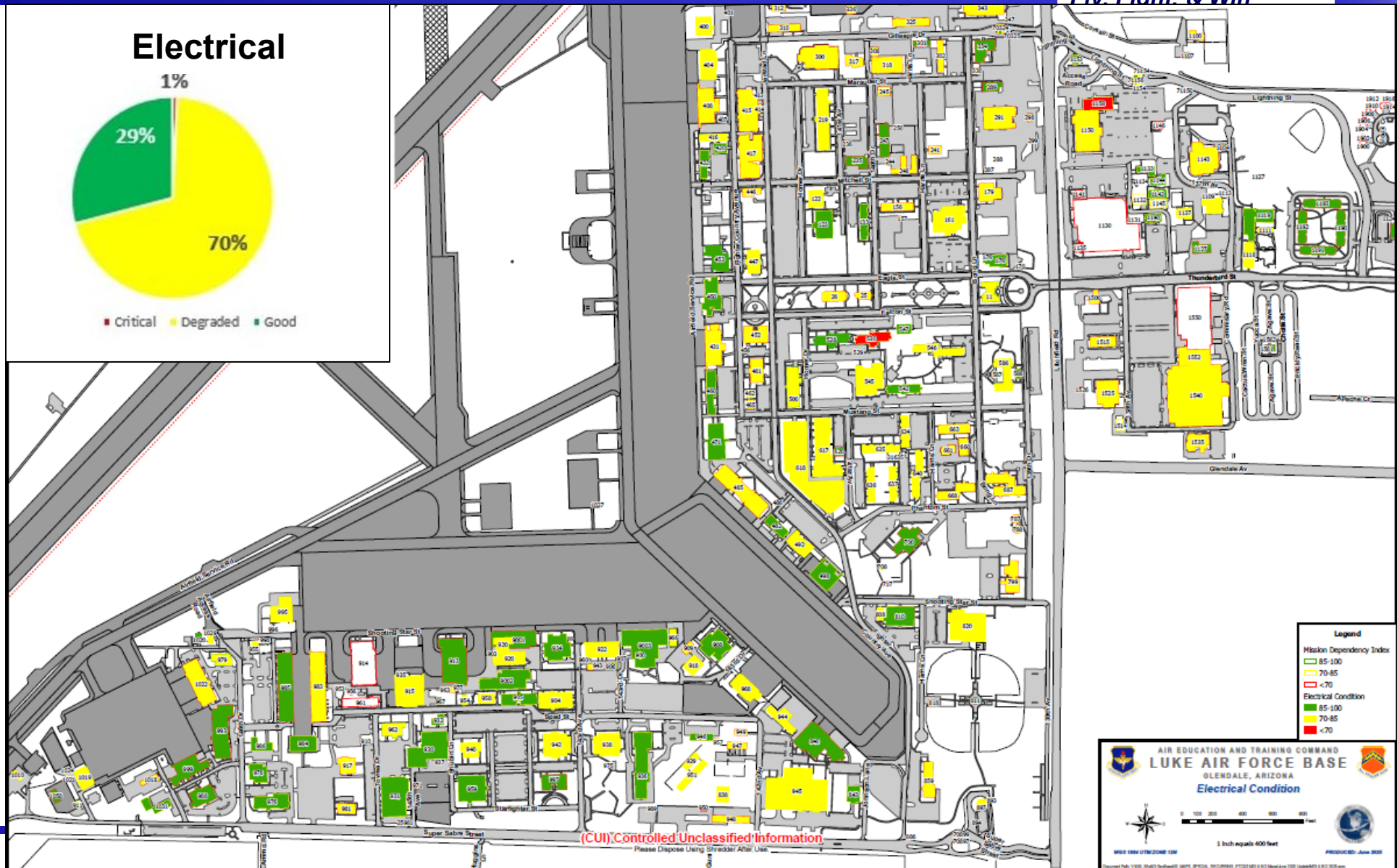




Electrical



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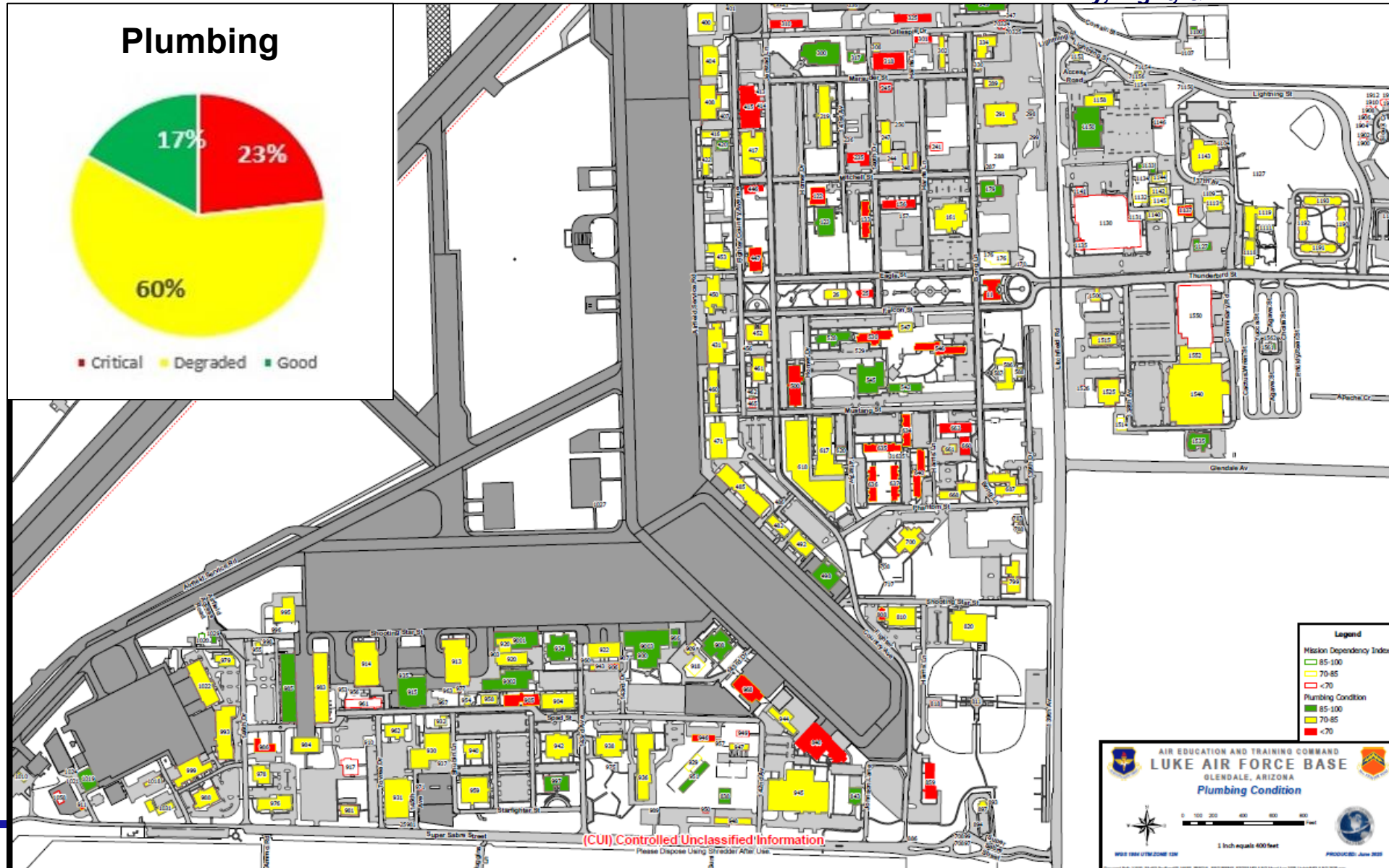




Plumbing



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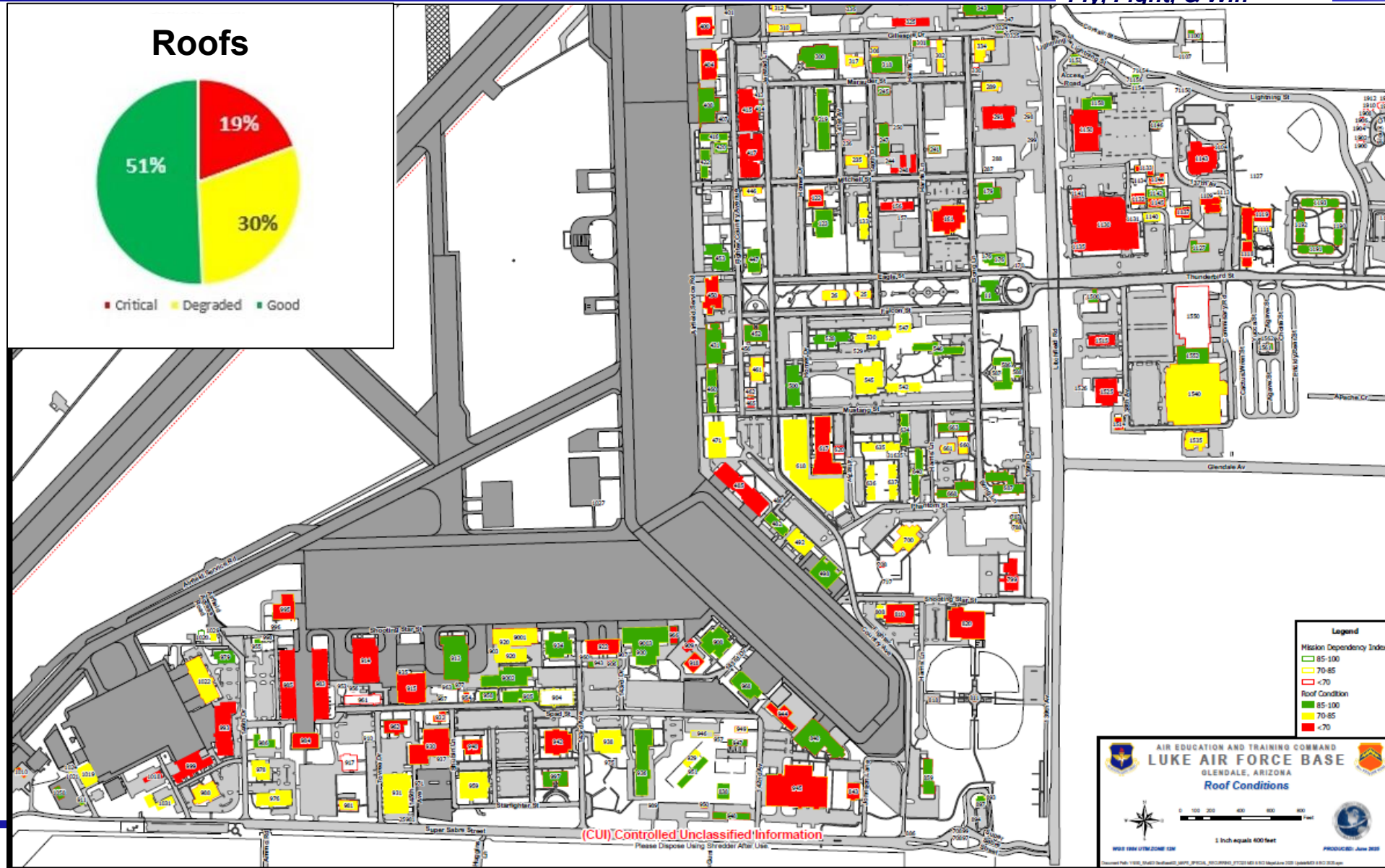
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Roofs



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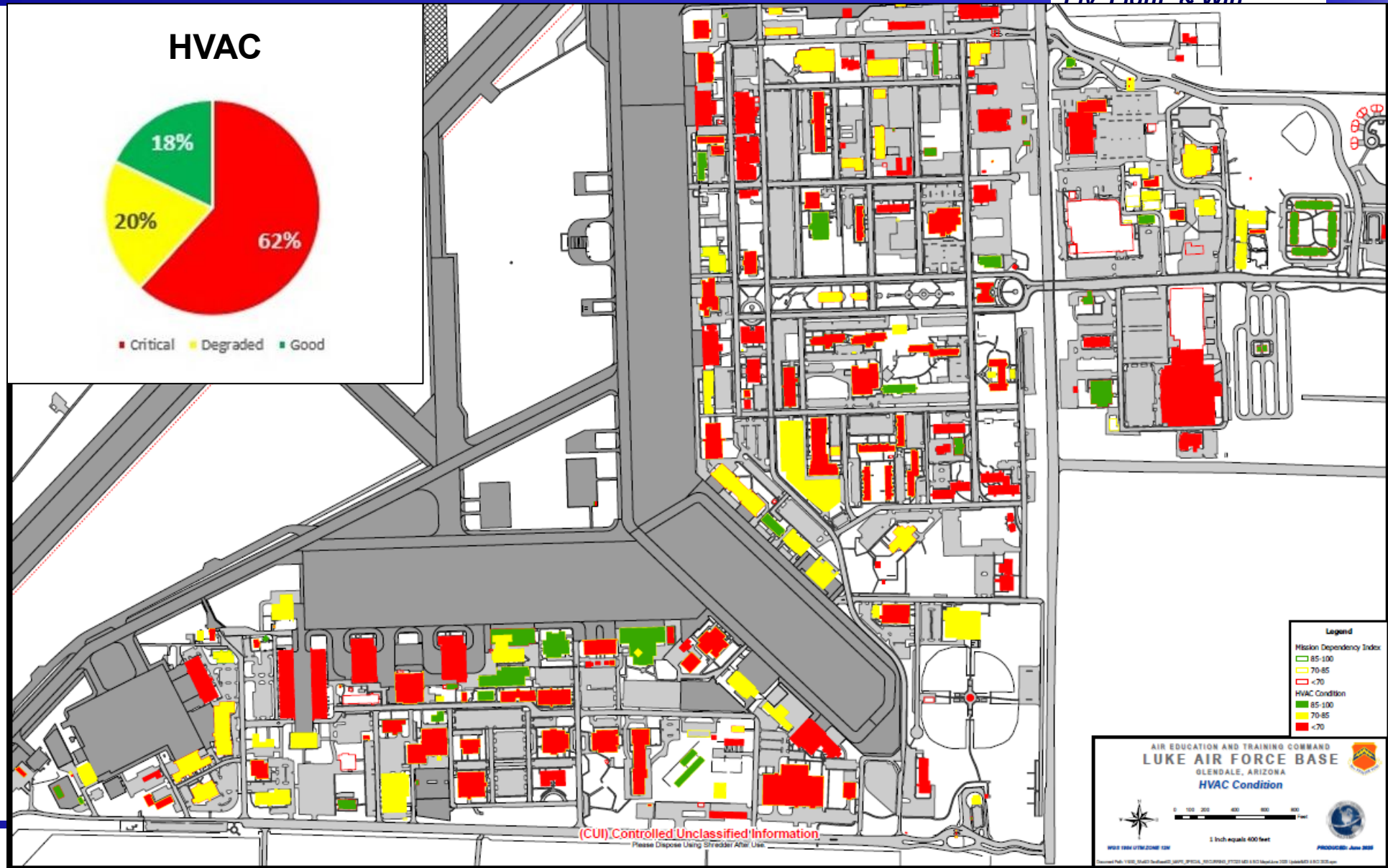




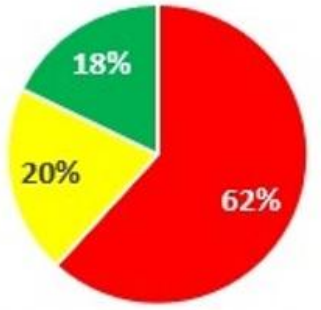
HVAC



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HVAC



■ Critical ■ Degraded ■ Good

Legend

- Mission Dependency Index
 - Below 70
 - 70-85
 - 86-100
- Building Condition Index
 - Unassigned
 - Below 70
 - 70-85
 - 86-100

- Legend
- Mission Dependency Index
 - 85-100
 - 70-85
 - <70
 - HVAC Condition
 - 85-100
 - 70-85
 - <70

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LUKE AIR FORCE BASE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA
HVAC Condition

0 100 200 400 800 Feet
1 inch equals 400 feet

PRODUCED: June 2011

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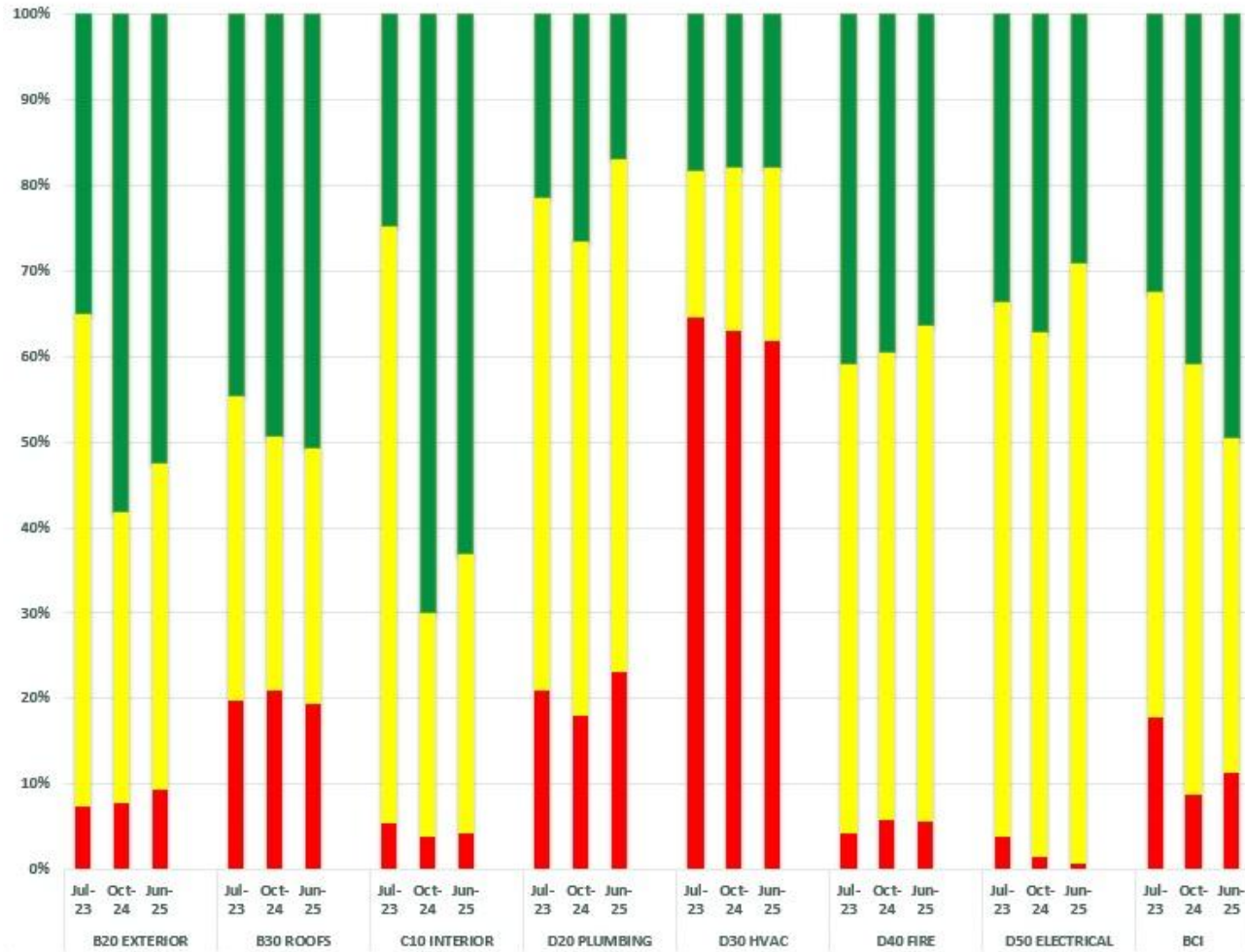


Infrastructure Condition



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KEY 7 SYSTEMS AT A GLANCE



Takeaways:

- HVAC is biggest challenge
- Additional facilities changes condition breakdown each year
- Significant overall improvement



Airfield Condition



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- Non-pavement/No data
- Good (86.00-100.00)
- Satisfactory (71.00-85.00)
- Fair (56.00-70.00)
- Poor (41.00-55.00)
- Very Poor (26.00-40.00)
- Serious (11.00-25.00)
- Failed (0.00-10.00)

Category Code	MDI
111111 - RUNWAY	99
116642 - SHOULDER, PAVED	95
112211 - TAXIWAY	95
113321 - APRON	95
116666 - PAD, WARMUP, HOLDING	95
116661 - ARMING AND DISARMING PADS	95
111115 - OVERRUN, PAVED	90
116672 - AIRCRAFT WASHRACK	78
116922 - AIRCRAFT ARRESTING SYSTEM SUPPORT	75





Roads & Parking Lots



Fly, Fight, & Win

- Non-pavement/No data
- Good (86.00-100.00)
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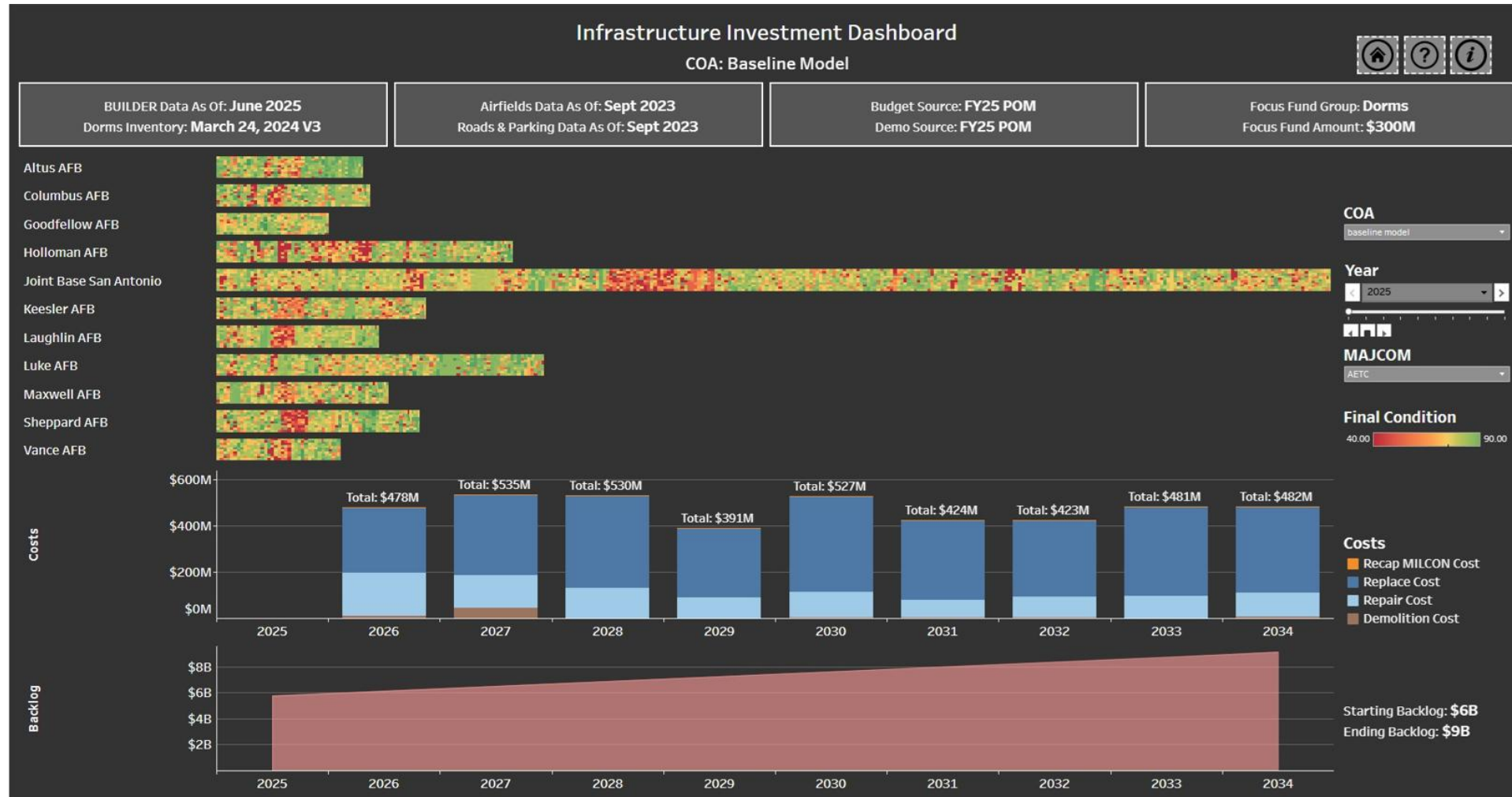


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Infrastructure Health Assessment



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Installation Health Assessment



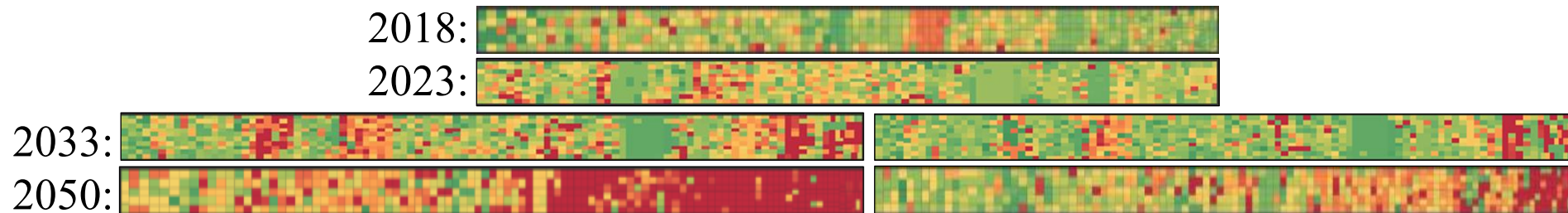
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- **54,000 AF facilities → 2,500 Luke AFB Facilities**
- **\$24B AF deferred mx → \$396M Luke AFB deferred mx**
- **Installation Investment Strategy (I2S)**
 - AF commitment to increase annual funding to 2% plant replacement value
 - Today's deferred mx & recapitalization cost will triple in 30 years if funding remains status quo

Infrastructure outlook in 2018, 2023, 2033 & 2050

Current funding Levels

I2S funding Levels



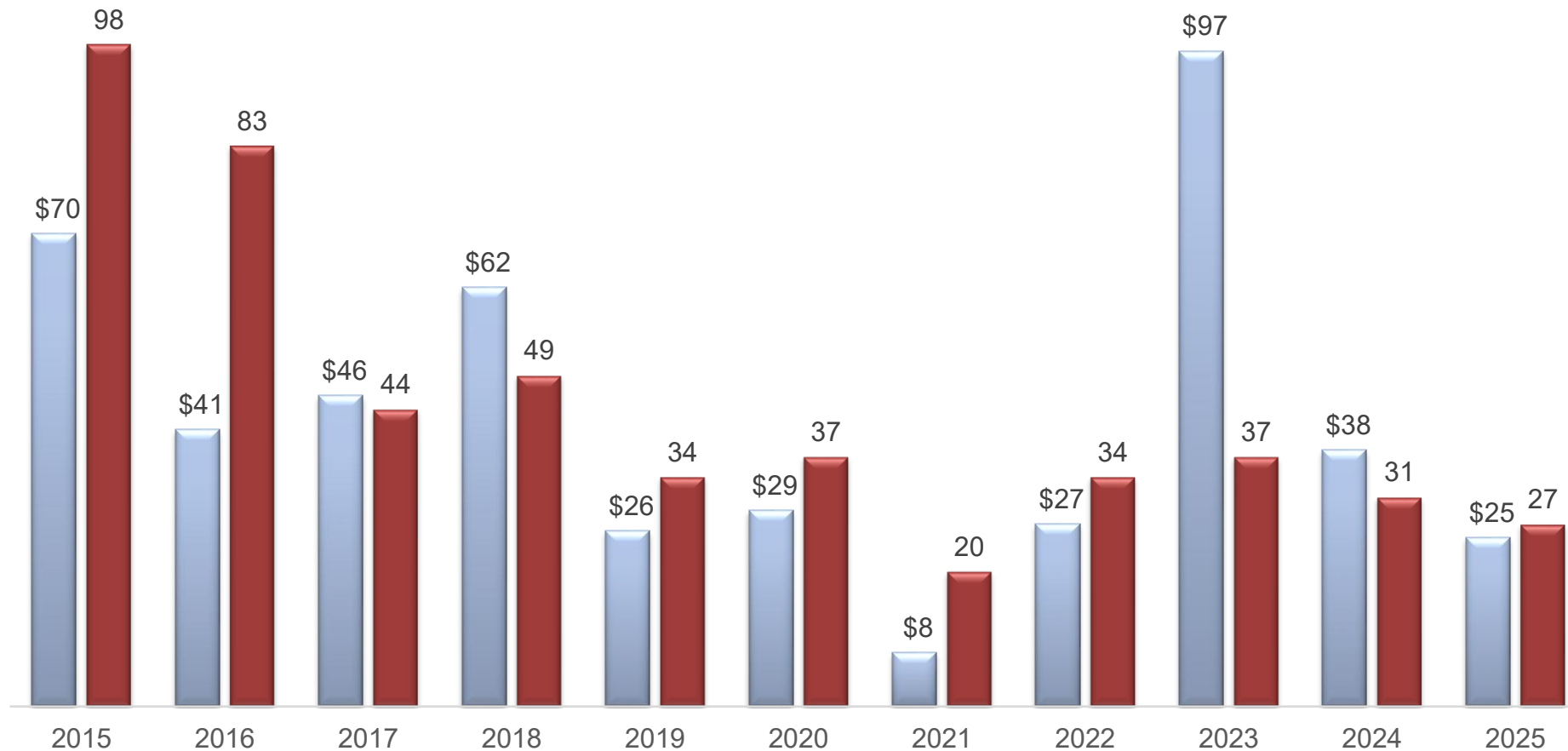


Historical Project Execution



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■ Executed in \$M ■ # Projects





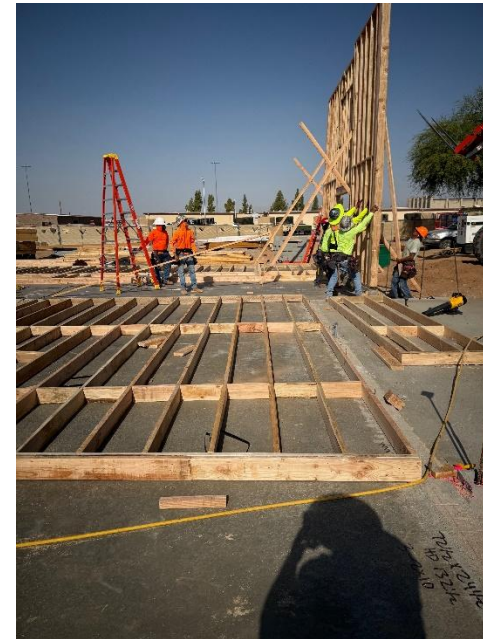
FY25 Program Roll-up



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■ FY25: 27 Projects/\$25M

- Repair AHU 5 & Controls Bldg 1150 - \$1.5M – Sole Source
- Repair HVAC System Bldg 993 - \$2.6M – SABER IDIQ
- Repair Roof Bldg 1113 - \$495K – Sole Source
- Runway Rubber Removal & Paint (Luke & GBAF) - \$540K – Paving IDIQ
- Design – Renovate Dorm 530 - \$3.1M – A&E IDIQ



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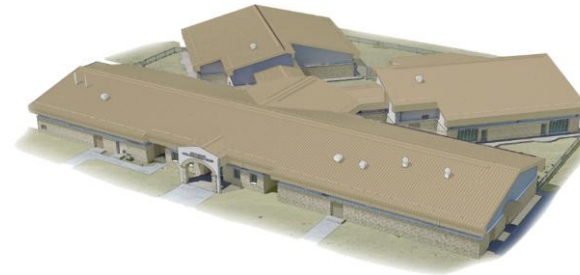
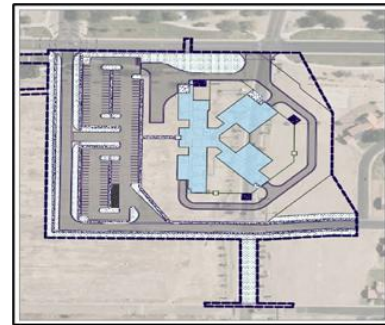
MILCON / UMMC



Flv. Fight. & Win

■ MILCON

- Construct Child Development Center – Construct a 36,533 square foot Child Development Center (CDC) building to accommodate 304 infant and children ages six weeks through five years old.



- Control Tower/Fire Station/Base Ops Complex, Gila Bend
- Demolish three facilities and construct new 31,000 sf facility.

■ Minor MILCON (UMMC)

- Construct North Turnaround, Gila Bend AFAP
– 2 Parking Spot Turnaround.





Future Program Projects



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- Facility Sustainment (FSRM)
 - Replace Natural Gas Risers – Phase 2
 - Replace Boiler, Bldg 620
 - Replace Fire Alarm System, Bldg 617
 - Replace CRAC Unit, Bldg 934
 - Design – Convert Hangar to Fuel Maintenance
 - Repair Water Control System with SCADA Controls
 - Convert HVAC Controls Multi Facility – Phase 2
 - Upgrade Water Infrastructure
 - Repair Hangar Roof, Bldg 985
 - Relocate Taxiway Edge Signs
 - Repair Dorm Building 635

- Other
 - Micro Grid
 - Geothermal Plant
 - DLA Government Vehicle Fueling Station (Contractor Owned/Operated)
 - Waymo



F-35 MILCON



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Projects	Program Year	Amount (\$000)	Status
Academic Trng Ctr	FY11	49,584	Complete
Squad Ops #1	FY11	14,670	Complete
Add/Alter AMU #1	FY12		Complete
Squad Ops/AMU #2	FY12	12,904	Complete
Squad Ops/AMU #3	FY14	15,838	Complete
Field Training Det	FY14	4,700	Complete
Const Hangar #2	FY15	11,603	Complete
Flight Line Fillstands	FY15	13,097	Complete
Const Squad Ops/ AMU/Hangar #4	FY16	23,915	Complete
Const Munitions Build-up Pad	FY16	4,230	Complete
Const 6-Bay Maint Hangar #3	FY16	11,200	Complete
Fuel Offload Facility	FY16	4,710	Complete
Squad Ops/AMU #5	FY17	17,085	Complete
Alter Hangar For AMU #6	FY23	30,569	Under Construction
Const Squad Ops #6	FY23	21,833	Under Construction
TOTAL		\$235,938	91% Complete



Questions?

Lt Col Christopher James

Commander 56th Contracting Squadron

Luke Air Force Base



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher C. James is the Commander, 56th Contracting Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. He leads a team of 44 mission-focused military and civilian business leaders in the annual execution of service, supply, construction, and specialized contracts totaling \$91 million in support of the Air Force's Largest Fighter Wing, the 944th Fighter Wing, and the Barry M. Goldwater Range. The squadron also trains and equips mission-ready joint Contingency Contracting Officers for world-wide deployment. Lieutenant Colonel James is a key member of the wing's senior staff and principal business advisor to the Wing Commander.

Lieutenant Colonel James entered active duty in 2009 after commissioning through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California. Shortly after entering the Air Force, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from National University, La Jolla CA, in 2010. Before entering the Contracting career field in 2014, Lieutenant Colonel James served in the nuclear enterprise. Positions held include: Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Combat Crew Commander, ICBM Combat Crew Instructor, and Assistant Flight Commander.

As a contracting professional, in 2020, Lieutenant Colonel James deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as the Chief of Contract Integration for the Combined Security Transition Command as a member of NATO forces in support of OPERATION RESOLUTE SUPPORT. He's held an unlimited warrant and served as a Contracting Officer and Contracting Division Chief on orbital and ground based offensive counter space weapon programs as a part of the Space Systems Center, Los Angeles Space Force Base, CA. In addition, Lieutenant Colonel James was the Director of Operations and Chief of Policy for the 502d Contracting Squadron, executing a \$1.1B portfolio in support of 266 mission partners and the largest joint base in the Department of Defense. Prior to his current assignment, he was a graduate student in Air Command and Staff College with a concentration in space strategy as a member of the Schriever Space Scholars. Following graduate studies, his research on the effects of over classification on space weapon system procurements was published by a peer reviewed journal in 2023.



Lt Col Christopher James

Commander 56th Contracting Squadron

Luke Air Force Base



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

EDUCATION

- 2009 Bachelor of Arts, Film and Electronic Arts, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- 2010 Master of Business Administration, National University, La Jolla, CA
- 2010 Air and Space Basic Course, by residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2015 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence and residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2020 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2021 Executive Development Seminar, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina
- 2023 Air Command and Staff College (Schriever Space Scholars), by residence, Maxwell AFB AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009 - February 2010, Navigator Student, 562d Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas
2. February 2010 - October 2010, ICBM Combat Crew Student, 392d Training Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA
3. October 2010 - July 2011, ICBM Combat Crew Deputy Commander, 742d Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota
4. July 2011 - May 2012, ICBM Combat Crew Deputy Commander (Squadron Command Post), 742d Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
5. May 2012 - April 2013, ICBM Combat Crew Instructor, 91st Operations Support Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
6. April 2013 - Jan 2014, ICBM Combat Crew Commander, 742d Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
7. Jan 2014 - Mar 2014, ICBM Combat Crew Commander (Squadron Command Post), 742d Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
8. March 2014 - November 2014, Assistant Flight Commander, 742d Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
9. November 2014 - January 2016, Contract Specialist, Operational and Specialized Contracting Division, Los Angeles AFB, CA
10. January 2016 - May 2018, Contract Specialist, Space Superiority Systems Division, Los Angeles AFB, CA
11. May 2018 - June 2019, Contracting Division Chief for Offensive Space Systems, Space Superiority Systems Division, Los Angeles AFB, CA
12. June 2019 - June 2020, Director of Operations, 502d Contracting Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, TX
13. June 2020 - October 2020, Chief, Contract Enabling Cell, Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan
14. October 2020 – June 2021, Chief of Policy, 502d Contracting Squadron, JBSA-Lackland, TX
15. June 2021 – July 2022, Chief, Contracting Inspections, Air Force Installation Contracting Center – Operating Location Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX
16. July 2022 – July 2023, Student, Air Command and Staff College, 21st Student Training Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL
17. June 2023 – Present, Commander, 56th Contracting Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

PUBLICATIONS

"The Cost of Space System Classification", Aether: A Journal of Strategic Airpower & Spacepower, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	May 27, 2009
First Lieutenant	May 27, 2011
Captain	May 27, 2013
Major	April 01, 2019
Lieutenant Colonel	March 01, 2024

Luke Update



56th Contracting Squadron

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ABOUT ME



WHAT WE DO FOR THE 56TH FIGHTER WING >>>>>

\$76M SPENT IN FY 2025

Of the \$76M, \$8.4M was awarded to Arizona small businesses, boosting the local economy.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Trained 27 Contracting Officer Representatives (CORs) managing 34 service contracts base wide.



FAR/DFARS/DAFFARS (MAKE IT LEGAL)

When in doubt, CALL one of our 3 Flight Chiefs, 5 Team Leads, or any Contract Specialist! We will find the correct path forward.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARD

The 56 FW's \$15M GPC Program allows units to internalize just-in-time purchasing capabilities for supplies, services, & construction under the micro-purchase threshold.



SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM & COMPETITION >>>>>

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Small Business Professional (56 CONS/DBO) oversees programs and goals approved by 56 FW/CC and reported to SAF through AETC.

- Bottom Line: Small Businesses get a fair share of the FW "Spend".
- Everything \$350K or less is reserved for small business!
 - THIS INCLUDES GPC BUYS ABOVE THE MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD!
- The Competition in Contracting Act (CICA) requires purchases to be competed to the maximum extent practicable.
- In FY25, 56 CONS did over \$65M in Small Business contracts!



DOING BUSINESS WITH THE AIR FORCE

Register in the government database

- System for Award Management:

www.sam.gov

- Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Core data (Name, address, org type, financial information)
- Assertions (NAICS, size metrics)
- Reps & Certs (FAR questionnaire)
- SBA Dynamic Small Business Search



TIPS!

- ✓ Watch [sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov), GSA e-buy or 56 Contracting Squadron FaceBook page for opportunities (sources sought, pre-solicitations, & solicitations)
- ✓ Be willing to compete
- ✓ Ensure you have the appropriate North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for the services and products that you provide
- ✓ Keep your Small Business Search information updated. Key words are important
- ✓ Concise Capabilities Statement to market your company to capture core organic capability
- ✓ Read the entire solicitation & performance work statement
- ✓ Have employees that can meet strict base access requirements
- ✓ Attend site visits/pre-proposal conferences



56th Contracting Squadron Potential Opportunities >>>>>

Construction IDIQs

- Airfield & Base Paving IDIQ
- Maintenance & Repair IDIQ
- SABER IDIQ
- Architect & Engineering Services IDIQ (Expected FY26)
- Multiple Award Construction Contract (MACC) (Expected FY28)
- Davis Monthan (MACC) - Subcontract opportunities
- SABER - Subcontract opportunities

Services

- Barry M Goldwater Range, prime & subcontract opportunities



Prime Contractor Information



- Gila Bend Aux Field & Barry Goldwater Range - Tunista Services LLC
Rick Carr (623) 810-5800 (expires 30 Sep 26)
- Airfield/Base Paving IDIQ –MRM Construction Services Inc.
Marie Torres (602) 340-0378 (Expires 3 Jun 29)
- Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineering Requirements (SABER) - Four Tribes Enterprises, LLC
Brad Kraay (480) 450-1160 (expires 11 Jul 27)
- Maintenance & Repair IDIQ (M&R) – Diversified Maintenance Systems Inc.
Andrew Umphries (801) 556-2179 (expires 2 Aug 26)

Current Strategic Contracts

Comprehensive Construction & Engineering (C2E)

The services solicited under the C2E encompass the full range of methods, technologies and supporting activities necessary to conduct a DB or DBB construction requirement in accordance with technical and regulatory requirements at Air Force installations and other installations worldwide. Such services include construction-phase design services where necessary to accomplish a project requirement, including DB construction design requirements and DBB construction delegated design requirements.



SMALL BUSINESS POCs >>>>>

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