Range and Training Land Issues at Falcon Bombing Range OK

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OVERVIEW

• Background

• The Players
  – AFCEE: Mr. Dan Medina
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  – 301st FW: Mr. Roy Queretaro

• Operational Philosophy

• Range Management

• Conclusion
BACKGROUND

- Located on Ft Sill Military Reservation OK
- Class A Range – TAC / Conv Deliveries
- Primary Users: USAF and USMC
- GMI – performs O & M
- Range Staff: 2 x GS employees and 7 contract employees
- AFCEE Environmental Minor Construction and Operations and Services Contract (EMCOS)
AFCEE

• Mission Directive
  - Service Center
  - Indispensable to the Air Force
  - Environmental – Restoration, P2, Planning, Advocacy
  - Design and Construction – MILCON, MFH, Medical
  - Comprehensive Planning – Land Use, Noise, Range Work

• Falcon Range Support
  - 301st OG/RO Mission Requirements
  - Environmental Minor Construction, Operations and Services (EMCOS)
GEO-MARINE

• Provides Environmental and Engineering Services Worldwide
• Small Business Administration Certified
• Areas of Expertise: BASH, Natural and Cultural Resources, Energy Management, Environmental Compliance and Remediation, Marine Sciences
• 90% Customer Return Rate
301st FIGHTER WING

- Mission
- 457th Fighter Squadron – F-16 Fighting Falcon
- Combat Experienced and Tested
- Falcon Range History
- Thoughts on Contracting Range Operations

FOCUSED ON THE AIRPOWER MISSION
RANGE BACKGROUND

- 301st FW Unit Compliance Inspection
- Who will do the work?
- Preferred “Blue-suit” Operations and Maintenance… but
- Wanted a contract with flexibility and control – EMCOS
- 301st FW / AFCEE teams with GMI
RANGE MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Communication – the key to success
- “Burger King” Contract
- Range Staff – Mission Orientation
  - Staff age: 20s to 60s
RANGE MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Multi-task mentality
  - Local Community Hires
  - 78 years UXO/EOD experience (USA and Civilian)
  - 59 years construction experience
  - 19 years logistics/transportation
  - 15 years of heavy equipment operations
  - 10 years automotive and jet engine experience
  - 5 years electrical experience
- “Spirit of the Statement of Work”
- UXO / EOD on-site
  - Army support fading
  - Worldwide deployment of EOD
  - Cost savings with range residual removal
RANGE MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Target Management
  - Ground modular targets
  - Containerized freight
- Daily flight schedule is priority one
- Future Range Capability Growth
  - Joint planning between 301st FW and GMI
  - New scoring systems and communications focus
CONCLUSION

• Mission Focus
• Implementation of AFCEE EMCOS
• Range Staff – Mission Orientation
• Multi-task Capability
• UXO / EOD On-site