

Clearinghouse:

1. During the recent BRAC Commissioners visit to Ellsworth AFB, SD it was discovered that the Air Force underestimated the square footage capability at Ellsworth by 80,000 sq feet. Please validate this?
2. Assuming that the square footage was underestimated, what is the impact, if any, on the MCI scoring for Ellsworth given this added capacity? Does it improve? If so, by how many points?
3. In discussion with Ellsworth personnel and the Ellsworth community, as well as our own analysis we determined that Ellsworth AFB has the basic capacity to beddown all 67 B-1 Bombers in the Air Force fleet with a MILCON investment of about \$69M. While the MILCON cost to prepare Dyess to receive the consolidated B-1 Fleet is \$124M. Can you also confirm this? If so, why not consolidate the B-1 fleet at Ellsworth given this cost savings?
4. The attached map provides a perspective on placement of the B-1 on the Ellsworth flightline, as you can see the capacity is there for all 67 B-1s.