

CHAPTER 3 - HOUSING INFORMATION

This chapter has traditionally been about housing in the DC area; however, Center and other locations are also included. Some of our class also worked outside of NASA Headquarters for their assignments, so we've included housing information for those locations, too. Also, look in Chapter 7 of this guide for additional information on housing. Use this input as a first step to get some ideas. The internet has the latest information and will give you a better idea of current costs and availability. After you have a few ideas but need more specifics, contact prior participants for their experience. Your Center should support a planning trip during which you should visit potential housing areas.

The housing locations for the participants at HQ ranged all over the DC metropolitan area, including many locations in Virginia and Maryland, as well as several neighborhoods in the District. Each location has its own character, advantages and disadvantages. Unless you are familiar with the DC area, the choices can be mind-boggling. Things to keep in mind are proximity to a Metro station (subway), shuttle, bus stop, shopping, restaurants, schools (if you have school age children) and length of commute. Always ask the name of the Metro Stop and how far it is from the front door of the complex. Just pull out the old DC area map, familiarize yourself with the layout of DC, talk to current program participants and others who have lived in the DC area, and decide how best to approach your housing selection.

There are numerous websites that are helpful for finding apartments. The majority of them are linked to realtors. One that is not linked to realtors and has a large number of reasonably priced options is <http://www.craigslist.org/>.

Sharing Housing in Washington

Washington is one of the most transitory cities in the US. The large number of people on the move has created a shared housing culture that is better developed than in almost any US city. There are many well-run houses in and around the district that can add dimension to the experience.

Advantages:

- Convenience. Plug and play. Most of the homes come with everything but the bedroom furniture and your phone. Makes it easier to get started and easier to leave at the end.
- Cost. Shared housing costs are very reasonable.
- Interesting housemates. There are many professionals in Washington that share housing. This is a great way to meet folks with different jobs and circles of friends. I lived with a nuclear physicist for the FDA, and the press secretary for a congressman from New Hampshire.

Disadvantages:

- Interesting housemates. There is such a thing as having roommates that are too interesting, inconsiderate, or too noisy. One needs to be choosy. Interview wisely and the risks are minimal.

How To Find A Great Housemate

A housemate finding service can take the hassle out of finding a new home. Fees run around \$50. After a screening interview, the service I used identified several good possibilities. I visited three places before settling on a beautiful row house in Woodley Park, less than three blocks from the Metro.

Roommate Referral Services

Roommates Preferred (highly recommended)

Betsy Neal

202-965-4004

A-1 Roommate Finders

301-805-0100

A-1 Roommate VA only

703-931-1151 or 800-931-1151

Roommate Association

703-519-9350 or 301-470-2027

Places We Have Lived and Things We've Learned

The following input also includes some of our favorite websites, neat places we have visited, and other miscellaneous information about our experiences.

For additional similar information for past participants, also see Chapter 7.

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Joint Planning and Development Office: Multi-agency (NASA, FAA, DOD, DHS, DOT, DOC, DOS) group responsible for planning and implementing the Next Generation Transportation System
- Co-lateral	Office of the President – Uniformed Services University of the Health Science: I shadowed the University President and worked on re-organizing the university committee structure.
Where did you live while TDY?	The Metropolitan at Pentagon City
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	Sublet a bedroom and private bath in a 2BR apartment. \$1200/month furnished, includes utilities and reserved parking
- commuting time to HQ	15-20 minutes via metro from Pentagon City
- conveniences	Everything within walking distance – Grocery, cleaners, drug store and 93 steps from apartment to Pentagon City Mall. Soccer field and park across the street.
- inconveniences	None
- Would you live there again?	Yes
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No, I commuted home many weekends to NASA Langley
- did you bring a car?	Yes, but the Metro works for almost everything.
- did you get a local telephone?	Part of the sublet
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Subletting was a great idea for me.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	Music is everywhere. Check out the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center – Free music every night at 6:00pm. You can also get good deals on tickets to concerts and plays at www.ticketplace.org

Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Two Suggestions about your assignments: (1) Try to be specific as possible about what you'll be doing before you get there. Things will sort themselves out, but the more of that you can do up front, the better off you are. (2) Be aggressive with your detail supervisor about understanding what they expect from you and what you'd like to see from them.
Any helpful moving tips?	No, furnished apartment...great idea to sublet if you can get along with others easily
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	Buy a copy of the "Stationmasters" metro maps. They show every metro stop and surrounding area including direction of the various exits/escalators. VERY HELPFUL!!!
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	
Did you open a local bank account?	No
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	OPM Basic class on Project Management – was more basic than I wanted, but covered the core issues.

Name	Manjula Ambur
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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary (6 months)	NASA OCFO, Budget Directorate, Institutional Management Division, Rick Keegan – Very beneficial : Gained a good understanding of multi phased Agency budget process, challenges in setting priorities, and the importance of political context. Made significant contributions to HQ Institutional Requirements Review, Shared Capability Asset Program Analysis, PPBES Process and Center G&A study & improvements
- Co-lateral (3 months)	Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Biomedical Engineering Dept and Innovation Center, Dr. Peter Cavanagh – Very beneficial: Gained a good understanding of collaboration between scientists

	and physicians for innovative & relevant research, partnerships with medical industry, and proactive commercialization of innovations for better patient care. Made significant contributions to commercializing some of the information technology based innovations.
Where did you live while TDY?	Pentagon Row Apartments – Arlington, Va 703-486-3700
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	I Bed room – rent was \$1650 , parking was \$50, and utilities was ~ \$75.
- commuting time to HQ	30 minutes via metro from Pentagon City
- conveniences	i.e. Grocery, drug store, mall within 2 blocks
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	Yes and will highly recommend it– very good experience ; no noise and very helpful staff
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	-----
- did you bring a car?	Yes
- did you get a local telephone?	No – managed fine with the cell phone
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	yes
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	Kennedy Center (Plays, shows), Art Museum, Library of Congress
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	
Any helpful moving tips?	Bring essential stuff only
Any great books or other tools used	

for getting around in the local area?	
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	
Did you open a local bank account?	No; Managed with ATM by paying fees
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Systems Thinking By IMS

Name	Dave Jones (LaRC)
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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Procurement/Business “Expert-In-Residence”, Aeronautics Test Program: I wrote ATP’s Business Plan (the Program was just starting up when I was working for them) and I did a wind-tunnel-related procurement study. Good use of my skills.
- Co-lateral	Program Analyst, PA&E, Strategic Investments Division: I kept tabs on Earth Science projects and provided analysis of my findings to PA&E management, who advise the Administrator. Good from the standpoint of learning about HQ and the budget process.
Where did you live while TDY?	The Residences at Market Square, 701 PA Ave., NW., #PH13
- property website	N/A: condo unit owned by a NASA employee
- approx. monthly cost	\$3,000/month for a furnished one bedroom/one bath (~600 sq. ft.), included parking and all utilities. Lease was only 3 months, so this unit <i>might</i> be cheaper if leased for a full year.
- commuting time to HQ	15 minutes from being inside my apartment to sitting in my desk chair at HQ. Apartment building is right beside the Archives Metro station on the Yellow and Green lines.
- conveniences	Convenience store across the street, CVS (pharmacy w/some groceries) 1½ blocks away, tons of restaurants, theaters, museums and shops within short walking distance, 3 blocks to Verizon Center and 4 blocks to Chinatown

- inconveniences	No grocery stores nearby, although a gourmet grocer in under construction on 7 th St. and the 8 th Street outdoor farmers' market is open every Thursday afternoon from the late spring through early fall
- Would you live there again?	Yes; however, I would probably try Cleveland Park if I came to HQ again (see below under web sites)
- did you bring a pet?	Did not bring pet.
- did you bring a kid?	Did not bring family.
- did you bring a car?	I brought a car for going home on weekends to LaRC, but I hardly used it for anything else.
- did you get a local telephone?	Yes, it was included with the apartment, but I barely used it.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	See comments on families and TDY below.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	http://www.wmata.com/metro/metro/systemmap.cfm , http://www.clevelandpark.com/index2.html , www.mlb.com (Nationals and Orioles), http://ldp.nasa.gov/
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	National Cathedral, Cherry Blossom Festival, Nanny O'Brien's, Union Station
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Would have liked assignments with more of a leadership element to them. I did learn a lot about different parts of NASA, but it was tough to have "worker bee" jobs after many years in leadership positions back at my home Center.
Any helpful moving tips?	Only needed to bring my clothes in my car – renting a furnished place is a great way to go.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	Google can find anything! Also, the Friday Washington Post has an entertainment insert called "Weekend" that is a must have every week.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Don't go or bring them with you. This was especially hard on my wife, and I wouldn't do it to her again.
Did you open a local bank account?	No, but I had a wife at home who was taking care of the bills (there was only one check per

	month needed for the apartment)
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	No.

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities	
- Primary	
- Co-lateral	
Where did you live while TDY?	1401 S. Joyce Street, # 802, Arlington, VA 22202
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	i.e., for a one bedroom my rent was \$1925, without parking. Bills were about \$75 - \$100 per month
- commuting time to HQ	i.e. 20 minutes via metro from Pentagon City
- conveniences	i.e. Grocery, drug store, mall within 2 blocks
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	Nope. The building construction is very bad quality and the walls are thinner than the average hotel room. As a result, the neighbors determine when and how long you will sleep and rest...
- did you bring a pet?	no
- did you bring a kid?	no
- did you bring a car?	i.e. No - Metro works for almost everything. Can always rent if necessary or use Zip Car
- did you get a local telephone?	i.e. no, I used my cell phone
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	
Please list any totally awesome	

websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	
Any helpful moving tips?	I rented a PENSKE truck and moved all excess furniture from home. Beware: NASA does not reimburse insurance costs, and your insurance does not cover the commercial vehicles, so you are left on your own on that.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	
Did you open a local bank account?	No, I never needed that.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	

Name	Bill Taylor
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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Exploration Systems Mission Directorate – supported the Constellation Integration and Analysis Office (6 months)
- Co-lateral	Office of the Associate Administrator – served on the Associate Administrator’s executive staff (6 months)
Where did you live while TDY?	Riverside Park Apartments
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	Rent - \$1100 (includes \$100/mo short term lease fee) Utilities - \$50/mo Furniture Rental - \$210/mo (CORT) Digital Cable and High Speed Internet - \$95/mo
- commuting time to HQ	45 minutes (free Shuttle to Huntington Metro Station and then Metro to L’ Enfant Plaza)
- conveniences	Minutes from old town Alexandria, Grocery < 2 miles, Mt. Vernon Bike Path < 2 miles, 5 miles to Reagan National
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	Probably not. The complex is undergoing major building renovations and will have limited availability in the next couple of years. The rent is expected to rise significantly after the renovations are completed.
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	Yes. Since my wife and children visited fairly frequently having the car allowed us to take advantage of the cheaper airfares in and out of the Baltimore airport. It was also important to have the car for running errands at my convenience
- did you get a local telephone?	No, lived with my cell and internet. It seemed to work pretty well for me to keep in touch with the family back home
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Yes, bring a car. It allows so much more access to the area. Of course I had plentiful free off street parking available at my apartment complex.

Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	www.washingtonpost.com
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	National Gallery of Art, The Phillips Collection
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Don't rely on the free apartment guides. Use the phone instead of your legs and the metro.
Any helpful moving tips?	Take the maximum cash advance and make sure to work out a budget and understand your cash flow. Remember to figure in the advance repayment into your cash flow along with the reductions in your reimbursement for when you travel. Typically the monthly reimbursements were in my bank account 12 calendar days after I submitted the vouchers.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	If you are leaving your family behind, make sure to stay in contact both via trips home or visits to DC and regular and frequent communication. The most frustrating experience we had was overcome by having high speed internet and scanning capability, when a daughter needed help with math homework. Make sure your house maintenance is up to date; it is very frustrating for all parties if something breaks and you are not around to take care of it.
Did you open a local bank account?	No. I set up on-line banking with the Credit Union at GRC. The HQ ATM does not charge a fee for withdrawals using my debit card.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	.
- Primary	Office of Legislative Affairs – Responsible for Shuttle and Katrina portfolio
- Co-lateral	SOMD – Developed Integrated Acquisition Roadmap structure and represented SOMD on the ESMD/SOMD Integrated Acquisition Roadmap team.
Where did you live while TDY?	
- property website	Craigslist.com, rented a room in a house in Tenleytown.
- approx. monthly cost	\$800 including utilities
- commuting time to HQ	30 minutes.
- conveniences	All amenities within a few minutes.
- inconveniences	Having a roommate. Being far from other LDPers in Pentagon City.
- Would you live there again?	Yes.
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	No - Metro works for almost everything. Can always rent if necessary or use Zip Car
- did you get a local telephone?	No.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Yes. I had a really good experience with my roommate. I was able to arrive the night before my assignment with a suitcase and didn't have to worry about utility hook ups or anything. I also enjoyed living in a house in a neighborhood and not in an apartment.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	National Cathedral; tons of places in Chinatown; all of the great concerts and events on the mall and at the Kennedy Center in the summer; dinner cruise up the Potomac; Nationals game (even if they aren't that good)

Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	This isn't a mistake but is something each of you should think about doing. I was fortunate enough to have folks offer to mentor me while I was at HQ. So I was able to meet monthly or bimonthly with different folks at HQ. It served two purposes – 1) it ended up being a better mentoring experience for me than the group meetings and 2) these folks gave me a lot of good insight and advice. So I'd suggest that each LDPer use their connections to find someone that could provide that one on one mentoring experience for them.
Any helpful moving tips?	By moving into a furnished house, I was able to save most of the moving hassles. I also shipped a big chunk of my luggage back so I was able to leave directly from work on my last day.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	Metro guide.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	
Did you open a local bank account?	No
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Supported the AA for Human Capital as representative to the Systems Engineering and Infrastructure Transition Team's Workforce Subteam. Responsible for representing OHCM priorities and focus to this study team
- Co-lateral	Served as Executive Officer to the AA for PA&E. Responsible for a wide-range of activities

	supporting the management of the PA&E organization
Where did you live while TDY?	Post Pentagon Row Apartments
- property website	http://www.postproperties.com/PostHome.nsf/pages/homefinder-apt_pph.html
- approx. monthly cost	\$1788 for a 1 bedroom apartment; rental furniture \$150/month; utilities and cable approx \$150/month
- commuting time to HQ	5 minute walk to Pentagon City metro, two stops to L'efant Plaza Metro, 5 minute walk to NASA HQ
- conveniences	Grocery, drug store, dry cleaning, dozens of restaurants, and mall within 2 blocks
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	yes
- did you bring a pet?	No, Post Pentagon Row only allows cats
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	No - Metro works for almost everything. Can always rent if necessary or use Zip Car
- did you get a local telephone?	No
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	
Any helpful moving tips?	Shipped necessities via UPS and rented furniture
Any great books or other tools used	Tons of guidebooks available; City Paper comes out every Thursday with what's going on that

for getting around in the local area?	week
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Have a plan on who will travel and how often for visits
Did you open a local bank account?	No. No need to -- can pay all bills via the internet and get cash with ATM
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	Program Manager at DHS. Helps to run DHS programs. Help with selections of performers for DHS programs; attend program reviews, and evaluate proposals.
- Primary	DHS
- Co-lateral	Google
Where did you live while TDY?	McLean Virginia, Fountains at McLean
- property website	??
- approx. monthly cost	For a one bedroom my rent was \$1350, with parking. Bills were about \$80 per month for utility & Cox internet connection only
- commuting time to HQ	i.e. 50 minutes via bus to West Falls Church Metro Station and then to McPherson Square Metro Station
- conveniences	Walking distance to Tyson II
- inconveniences	Need a car to get around doing errands.
- Would you live there again?	NO. Too far from work
- did you bring a pet?	NO
- did you bring a kid?	NO
- did you bring a car?	Yes, it was very convenient to have one. Thought, I'd to use my own expense to ship it to/from

	home.
- did you get a local telephone?	No. I used my cell phone.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Yes, don't need to use a local phone service.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	None.
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	DC Museums.
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	None.
Any helpful moving tips?	If you are going alone, don't drive the long distance (across the country) all by yourself!
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	None.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Call daily and set up video conferencing (MSN messenger, Yahoo messenger etc).
Did you open a local bank account?	No, I used the ATM only.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	I've not used the LDP funds. Still looking for the courses!

Name	David Kruhm
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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Office of the Chief Engineer: Chaired the Agency's Lessons Learned Steering Committee. Worked on technical excellence initiative, on technical fellows program development team. Good area to work in, they have worked with many LDP detailees and provide meaningful work and support.
- Co-lateral	Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation, Studies and Analysis Division
Where did you live while TDY?	Waterside Towers, 907 6 th St. SW
- property website	http://www.udrt.com/community317.htm
- approx. monthly cost	Base price for 1 BR unfurnished apt. is \$1,150/month which includes utilities (but not communications). I paid \$200 premium for 6 th floor waterfront view. Parking is \$90/month.
- commuting time to HQ	15 minute walk
- conveniences	Waterfront metro stop (green line), grocery and drug store within 2 blocks at Waterfront Mall (5-10 minute walk). L'enfant metro stop (orange, blue, yellow & green lines) is 2 blocks away, but about twice the distance.
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	Yes, because of the convenience to work, the place you most consistently go.
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	Yes, but often went 2-3 weeks without using it, and was in one accident, so it may not have been worth it. Definitely bring a bicycle. It's great for getting around the downtown area. And there are lots of established trails (mostly paved, some packed gravel) reaching beyond DC.
- did you get a local telephone?	Yes. I started off with a DSL/phone bundle that eliminated some of the start up fees, then cut

	<p>back on the phone service to a plan that allowed me to place up to 75 local calls per month. I never even came close to using half the allowable calls. Now my total DSL/phone bill is less than \$60/month. I would do the same again.</p> <p>I kept my Cingular cell phone service from home, but the reception in the apartment, NASA HQ and the metro is not very good.</p>
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	<p>Take advantage of the opportunity to see as much, and meet as many people, as you can, so that you won't look back and wish you had done more when your time is up. There is always something to do in and around DC. I brought a small TV with rabbit ear antenna to watch the news and weather, but didn't get cable. I'm glad I did it that way because I got involved in more activities than I would have, if I'd had all those movies and TV shows to watch. Get on the HQ detailees list.</p>
Any helpful moving tips?	
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	<p>My spouse and children stayed at home, but visited a few times during various holidays. While it would have driven up my cost of living and commute times, and would have changed many of the after work activities, I would move my family with me if doing it again. If you don't move them with you, make sure you have frequent communications and visits. I got together with my family at least once a month and talked to them every day. I also used a PC camera and Yahoo! Instant messaging to keep in visual contact.</p>

Did you open a local bank account?	No
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	

Name	Barbara Kenny
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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	I divided my LDP time up equally between 2 assignments so I didn't really have a "primary" and "collateral" in the traditional sense. Both were jobs that I didn't know much about before I went into them so I had a lot of opportunity to learn new things. The second job was more technical than the first but still a challenge because none of the Centers I visited were working in my area of expertise.
- Primary	My first LDP assignment was with the Strategic Investments Division (SID) of the office of Program Analysis and Evaluation (PA&E). I did the job of a program analyst assigned to the Science Mission Directorate. I found it very educational and I learned a lot about how the Agency operates with respect to Congress and budgeting and strategic planning and performance reporting. I would recommend the assignment to anyone who would like a birds-eye view of the Agency and the opportunity to see the budget process in action.
- Co-lateral	My second LDP assignment was at the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the Directorate for Engineering, Engineering Education and Centers, Engineering Research Center (ERC) program. I was tasked with doing a study on the assessment process of the ERCs. The ERC program was established 20 years ago and the assessment procedures have evolved over the years and seem to work well. However, no one had ever had time to go back and look specifically at assessment and see if there were things that could be done better. So that was my task. NSF sent me to 3 ERC "site visits". A site visit is an annual evaluation by an NSF facilitated panel of subject matter experts to offer an assessment of the ERC's performance, progress and plans for the future. So I learned about panels, facilitating panels, assessment procedures, national scientific goals, university-industry-government partnerships, and basically got to see another culture.

Where did you live while TDY?	Town house: 112 Whittier Circle, Falls Church, Virginia 22046
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 story townhouse, \$2,500 per month
- commuting time to HQ	25 minutes via metro from East Falls Church metro station
- conveniences	City of Falls Church bus service to Metro (“George”), jogging/biking trail (W&OD).
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	Yes
- did you bring a pet?	Not at first but then I got permission from the landlord
- did you bring a kid?	Our 9 th grade daughter came with us and attended George Mason High School. George Mason High School is a small grade 8-12 school with about 800 students and 5 guidance counselors. It is rated in the top 25 of all high schools in the country in the US News survey of most challenging schools. They offer an International Baccalaureate (IB) program and honors classes in science, English and math as early as 9 th grade. My daughter found the academics appropriately challenging. They work on a modified schedule with half the classes meeting every other day (“A” days and “B” days) to make class periods up to 90 minutes long. They are relatively good at sports given their size and compete as an A school. Unfortunately, they are in the Bull Run league with the closest opponent about a 45 minute drive and the farthest opponent a good 90 minute drive. This made it challenging for us to see the away games plus my daughter had many late nights with very little time to do homework.
- did you bring a car?	Yes, brought 2 cars. Our townhouse advertised a “2 car garage” but they would have to be 2 European Smart Cars to fit. We fit one car and 3 bikes. Fortunately, our town house complex had several street parking sites available for the second car.
- did you get a local telephone?	No, just used our cell phones.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Yes, it all worked out pretty well.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	http://bikewashington.org/
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don’t want anyone else to miss.	Great Fall National Park, Maryland. Also, take the Amtrak train to New York City. It is only a 3 hour trip, cheapest tickets are less than \$100 each way, and you arrive at Penn Station in Manhattan.

Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	We said we'd return the U-Haul truck to "Washington, DC", just thinking of the general area, but they have drop-off points everywhere and we should've said "Falls Church, Va" and we could've returned the truck 5 minutes from our townhouse instead of having to drive into downtown DC to return it.
Any helpful moving tips?	We rented a U-Haul truck and then hired movers from a web site link from the U-Haul site to actually do the physical lifting. U-Haul site: www.uhaul.com ; Mover help: http://movinghelp.emove.com/ . They made a tremendous difference. It would've taken forever for us to pack the truck and then unload the truck ourselves.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	We brought our daughter here for a 2 day visit over spring break prior to our move so she could see the school and talk to the guidance counselor. I think that helped.
Did you open a local bank account?	Yes, NASA Hq. That was very convenient for cashing checks. There is a network of credit unions in the area and they have these "family service centers" sprinkled around town where it is almost like being at the NASA HQ bank itself. You can deposit and withdraw money and get notary services. There was a family service center located about 10 minutes from our home in Falls Church. This was very convenient.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	I took the American Management Association class entitled "Assertiveness Training for Women in Business". I thought it was very good. Some of the material was similar to the training from program consultants but it was interesting to have the ideas reinforced and presented in a different way. I would recommend the class.

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Program Analysis and Evaluation, Strategic Investments Division Worked on Agency performance measures as reported to Congress and OMB.
- Co-lateral	
Where did you live while TDY?	Name and address of building: The Bennington 1201 South Eads Street Arlington, VA 22202 Crystal City neighborhood of Arlington County, Virginia
- property website	http://www.archstoneapartments.com/apartments/Virginia/ArlingtonCrystal+City/The+Bennington/?cid=243
- approx. monthly cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent for a one bedroom w/ den, 1100 square-foot apartment was \$1675 • Parking for one car was \$35 (\$90 per car for any additional cars). • Arlington County charges a \$24/year “parking” tax that you are supposed to pay if you park a car in Arlington. The county gives you a sticker to put on your car so you don’t get ticketed or towed. At the Bennington, police are allowed to patrol the building’s parking structure. • Utilities ranged from around \$150 at a high to \$105 at a low. This included electricity, gas, water and trash. The building determines how much your share of the utility bill is based on the size of your apartment (square footage) and the number of people living in the apartment. It was just my wife and I in my apartment. • Cable and internet came out to around \$50 for the first six months and \$75 after that.
- commuting time to HQ	My door-to-desk commute was 25 minutes every morning. During morning and evening rush hours, the building provides a shuttle bus to the Pentagon City Metro station, but it takes just as long to get there walking. The walk to the Pentagon City Metro station is partially through the parking lot of a DHL sorting facility and a construction site, not the best looking aspect of the neighborhood, but I have been pleasantly surprised at how safe the area has been. I’ve walked this stretch late in the evenings and there is always business people and college students walking the same route.

<p>- conveniences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The units with two bedrooms, or with dens (like mine) have washer and dryer in the apartment. There is a community coin operated laundry also available. • Dry clean on site. • Small convenience store on site. • Small work out facility on site. • ATM on site. • Quick taxi service. • Usually you'll find covered parking on the third and fourth floor of the parking structure. You can always find parking on the roof. For an additional fee you can get a guaranteed parking space in the first or second floors. • The Pentagon City Metro station is a short walk away, two blocks west. The Crystal City Metro station can be accessed through the Crystal City Underground shopping area and is about twice as far to the south. • You get a discount at the local gyms, there are two in the Crystal City Underground shopping areas. • Shuttle bus to the Pentagon City Metro station, particularly useful when going to the airport with luggage or when there's inclement weather. • Out door pool open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. • Polite staff. • Pentagon City Fashion Mall near by, on the other side of the Metro station. • Lots of restaurants on Crystal Drive and 23rd St. near by. • Easy Metro access to DC. • Easy Metro access to Reagan National Airport. • Not a lot of traffic on weekends or evenings. • You can't hear your neighbors.
<p>- inconveniences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking structure is attached to the building, but it is still a long walk, especially if you are used to driving into your own garage. This is particularly inconvenient when you go shopping. • Grocery stores in the area are extremely crowded, have very poor selection of foods, and customer service is wanting. • Weekend and evening Bennington staff is not as helpful with dealing with maintenance problems. • There is a lot of city noise, which you get used to, but may surprise you when you first move

	<p>in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can't hear your neighbors, but you can always hear interesting sounds the building makes. • You can hear the Pentagon Police doing their emergency drills/announcements at the end of the month at strange hours of the night (2-3 am!). • There are a few of marathons or rides that go by the neighborhood on weekends through the year. September 11th commemorations at the Pentagon by Harley owners was particularly loud, from early in the morning — they were staying at the Double Tree across the street.
- Would you live there again?	Yes, or at least in the neighborhood.
- did you bring a pet?	No.
- did you bring a kid?	No.
- did you bring a car?	Yes.
- did you get a local telephone?	No, but cell phone did not always get good reception — which was sometimes a welcomed “problem.”
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	I'm not sure that this is the best building for young kids. We saw a few, but the building's demographics are young college age students or young professionals. It was not at all rowdy as a college dorm, but few families live in the building. There are a handful of retirees who live there too.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	The White House (call your Congressional Representative or Senator for passes), Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon Trail, Teddy Roosevelt Island, Great Falls National Park VA and MD (C&O Canal) sides, National Zoo (before the zoo opens, animals are most active and if they're outside you can see them), trails off the George Washington Parkway, Montpelier, Union Station, the Building Museum, Longwood Gardens (PA)
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Get out and do stuff as soon as the weather is mildly okay, because it does not seem to stay that way for long. Keep in mind that weather forecasters are accurate at best within 24 hours. Expect to deal with humidity if you're not used to it. Be prepared for crowds.

	<p>If driving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be ready to deal with jay walkers everywhere • be aware that double parking is culturally accepted • to local drivers (especially cab drivers), driving the “wrong” way on a one way street it is only wrong if get on their way • when waiting at a red light be prepared to be honked at as soon as the cross traffic gets a yellow • realize that the fast lane is not always the left lane • remember there are tolls in some freeways so keep change available • remember that some freeways are car pool only • be aware that the direction of traffic flow in some lanes changes with rush hours • “slugs” is the local PC euphemism for hitch hikers
Any helpful moving tips?	Driving across country I took my time some days and used AL for the days that I did not drive minimum amount of miles required to get per-diem. There’s lots to see between the coasts and if you have the time to do so, do it — it’s a beautiful country we’re blessed with.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	National Geographic Traveler, Washington, DC. It’s got information on self guided walking tours of historical sites and other places of interest in the area.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Bring your family along.
Did you open a local bank account?	No, but it was a bit inconvenient. My credit union did not have easy access to places where I could make deposits in the DC area.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Georgetown University Government Affairs Institute’s course on Executive – Legislative Branch Relations

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Primary assignment to the Office of the Chief Engineer. Created a communications plan revolving around technical excellence, as well as, generated measures of effectiveness and associated metrics to evaluate performance of the technical excellence initiative. Created and coordinated OCE responses to incoming proposals and White House inquiries. Participated in Engineering Management Board meetings.
- Co-lateral	Co-lateral assignment to the Executive Office of the Associate Administrator. Entailed reviewing and analyzing data for presentation to the Deputy and Associate Administrators, as well as, providing recommendations for action.
Where did you live while TDY?	Metropolitan at Pentagon Row, 1401 S. Joyce St, Apt 1402, Arlington, VA 22202
- property website	http://www.rentmet.com/default.aspx
- approx. monthly cost	FY06 \$2000/month + \$90 parking, FY07 \$2125 + \$90 parking
- commuting time to HQ	25 minutes via metro from Pentagon City
- conveniences	Grocery, restaurants, drug store, mall within 2 blocks, vet within 2 miles, Target, Sports Authority, Old Navy, Shoppers Grocery and movie theater within 2 miles. Convenient to GW Parkway, 66, 395, and 1. Great access to walking paths and park for a dog if you have one. Every lease agent either has a pet or loves them, very friendly staff. 24 hour front desk. One of a very few complexes that allow unlimited weight dogs, some breed restrictions do apply, however. Rooftop club floor, swimming pool, hot tub, pool table, large screen TVs, full kitchen, awesome view especially at night.
- inconveniences	General driving in DC area is time consuming, best done after midnight ☺ Hot tub and pool close at 8pm due to Arlington law that lifeguard must be present. Pool/hot tub only open Memorial Day to Labor Day (pretty common though).
- Would you live there again?	Yes
- did you bring a pet?	Yes
- did you bring a kid?	n/a I'm kid less.
- did you bring a car?	Yes, since I brought a pet a car is fairly necessary for vet visits, water park visits, etc. You could always walk to the vet since only about 2 miles away, but not recommended with a sick

	100lb dog.
- did you get a local telephone?	No. Have Verizon wireless service which works really well in surrounding areas, including Metro if you MUST talk on the phone.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Yes. The pet thing is a personal choice. Great to have a companion with you, but having an inside pet requires that you keep pretty regular hours (dogs at least), which sometimes you don't want to do, being in the city with so many things to do and see.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	https://secureworkgroups.grc.nasa.gov/ PBMA Website, great for sharing LDP data among the class. http://www.wmata.com/ Official Metro site. http://www.notfortourists.com/washington.aspx Not For Tourists Guide -- Website http://www.washingtonpost.com/ http://www.washingtonian.com http://www.caringhandsvet.com/ Great vet, spent a lot of time with Buddy! http://www.getoutoftownpets.com/ Great pet sitter.
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	National Cathedral (awesome Gothic Architecture), Great Falls, pick a monument any monument all are a must see. Just wander the halls of the house buildings, no telling who you might see. Roof top at NASA/HQ, great lunch time gathering spot on nice days. Visit Georgetown for shopping, eating, drinking and people watching. Go to annual Yuri's Night Space Party http://www.yurisnight.com/ Get on the HQ Detailees email list for weekly happenings/gatherings. For largest beer selection, go to Chevy Chase Liquor (beers you have NEVER heard of before) http://www.chevychasewine.com/default.php
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Way too many pubs to visit them all ☹. Haven't been to a winery yet, there are quite a few that you can visit in VA.
Any helpful moving tips?	Rented a 6x12 Uhaul, moved own furniture which I am leaving with a 2006-07 LDPer. Only requirement is that you need a tow vehicle. Moving expenses were paid up to the cost of shipping the items.

Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	Not for Tourists guide has great maps and information.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Don't have one!!!
Did you open a local bank account?	No. Used my home credit union, did all banking online and made all payments online. Rent was automatically charged to credit card every month. ONLY drawback is if you have a check that you need to cash. I got cash every time I went to the grocery store, etc. using my debit card and did not incur any fees. Just FYI, the NASA Credit Union did not charge me a fee for using their ATM. The only charge was from my home credit union for \$0.65 which is not bad when you need some cash.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	More to come...

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities	Initially had a Primary Work Assignment at NASA Headquarters in the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate (ESMD) in the Prometheus program. Due to cuts in Prometheus, I sought out a new assignment and got on with the Robotic Lunar Exploration Program (RLEP) in ESMD.
- Primary	I was responsible to the RLEP Program Executive Officer for the RLEP for the RLEP-2 lunar lander pre-phase-A study, Earned Value Management (EVM), program risk management, and external relations.
- Co-lateral	My collateral work assignment was outside the government with the RAND Corporation in their Washington, DC office for 3 months. I gave a seminar to RAND on NASA information and did research and analysis for an Air Force sponsored study of cost estimating.
Where did you live while TDY?	The Metropolitan at Pentagon City

- property website	http://www.ksimanagement.com/apartments/details.asp?cid=750
- approx. monthly cost	For a one bedroom my rent was \$1740, plus \$90 parking. Bills were about \$75 - \$100 per month
- commuting time to HQ	i.e. 25 minutes via metro from Pentagon City
- conveniences	i.e. Grocery, drug store, mall within 2 blocks
- inconveniences	None!
- Would you live there again?	Yes!
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	Yes. I was glad to have it to go to meetings at GSFC or APL, a few places in DC, and out of town weekend trips. It sat in its parking spot most of the time, since the Metro gets you almost anywhere you need to go in DC.
- did you get a local telephone?	No. My cell phone worked, but not very well in my apartment. I could get a reliable signal only near the window. Verizon cell phones work while riding on the Metro. Cingular did not work on the Metro. Also, I did not get an internet hookup because I had a nationwide wireless card for my laptop and I could also connect through wi-fi signals in my apartment.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	I was really pleased and would recommend all the above.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	http://www.mnh.si.edu/jazz/ http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/artsandliving/cityguide/ http://www.kennedy-center.org/ http://www.washingtonian.com/
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	The Kennedy Center has free concerts every night at 6pm. The National Symphony is great and has reduced prices you can watch for; Adams Morgan area, Supreme Court oral arguments, the Capitol, the White House, the National Gallery of Art, and on and on!
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Tried to pack as much into the time in DC as possible with all the things to see and do. Be prepared to walk a lot more!

Any helpful moving tips?	Rented/shared a truck with another LDP classmate and we each brought our own apartment furnishings to keep from monthly rentals. Bought a few furniture items at IKEA. Check ahead for people moving out and scavenge their stuff. After you arrive, find out about people leaving and they will give up some items you may not need to buy right away.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	The Green Book, Not For Tourists. The metro web site: http://www.wmata.com
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Invite your extended family and friends to come for a visit! Have a futon or air mattress for guests. Stay in touch by phone.
Did you open a local bank account?	I did not open a local account. Credit cards and ATM cards and online banking worked fine. May have a few more ATM fees, but you can choose to load up on cash while home and bring it back.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Signed up for a presentation skill class from http://www.managementconcepts.com

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Office of the Chief Information Officer – On the Program/Project Management Information Task Team formed to help gather requirements for upgrades to NASA’s financial systems
- Co-lateral	Office of Legislative Affairs – Worked as a co-located Legislative Affairs Specialist in the Exploration Systems Mission Directorate to provide a liaison between the Mission Directorate and Congress
Where did you live while TDY?	The Metropolitan at Pentagon City
- property website	http://www.ksimanagement.com/apartments/details.asp?cid=750
- approx. monthly cost	For a one bedroom my rent was \$1780. Bills were about \$75 - \$100 per month
- commuting time to HQ	i.e. 25 minutes via metro from Pentagon City

- conveniences	i.e. Grocery, drug store, mall within 2 blocks
- inconveniences	None!
- Would you live there again?	Yes!
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	No and glad I didn't. The subway has a great website that took me almost everywhere I needed to go. www.wmata.com/ . You can put in a starting and ending address and the site would tell you which subway line and/or bus to use and how long it would take to get there. Even the best LDP drivers had trouble getting around in cars because of the confusing roads, plus parking is expensive if available at all and traffic is bad.
- did you get a local telephone?	Yes. It was about \$15 a month after some reasonable initial charges. I don't have many cell phone minutes plus sometimes the service is less annoying with a real phone. I used a long distance card at 3 cents a minute to call friends and relatives if I knew I would have a long call.
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	I Googled everything. I usually started there to get ideas for just about everything. Also used www.wmata.com/ all the time to get around town. Craigslist.com has a lot of interesting stuff on it just for fun.
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	<p>Watch the local papers (or Google) for Restaurant Week. They have it in August and January. It's a great chance to try some of the pricier restaurants for a flat \$30. You should get the dates in advance because the great restaurants will fill up fast.</p> <p>http://www.washington.org/restaurantwk/</p> <p>Must Visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel Washington, Roof Top Terrace, 11th Floor outdoor verandah provides an exclusive view of the city that takes your breath away; • Ben's Chili Bowl, 1213 U Street, Great, cheap, bad for your health • Old Post Office Tower, southeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th Street, N.W, Great (free) view of the city • Eastern Market, Market Lunch Restaurant inside the Market building, famous for blueberry pancakes on Saturday mornings only, go early, be prepared to wait in line, but a fun experience. • Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, take the metro to

	<p>Brookland CUA on the Redline. This is <u>not</u> the National Cathedral, but more spectacular in my opinion. Largest Roman Catholic church in the US and one of the largest in the world. Byzantine and Romanesque architecture; extensive and elaborate collection of mosaics and artwork. Noon mass every Sunday has an awesome choir.</p>
<p>Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.</p>	<p>Explore early and often. The year goes by quickly and you'll miss things if you put it off until later.</p> <p>Don't worry about buying and bringing anything other than the basics – but do bring those. Things like shower curtains and scrub brushes can be pricey at the Pentagon City stores when these can be brought from the Dollar Store in your home community and thrown away later. But, you'll find other things in DC that you'd like to have like poster from places you've been, so I really didn't have a need for things for my walls ahead of time. I picked up a lot of odds and ends from networking with other people that were moving out. I recommend starting with the bare necessities and figuring out over the first month what you really need.</p>
<p>Any helpful moving tips?</p>	<p>Remember college? This is like being there again and no one cares what your apartment looks like. So keep it simple – you'll have a lot less to move, clean, etc.</p>
<p>Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?</p>	<p>You can pick up lots of books in the local book stores that have great information. I recommend waiting to buy until you get here so you'll have a good selection. I also recommend a pocket size one so the book can become a staple in your backpack. I used Top 10 Washington DC by Eyewitness Travel Guides. It listed the 10 best things in lots of different categories like monuments, festivals, restaurants, etc.</p>
<p>Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?</p>	<p>Email daily is a great tool. For my family, it was a great way to stay connected with short messages about the day's activities and seemed to be easier than making cell phone calls from the HQ building. Also get a cell phone plan that lets you call each other's cell phones without using your minutes.</p>
<p>Did you open a local bank account?</p>	<p>I opened an account at the HQ credit union to have access to an ATM. It took 2 weeks for my first deposit from Alabama to clear, but then I could stop in the building and get cash without</p>

	paying a fee. I made another big deposit to the account midway through the year and it's worked great. Be sure to investigate online banking at your home bank – What a great invention for travelers!
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Attended the Association of Government Accountants Annual Leadership Conference in DC. Another thing I did twice was a FREE breakfast (and very nice) at the National Press Club offered through Government Executive Magazine Leadership Breakfast Series. All you have to do is send an email to them to attend and the speakers were informative and timely. http://www.govexec.com/breakfasts/Apr24-2006.html

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	NASA HQ, Applied Sciences Program, Science Mission Directorate
- Co-lateral	NASA GSFC, Goddard Modeling and Assimilation Office
Where did you live while TDY?	The Clarendon 200 N. Herndon St. Arlington, VA 22201 RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-527-3500
- property website	http://www.clarendonapt.com/about1.htm
- approx. monthly cost	PER MONTH RENTAL COST: \$2850 (2006 pricing) Security Deposit: \$400 non-refundable amenity fee Average Utility Bill/Month: \$200 , Average Phone/Month: \$50 including unlimited local, Direct TV/Month: \$40 including digital cable, DVR, and on-demand services, Internet DSL/month: \$18, Parking/month: \$40 (Only one car allowed per apartment).
- commuting time to HQ	30 minutes (Clarendon to Federal Center SW METRO stops)
- conveniences	12 story high rise apartment building, Unit description: ~1300 sq. feet, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, electric central heat and air, gas stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, garbage disposal, tile floors in kitchen and bathrooms, carpeting in great room and bedrooms, outlets for telephone, cable/Direct t.v. and internet in all rooms FEATURES: 24 hour concierge service, outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, recreation

	room with couches, bar and big screen t.v., 3-level underground parking garage, on-site storage units available for an extra charge
- inconveniences	
- Would you live there again?	
- did you bring a pet?	
- did you bring a kid?	
- did you bring a car?	
- did you get a local telephone?	
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	My family of 4 really enjoyed living in the Clarendon neighborhood. It is a fun, eclectic blend of ethnic restaurants, upscale shops, apartment buildings, and single family houses. People are friendly. The commute to NASA HQ is reasonable, and the public schools serving this neighborhood are very good. The apartment complex is well constructed (abnormally quiet) and caters to young professionals. Not many children in the building but this was no problem given all the activities associated with school and extramural sports. The pool is not very well designed and we had little use for it.

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (a.k.a. Jefferson Lab), a Department of Energy FFRDC located in Newport News, VA. I reported to Dr. H. Frederick Dylla, who has two concurrent responsibilities at Jefferson Lab--he manages the Free Electron Laser (FEL) program, and he is also their Chief Technology Officer. My two major assignments involved each of his responsibilities. One of the FEL projects is a Laser Microengineering Experimental Station (LMES), which combines the unique properties of the FEL with advanced micromachining technologies to provide rapid microfabrication capability. The other primary assignment was working with Jefferson Lab's Technology Review Committee (TRC), which is chaired by Dr. Dylla in his role as CTO, and is responsible for managing all of the Lab's intellectual property.
- Co-lateral	The Hampton Roads Research Partnership (HRRP), a consortium of seven academic

	institutions, two federal research and technology laboratories, and a research institute in Hampton Roads Virginia. HRRP employs a new working model that relies on university partners to lead activities in a technology “cluster”. Clusters are currently underway or planned in Sensors, Modeling and Simulation, and Biotechnology and Atmospheric Science. I’ll be reporting to Dr. H. Lee Beach, Jr., the Executive Director of the HRRP, and will be working with both the Modeling and Simulation and Sensors technology clusters, with particular focus on the use of serious gaming for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education within the Modeling and Simulation cluster.
Where did you live while TDY?	N/A—I lived at home the entire time. However, I’d be happy to serve as a local “sanity check” for anyone from another Center who’s considering an assignment in our area.
- property website	ditto
- approx. monthly cost	ditto
- commuting time to HQ	ditto
- conveniences	ditto
- inconveniences	ditto
- Would you live there again?	ditto
- did you bring a pet?	ditto
- did you bring a kid?	York County and Poquoson schools are more highly recommended.
- did you bring a car?	Necessary for Hampton Roads—lousy mass transit around here.
- did you get a local telephone?	ditto
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	ditto
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	http://www.jlab.org/ Note: For those bringing school-age children to Virginia (DC area or Hampton Roads), JLab has Standards of Learning practice tests for math and science on this Web site.
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don’t want anyone else to miss.	Colonial Williamsburg; Jamestown; Fort Monroe
Wax and wane about any	If you’re working with an external organization, start working on the external agreement

opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	(template should be downloaded from the LDP web site) VERY EARLY! It took me over 6 weeks to get things ironed out, and most of the hangup was one little piece of a phrase in the liability clause—nothing to do with my specific assignment itself. Two downsides to being away from the rest of the LDP class: a) Less opportunity for the team camaraderie/social interactions; b) Having to listen in on all of the meetings, briefings, etc. via telecon. It's doable, but harder than I thought it would be.
Any helpful moving tips?	N/A
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	They sell a Peninsula Directory (I think it's around \$12.95, or something near that), which is a set of maps in book form that provides very detailed maps of the entire Peninsula in an easy-to-use format.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	N/A—I chose not to do it.
Did you open a local bank account?	N/A. However, the Langley Credit Union is very convenient—there's a branch right on site, and many others in the local area.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Brookings Institution class entitled "Leading With Integrity: Ethics in Action". It did cost more than the \$1K of LDP training, but Langley agreed to cover the rest.

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	DuPont Laporte Plant – Laporte, Texas
- Primary	Assigned to Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Group Task is to develop an approach, gain Management alignment, and form a cross-business and Gulf Coast multi-site team to develop an overall plan for consolidating SHE IT systems. The

	<p>first phase is to develop a plan to get all DuPont sites to use a common Corrective Action Reporting and Tracking System (CAR).</p> <p>Skills developed: Strategic planning and organizing a complex task</p> <p>Gain alignment on approach with senior management</p> <p>Organize and lead a multi-site team to achieve the mission.</p> <p>Influence Leaders and people who are not direct reports.</p> <p>Develop timetables and implementation plans.</p> <p>Gain first hand understanding of DuPont's CAR System.</p>
- Co-lateral	<p>DuPont Human Resources – Training Dept.</p> <p>Assist training lead in streamlining the DuPont training process.</p>
Where did you live while TDY?	Able to commute from home
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	
- commuting time to HQ	
- conveniences	Location is right off the main highway.
- inconveniences	Plant is in a highly industrialized area. No nearby restaurants. No onsite cafeteria (only vending machines).
- Would you live there again?	
- did you bring a pet?	
- did you bring a kid?	
- did you bring a car?	Car is a necessity since there is no public transportation in the area.
- did you get a local telephone?	
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	Plant is very close to San Jacinto Battlegrounds/Park. Space Center Houston is close and great for kids. Downtown Houston is approx. 40 miles north, and includes: Museum District (4th in nation), Theaters, Symphony, Ballet and there are usually Downtown Festivals on the

	weekends. Galveston is 40 miles south, see Moody Gardens and Historical Mansions tour.
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes that you made that others could avoid.	Waiting to start the process to get legal paperwork signed for outside assignments. Remember you are dealing with 2 legal departments (and lawyers get paid by the hour).
Any helpful moving tips?	
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Do primary assignments locally within commuting distance. Do collateral on TDY.
Did you open a local bank account?	
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Effective Coaching: Enabling Excellence from Institute for Management Studies (http://www.ims-online.com/); Attend the annual NASA PM Challenge for opportunities to network with NASA senior managers (http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov/)

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LDP Assignments (explain briefly where & responsibilities)	
- Primary	Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Earth Sciences Division: Served as the Deputy Program Manager for Crosscutting Solutions in the Applied Sciences Program Office at NASA HQ. This position required coordinating activity across 5 NASA Centers in support of applied sciences in Earth Science.
- Co-lateral	Office of the Chief Engineer (OCE): Directly supported the NASA Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer at NASA HQ. Chaired the Lessons Learned Steering Committee, which is an

	agency wide committee with representatives from all 10 NASA Centers, served on the Acquisition Strategy Working Group on which we revised the way the Agency does acquisition strategy, served as the OCE representative to the Risk Management Working Group responsible for the re-write of the risk management NPR.
Where did you live while TDY?	I lived in Crystal City at the Crystal Plaza Apartments 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington VA 22202
- property website	
- approx. monthly cost	i.e., for a one bedroom my rent was \$1500, with parking. Bills were about \$75 - \$100 per month
- commuting time to HQ	i.e. 25 minutes via metro from Crystal City Metro. Which was accessible from the Crystal City underground shops (very handy during bad weather) and from the street level.
- conveniences	i.e. Drug store, shops, several restaurants all within 2 blocks; very convenient to the airport; 1 metro stop away from Pentagon City Mall
- inconveniences	None
- Would you live there again?	Yes, very friendly and helpful staff, secure environment, tenants very friendly
- did you bring a pet?	No
- did you bring a kid?	No
- did you bring a car?	Yes - Metro works for almost everything. Car was useful for weekend getaways and golf outings.
- did you get a local telephone?	No. My cell phone served as my primary number
- Would you recommend doing any of the above?	Yes. Not sure if pets are allowed in my building.
Please list any totally awesome websites that you used frequently	None that was awesome. Used Mapquest a lot to get addresses to places.
Please list any totally cool things/places that you don't want anyone else to miss.	Basilica, Library of Congress, the entire Mall area, Red Skins football games and baseball in Baltimore at Camden.
Wax and wane about any opportunities missed or mistakes	None

that you made that others could avoid.	
Any helpful moving tips?	I drove down with my stuff in my car. Rented furniture from CORT Furniture in the local area. CORT has great prices for very nice furniture.
Any great books or other tools used for getting around in the local area?	None other than MapQuest.
Any thoughts on minimizing effects of TDY on families?	Stay in contact daily and make as many trips as possible (at least once a month but preferably twice a month) home.
Did you open a local bank account?	YES! NASA FCU. Allowed me to keep my TDY cost separate from my household.
Any training courses you took with LDP funds that you would recommend?	Strategic Management from Strategy Concepts Inc.

The following section contains input from recent past classes that may give you some additional information to use as a basis for starting your research.

Alexandria Old Town: Beautiful 1812 townhouse offers furnished basement bedroom with two windows and private bathroom with claw foot tub. Large walk in closet. Share dining room, kitchen, living room, patio, deck, washer and dryer. Bus and metro transportation available. Month to month lease. \$1200 includes all utilities, except phone. 703-836-0240

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Millbrook Apartments

STREET ADDRESS: 1463 North Highview Lane, Apt. 407

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Alexandria, VA, 22311

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-578-7810

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 35 min /morning and 40-50 min/afternoon METRORAIL STOP: Pentagon City via Apartment Shuttle

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$0 (HQ Metro Cards up to \$100/month covers cost)

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT: 3 Bedroom apartment (~1,200 sq. ft.) on the 4th floor (1, 2, and 3 Bedroom Apartments and 2 Bedroom townhomes available)

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:\$1,990 ; Security Deposit: \$200

Average Utility Bill/Month: \$150 , Average Phone/Month: \$30 , Cable TV/Month: \$50

FEATURES:

Free shuttle bus service during week to Pentagon City Metro Station (~15 min. one-way), which is very convenient; Gated complex with electronic key entry; multiple apartment buildings (4 floors each); multiple townhome buildings (4 townhomes each); free parking in front of buildings, however apartments have covered parking below or adjacent for \$40/month, which is highly recommended; balconies on all units; townhomes have one-car garage and one reserved parking spot; nice pool (outdoor), volleyball court, gym with half basketball court and racquetball court, exercise room; 40+acre wildlife preserve located behind complex with public access to trails; strip mall across street with Giant grocery store , CVS drug store, Blockbuster video store, cleaners, Sun Trust bank, Great Cuts hair salon, Subway, Dairy Queen (ice cream only), Starbucks, Thai Cuisine Restaurant.

NEIGHBORHOOD: Exit I-395 South onto Seminary Rd. (Exit No. 4) west to Beauregard Dr., then left at light down ~1/2 mile to entrance.

MANAGEMENT: No complaints. Very responsive to maintenance requests.

COMMENTS: Great place for a family of four to five. Less expensive for a three bedroom than closer in town.

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

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CENTER: Stennis Space Center

Comments of Living in Alexandria, Apartment Search Services and Furniture Rental

I contacted a lady by the name of Altona at Spectrum Apartment Search in Alexandria (800 420-3733). She was extremely helpful and they offer a free service to help you find an apartment. She finds out from you what you're apartment requirements are (wish list) and they do a data search on their apartment network and print out brochures on each apartment. She provides this to you in a bound folder and it really makes things easy.

She confirmed what other people told me about the area. That is, Alexandria is a good place to stay because it is the least expensive with the nicest units. In addition to hearing that from her and others, I made calls to various units for pricing on 1-bedroom models and here is what I found. Alexandria 1 bedroom apartments range from \$800 to \$1200 (you pay utilities of approximately \$100/mth on some, but some places include utilities) with really good-looking places for about \$1050 to \$1175 (unfurnished). When I called other apartments in different areas (Arlington, downtown DC, Crystal City, etc.) they were all \$300 to \$500 per month more than similar units in Alexandria. In addition, Old Town Alexandria is a really neat place to visit (river-front dining and lots of shops) and there are other areas in Alexandria that are residential with lots of grocery stores and video stores and drug stores and laundries, etc.

I went through the apartment hunters book that was sent to us, focusing on Alexandria, and you can do a quick search that way, but Altona at Spectrum Apartment Search has good insight into trouble spots. For example, she warned me about the "Alexandria Apartments" and upon further investigation (we went there and actually spoke to some residents) I realized that that was not a good place to stay. It looks like a fairly nice place at about \$1100 including utilities, but they gave me a bunch of babble regarding renovating the basic unit to upgrade it. Then when I called back, they had a different story. The bottom line is that they have really ugly apartments but try to sell you a "deluxe" or "executive" upgrade and they come in to upgrade after the other tenant moves out. Timing is critical and one resident told me she tried to move in to find the apartment still under renovation. This is not something that I would want to have happen. In addition, the apartments are old and the main admin building smelled awful.

"Fox Chase" looked good, and "The Riverside" also, even though the Riverside is a high-rise apartment and I decided that I didn't want to live in a high-rise. If you want to live in a terrific high-rise, check out Huntington Gateway. It was fantastic, if you don't mind living in a high-rise (too much like living in a hotel for me, but you may not mind that. Speak to a lady named Michelle).

Furniture info: Don't try to find a furnished apartment because you can rent furniture for about \$125 - \$200 per month (one bedroom apartment size) and a furnished unit costs about \$500 per month more. As for furniture rental, there are two choices: Aaron Rents

Furniture (speak to Craig Campbell 703 941-7195) in Alexandria, or Cort Furniture also in Alexandria. We went with Aaron because it was a little cheaper, but not really that much.

They were both pleasant, but Cort had pre-priced package deals and they seem to cater to more executive budgets. When you go to Aaron, you pick out the living room components, decide which pieces you want, they price each of them, then you move on to the bedroom, dining room, TV and VCR, lamps, etc. I found Aaron Rental (Craig Campbell 703 941-7195) very reasonable.

I rented the following:

Dinning room table and 4 chairs (wrought iron)

Sofa (hide-a-bed), armchair, 1 end table, 1 coffee table (wrought iron)

1 Dbl bed w/headboard, dresser w/mirror, 1 end table (oak)

Rental Cost for above furniture: \$145.00/mth.

The following is an estimated budget for a participant living alone in Alexandria and taking the metro to work. I offer this information for all you ESTJ's or others who want as much information to process as possible:

Rent	\$ 1150
Elect/gas/water	\$ 100
Phone	\$ 30
Cable TV	\$ 30
Furniture	\$ 150
Metro expenses (subsidized)	\$ 0
Lunches in DC (\$7/day)	\$ 150
Dinners and weekend meals	\$ 250
Dry cleaning (partially subsidized)	\$ 50
Weekend entertainment	\$ 200
Gasoline for car	\$ 100
<u>Total expenses</u>	<u>\$ 2210</u>

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Metropolitan at Pentagon City

STREET ADDRESS: 901 15th Street South

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22202

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 800-416-7834

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 15-20 minutes

METRORAIL STOP: Pentagon City right out the back door, yellow line 2 metro stops from HQ

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$20

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Unfurnished 1 bedroom, 1 den, 1 bath, gas fireplace. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, balcony, gourmet gas range, ceramic tile in kitchen, entry and bath, walk-in closets Studios from \$1455, 1 bedroom from \$1745

2 bedroom from \$2445. Central air. Pets are welcome.

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:\$1500-2500 ; Security Deposit: 400Average Utility Bill/Month: 50 , Average Phone/Month: cell , Cable TV/Month: 50

FEATURES:

Very new 15 story, resort-style community with panoramic views, On-site masseuse, cardio theatre, aerobics classes and personal trainers, Multi-purpose activity room in the clubhouse, with kitchen, large screen media/theatre room with surround sound (and a popcorn machine), refined billiards room with pub area, conference room, TV and 3 party rooms. High-speed internet access available, child care services. Heated outdoor pool, hot tub, sauna, exercise room, business center, 24 hour concierge. One free parking space in underground parking garage. Provide free coffee every morning and sponsor activities for residents almost every month (free breakfast, Halloween Party, etc)

NEIGHBORHOOD: Fabulous area. Right next to Pentagon Row and City Fashion Center Mall and across the street from a nice park. In addition to the malls, there are several other shopping complexes within a 5 minute walk that have grocery stores, drugs stores, bookstores, Costcos, Best Buys, and several good restaurants. Movie theatre is about a 5 minute drive.

MANAGEMENT: Excellent. Helpful and very responsive.

COMMENTS:

Overall it is a terrific place to stay. For a little more than the average price you get a large number of very nice extras in terms of facilities, convience and service. The fact that they will set up automatic payment ifor rent is helpful. Generally very quiet well kept and staff is very accomadating.

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

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2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Post Pentagon Row

STREET ADDRESS: 1201 South Joyce Street, Suite C-1

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22202

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-486-3700

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 25 minutes

METRORAIL STOP: Pentagon City on Yellow or Blue Line, Yellow Line much faster to HQ

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$56 (\$2.70 per workday)

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Very nice, trendy, upscale, part of retail complex, literally the apartment units are built above the retail outlets, next to a very nice 4 story shopping mall, Harris-Teeters grocery store, Eckerds drug store, dry cleaners, and much more

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:\$3,100-fully furnished with furniture and utilities ;

Security Deposit: \$100;Average Utility Bill/Month: included , Average

Phone/Month: included , Cable TV/Month: included

FEATURES:

Apartment includes swimming pool, work-out room, underground secure gated parking, building controlled with key access, some units have balconies, some units have nice views of the retail center, very short walk to the mall, stores, restaurants, Metro

NEIGHBORHOOD: Part of a retail complex, not part of a neighborhood

MANAGEMENT: Very professional, courteous, and responsive management staff

COMMENTS:

I thoroughly enjoyed the short commute, enter at Pentagon City mall, stay on through next stop at Pentagon, then exit next stop at L'Enfant Plaza, which is very close to HQ. Also, many restaurant choices in retail outlet and in mall made eating out very interesting

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

NAME: Clifton J. McCarra

CENTER: JSC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Avalon at Arlington Square

STREET ADDRESS: 2630 S. Veitch St #201

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22206

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-892-300

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 30 minutes by bus & metro combination/15 minutes if you drive on I395 yourself and park at NASA garage

METRORAIL STOP: .Pentagon - The bus ride to Pentagon is free and there area many stops to choose from within the complex.

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: metro \$2.70 per day

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

My apartment was on the second floor, end unit. Overlooked the terrace and the street. I had 2BR, 2 full BA, LR, dinette area, full kitchen. W/W carpet, W/D in the apartment, also security. Big bedrooms and lots of closet space. Central air, hot water forced air heat, gas hot water heater. Never any problem with maintenance. Trash pick up outside garage area. Covered garage with one spot free!!! Additional spots are \$50/month.

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:1850 ; Security Deposit: 400Average Utility Bill/Month: never more than \$100 for gas and electric and water. , Average Phone/Month: n/a , Cable TV/Month: 70.00 (includes internet)

FEATURES:

Wellness center on site. Many choices in equipment and also yoga, aerobic, and weights classes. 2 swimming pools, dog walks, small play area for children. On-site computer room with internet access, on-site entertainment area offering coffee and tea all hours. Complex holds "parties" for winter holidays, halloween, sat brunch, etc., pool parties, to get to know your neighbors.

NEIGHBORHOOD: 2 blocks from 23rd street and wonderful restaurants, just off Army-Navy Drive, 2.0 miles from Pentagon Rowe, Giant grocery store 5 minutes down S Glebe Rd. 15 minutes down N. Glebe to Ballston area. 2 minutes from I395 hook-up.

MANAGEMENT: Avalon Communities

COMMENTS:

Local community area offers ice cream shop, small grocer, hair salon, pet salon, dry cleaner, probably others.

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

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CENTER: Langley

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Lincoln Towers

STREET ADDRESS: 850 North Randolph

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22203

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-243-7368

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 30 minutes

METRORAIL STOP: Ballston

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$80.00

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

1 and 2 bedrooms, fitness room, business center, party/multi-purpose room, outdoor pool; convenience store, dry cleaners, and sandwich shops on property

PER MONTH RENTAL COST: \$1450 ; Security Deposit: \$250 Average Utility

Bill/Month: inc. in rent , Average Phone/Month: , Cable TV/Month: \$40

FEATURES:

dishwasher, garbage disposal, washer/dryer, balcony

NEIGHBORHOOD: Great neighborhood with young, professional residents. 1.5 blocks from metro, 2 blocks from grocery store, across street from shopping mall and walking distance to several restaurants.

MANAGEMENT: Charles E. Smith properties

COMMENTS:

Nice, somewhat small apartments at reasonable price.

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

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CENTER: SSC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Virginia Square Plaza

STREET ADDRESS: 801 North Monroe

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22201

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-526-0800

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 30 minutes

METRORAIL STOP: Virginia Sq-GMU

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$80.00

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Mid-rise with efficiencies, 1 and 2 bedrooms, fitness room, game room, party/multi-purpose room, and 24-hour front desk. Parking garage underneath, single space included in rent. Accepted 9-month lease.

PER MONTH RENTAL COST: \$1510 ; Security Deposit: \$250 Average Utility

Bill/Month: Included , Average Phone/Month: \$25 , Cable TV/Month: \$40

FEATURES:

Full-size washer/dryer, dishwasher, garbage disposal, microwave, icemaker, self-cleaning oven, and balcony.

NEIGHBORHOOD: Across street: metro entrance, convenience store, Starbucks, and bank. Great neighborhood with young, professional residents.

Four grocery stores within 1.5 mile radius, one within walking distance. Single Metro stop away from Ballston mall and restaurants as well as

Clarendon/Courthouse shops and restaurants. Walking distance to several restaurants, dry cleaning, and other conveniences. Access to bicycle paths/trails.

MANAGEMENT: Dittmar Company properties

COMMENTS:

Nice, somewhat small apartments at reasonable price.

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

NAME: Elizabeth Bauer

CENTER: JSC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: The Metropolitan, Pentagon Row

STREET ADDRESS: 1401 S. Joyce Street

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, , 22202

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-413-999

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 25 minutes

METRORAIL STOP: Pentagon City

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: TBD

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Brand new as of November, 2004; beautiful views of the Arlington Park area. Great community room with multiple t.v.s, pool table, kitchen. Great roof top views of D.C. Terrific gym facility with spa treatments as well. My one-bedroom was ~ 715 square feet and included kitchen, den, and large closets.

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:\$1820 ; Security Deposit: \$450Average Utility Bill/Month: \$100 , Average Phone/Month: \$30 , Cable TV/Month: \$30

FEATURES:

NEIGHBORHOOD: Terrific, safe neighborhood. Walking distance to Fashion Center Mall and corresponding metro stop.

MANAGEMENT: KSI; Jana Strickdorn

COMMENTS:

Jana was great and helped me to find daycare options for my son. Very friendly staff. Very secure. The other tenants I have talked with love it here. BONUS: If you recruit another tenant for a 12-month lease, you get \$1000 from KSI!

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

NAME: Stacy Counts

CENTER: MSFC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Meridian at Courthouse Commons

STREET ADDRESS: 1415 N Taft Street

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22201

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-522-8700

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 32 minutes

METRORAIL STOP: Courthouse, Orange Line, 0.25 mile from apartment

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$60

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

3 high rises (10-15 floors), 3-6 years old, with professional management. Concierge in each building, 9am-6pm, who accepts/delivers packages, and monitors the door. Pool for summer months, good exercise facility, meeting room, club house. Website: <http://www.meridiandcourthouse.com/>.

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:\$2325 (\$2230 with 1-year special), \$25/mo for 1st car, \$75/month for 2nd car; \$5/day for visitor car ; Security Deposit: \$350 (non-refundable move-in fee)Average Utility Bill/Month: Electric: \$50, Water/sewer: \$25, Gas: \$30, Trash: \$0 , Average Phone/Month: \$30 (basic) , Cable TV/Month: \$26 (basic)

FEATURES:

2BR, 2Ba, 8th floor unit on NE side of Phase III unit, has great view of some D.C. Memorials and other area landmarks. Unfurnished, but with appliances, including microwave, washer and dryer. No balcony and grey carpet (good for toddler), white paint (bad for toddler).

NEIGHBORHOOD: Mixed apartment complexes, office buildings, and low-rise condos/houses

MANAGEMENT: Professional

COMMENTS:

Apartment is only about 0.25 mile from Courthouse station (which is pretty close to DC). My wife and 2-year-old son came to DC with me, and they often use the Metro to go to DC. Complex has good access to Hwy 50, I-66, and George Washington Parkway. There are a number of parks (with kids' play structures) within walking distance. Access to the Custis Trail (and the rest of the bike/run trail system) is about 0.5 miles away. We have enjoyed watching a new apartment complex go up across the street, but thankfully not obstructing our view. It was great entertainment for the little guy...in all of us. Grocery stores were not so convenient to get to. We had hoped to pay less for a modern 2-bedroom apartment this close to DC and in this relatively nice of neighborhood, but we didn't find such a place, and the view of DC and the construction project from this unit were compelling to us.

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

NAME: Bryan Biegel

CENTER: ARC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Warwick House II
STREET ADDRESS: 1331 S Eads Street
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA, 22202
RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-418-4000
DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 15 mi
METRORAIL STOP: Crystal City or Pentagon City
TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$75
DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:
16 Floor Building of Studio/1BD and 2BD apartments
Brick Building
Fairly Quick Area / off major Streets & Hwys
PER MONTH RENTAL COST:1340.00 ; Security Deposit: None (if Govt)
Average Utility Bill/Month: \$60-\$70 , Average Phone/Month: N/A , Cable
TV/Month: \$20
FEATURES:
Excellent Fitness Center on Ground Floor
Pets under 35lbs allowed
Office Center w/ Computers
8am-12pm Concierge
Secure Building
Underground Parking \$25/month
3 Elevators
Modern Appliances
NEIGHBORHOOD: Good/Safe
MANAGEMENT:
COMMENTS:
Walking distance to 2 malls (Crystal City/ Pentagon City)
Close to walking /bike paths
Excellent location for HQ -2 stops to HQ on Yellow Line
Very convenient access to Washington / National Aiport - 1 stop
Serviced by 2 Metro Lines - Blue & Yellow
THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:
NAME: Terry Jackson
CENTER: SSC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: The Reserve at Clarendon Centre
STREET ADDRESS: 3000 N. Washington Blvd
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Arlington, VA 22201
RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-248-6282
DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 30 minutes (Clarendon to
Federal Center SW METRO stops)
METRORAIL STOP: Clarendon on the Orange Line
TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$80
DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Complex description: 11 story high rise apartment building,
Unit description: 1450 sq. feet, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, electric central heat and air, gas fireplace, gas stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, garbage disposal, tile floors in foyer, kitchen and bathrooms, carpeting in great room and bedrooms, outlets for telephone, cable t.v. and internet in all rooms
PER MONTH RENTAL COST: \$3300 (2004 pricing) Security Deposit: \$600 + \$350 non-refundable amenity fee Average Utility Bill/Month: \$200 , Average Phone/Month: \$70 including unlimited local and long distance , Cable TV/Month: \$70 including digital cable, internet, DVR, and on-demand services

FEATURES:

24 hour conceige service, outdoor swimming pool, well-equipped fitness center, big recreation room with couches, pool table, foosball table, and big screen t.v., 12 seat movie theatre, roof-top terrace with a view of the Washington Monument, the Captial, and downtown D.C, 3-level underground parking garage, on-site storage units available for an extra charge

NEIGHBORHOOD: Clarendon

MANAGEMENT: Equity Residential COMMENTS:

My family of five enjoyed our time living in the Clarendon neighborhood. It is a fun, eclectic blend of ethnic restaurants, upscale shops, apartment buildings, and single family houses. The commute to NASA HQ is reasonable, and the public schools serving this neighborhood are very good. THIS INFORMATION WAS

FURNISHED BY:

NAME: Robbie Hood

CENTER: MSFC

Life in Crystal City

It has been said that Crystal City is "Concrete City" - a small part of Arlington that is dominated by high-rises (office buildings and apartment complexes). When I first started apartment hunting, I decided that convenience and short commute would be a high priority (right up there with safe neighborhood and underground parking) so I looked at areas that had apartments close to metro stations. Convenience is the main reason that one would choose Crystal City.

It helped that I have been to DC several times over the past few years and often stayed in Crystal City. During the orientation trip, I did not have a rental car so Crystal City was very convenient to start my search. Since I did not have a car, I walked around the area.

For convenience you can't beat Crystal City - only 3 or 4 metro stops from NASA HQ (depending on whether you are up to a three block walk or a one block walk). The Underground Mall (stretches from 15th to 23rd) is a moderately sized mall with many stores including a Rite Aid (pharmacy), Radio Shack, Kinko's, office supplies store, camera shop, shoe repair store, shoe stores, several beauty salons, bookstore (B

Dalton), etc., etc., etc. Disadvantage: stores close at 6 PM and 7 PM. And only some stores are opened on Saturdays and almost none on Sundays.

If you are looking for something more cosmopolitan in a shopping mall, Pentagon City Mall is a 10 -15 minute walk. For metro riders, it is the next metro stop going north and you can take either the yellow or blue line which run through Crystal City. For drivers, there is free parking at Pentagon Centre (across from Pentagon City Mall) if you stay 3 hours or less. Pentagon Centre has a Best Buy, Marshalls, Linen 'N' Things, Borders and a few restaurants (California Pizza Kitchen, Chevy's, Fresh Choice, Starbucks Cafe). There is also a movie theater at Pentagon City Mall. Across from Pentagon City Mall (south side) is a big ballpark. South of the park is a branch of the Arlington County Public Library.

Crystal City offers a huge selection of many fine restaurants - from 23rd Street starting at Jefferson Davis (US1) and going west there are a bunch of restaurants all next to each other. Concept is somewhat similar to 14th Street in Adams Morgan where you can find just about every kind of food - from a Subway to Japanese, Thai, Italian, Chinese or French, to name a few. The Chevy's at Pentagon City Mall is fairly good Mexican. The China Gourmet Cafe in the Underground Mall offers an all-you-can-eat buffet Monday through Friday (4 PM - ? PM) with the purchase of a \$3.60 drink.

Life in Rosslyn and Courthouse/Clarendon - Just Across the Bridge

When some of us began looking for places to live in the Washington DC metropolitan area, we had very little idea of what each of the potential areas would be like. Should we live in the district itself, with its convenience and excitement, but also congestion and potential crime problems? Should we choose Alexandria, with its rich history and beautiful waterfront, and accept a much longer commute?

A nice alternative is the Rosslyn and Courthouse/Clarendon area of Arlington, Virginia, which for those who aren't aware, was originally part of DC. The most well known part of Rosslyn is an area with high-rise office buildings a few blocks square; high-rise county buildings and apartment buildings also dominate the area immediately around Courthouse, but it quickly transitions into an older, more eclectic neighborhood as you proceed to Clarendon. The main street running east/west from Rosslyn to Clarendon is Wilson Boulevard, and the Metro's Orange line runs immediately underneath it. As a consequence, the areas immediately surrounding the metro stations definitely have the typical "Metro-corridor" appearance and feel, but just a few blocks further out will find you in an older residential area with lots of red bricked single-family homes.

The Rosslyn Metro is on both the orange and blue lines, which means that you can take any train that passes through into downtown. For one participant who lived there, the commute, including a 7-8 minute walk to the Metro trains, was 25 minutes door-to-door. The Orange and Blue lines split at Rosslyn, and the Orange line only services Courthouse and Clarendon. Maybe not quite as convenient as Rosslyn (you have to

wait on an Orange train, because Blue won't get you all the way home), but still not a bad commute at 30-35 minutes door-to-door.

The Rosslyn/Courthouse/Clarendon section of Arlington is a nice mix of suburbia and big city—you get the best of both worlds. Shopping, restaurants, and movie theaters (the Courthouse complex) are within easy walking distance from most of the area. Clarendon is especially known for its eclectic mix of restaurants and shops, everything from Pottery Barn and Starbucks to Vietnamese dress shops and every cuisine you can imagine. Georgetown is just over the Potomac from Rosslyn, only a 15-minute walk across the Key Bridge. Driving is fairly easy in this section of Arlington, as many of the major shopping areas and restaurants offer at least some off-street parking, and there is easy access to Routes 50, 110, George Washington Parkway, and Interstates 66 and 395. And, unlike many of the DC neighborhoods, you can choose from several different grocery stores that are all within easy access, including a Whole Foods in between the Clarendon and Courthouse metro stations.

For those bicycling enthusiasts and runners, the Mount Vernon trail (which meanders along the Potomac for 19 miles to George Washington's home) is less than a 5-minute walk from downtown Rosslyn. Roosevelt Island, which has some nice hiking trails, is only a 15-minute walk.

In addition to the high-rises along the Metro-corridor, there are many small, older apartment buildings in Rosslyn along Key Boulevard and side streets. Some of these places advertise primarily by signs, so when looking for an apartment, a drive around the local area would be especially fruitful. In conclusion, be sure to give Rosslyn and Courthouse/Clarendon a look - it's a great place to live.

Fairfax, VA

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Summit Fair Lakes Apartments

STREET ADDRESS: 16565 Summit Manor Drive

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Fairfax, VA, 22033

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 703-222-3086

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 1:15

METRORAIL STOP: Vienna

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: 160.00

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Apartments and Townhomes ... Very nice and close to shopping and buses pick up kids for school

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:1800 ; Security Deposit: 0.00Average Utility Bill/Month: 300 , Average Phone/Month: N/A , Cable TV/Month: 16.00 (Very Basic)

FEATURES:

Pool, Free-Shuttle to and from Vienna Metro Station

NEIGHBORHOOD: Nice, lots of traffic around us ... but nice lake very close and trees

MANAGEMENT: decent

COMMENTS:

Very happy here ... no major problems, but wish were closer to HQ. It would be nice to be within walking distance of metro, but rent goes up hundreds of dollars. I have 4 kids so good schools and affordable rents is why we are here.

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Life in the Burbs - Vienna & Oakton

For those program participants who come to Headquarters and bring their family with kids, Vienna & Oakton might work fine. There are plenty of good size town homes and apartments. In general, rent is cheaper than areas like Arlington and Crystal City and public school system is excellent. Vienna/Fairfax Metro station (Orange Line) is well within the reach of Metro Bus System that serves pretty much everywhere in the city. Commuting time from the station to the Headquarters is about 40 minutes.

Another way of going to work in less time would be doing the car pool (all lanes at I-66 is HOV during rush hours). Within 10-15 minutes of drive, all the necessary stuff to live comfortably can be acquired (shopping malls, grocery stores, auto shops, movie theaters, etc.). Many town homes around the metro station are within walking distance and owners keep those for rental income. There are many advantages with these town homes such as no need of car, savings in parking fees, etc. Since some real estate agents also list rental properties, it would save time by working with them if interested in finding town homes around the metro station.

DC AREA HOUSING

FURNISHED TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT

**612 3rd Street, SE
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Two level historic townhouse located on Capitol Hill four blocks from Capital South metro. Situated overlooking Garfield Park, the home is also convenient to places of worship, Eastern Market, public and private schools, and playgrounds. Across the block from Results Gym, the neighborhood is very safe, patrolled by national capitol, national park and metropolitan police. Proximity to Southwest Freeway entrance allows quick access to points south and west of DC.

**For More Information Contact: Mark Uhran – 202-421-5454
Diane Powell – 703-798-1904**

Other Features of the Townhouse:

MAIN LEVEL SPECIAL FEATURES

- Original brick and slate flooring
 - Half bath with laundry
 - Eat-in country kitchen with 3 windows
 - Living room w/exposed wood beams
 - New range hood
 - Spiral stairway to upper bedrooms
 - Spacious, landscaped rear courtyard
 - Living room with leather sleeper sofa
 - Large coat closet
 - **Historic carriage house property circa 1890 modernized for contemporary living**
- Two finished levels
 - Brick exterior w/shutters and window boxes
 - Ceiling fan in kitchen
 - New electronic sealed burner glass top stove
 - New refrigerator
 - Exposed brick interior walls
 - Gas fireplace with slate mantel
 - French door to rear courtyard
 - Track lighting in living room

UPPER LEVEL

- Master bedroom with full closet and ceiling fan
- Full bath
- Original soft pine wood flooring
- Sunny second bedroom with desk area and full closet
- Exposed original brick walls

Capital Hill - - Union Station -- Red Line

Furnished 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Duplex Loft

PLUS a secure parking space

Call (301)332-9139 for Appointment

Close to Union Station is a gigantic and absolutely fabulous second floor corner unit for rent in an award winning 1890 red-Brick Schoolhouse to condo conversion. See for yourself: [Schoolhouse Charm](http://userpages.umbc.edu/~kterre1/301GstNE.htm); (<http://userpages.umbc.edu/~kterre1/301GstNE.htm>).

Located at 3rd and G St. NE this unit in Logan School Condominium is as big as some neighboring row houses and has lots of character. Dramatic, sun filled floor-plan, 14 ft ceilings, great views from 8 extra large (10 ft) windows, rounded bay TURRET and not 1 but 2 LOFTs and 2 Baths! Impeccable style is seen throughout this urban oasis:

* 1275 Sq. Ft. – Incredibly Unique Floor Plan

- * Gorgeous cherry wood and oak hardwood floors
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- * Exposed Brick
- * Sunken living room and Separate dining room
- * Loft above living room (cozy den/optional 2nd bedroom).
- * Loft above Master Suite
- * Great Master Suite (large walk-in custom closet, hallway, sitting room and staircase to office in a loft above and Master Bath with double brass shower)
- * Gourmet kitchen (upgraded appliances including Jenn Air grill and compactor)
- * Full Size washer and dryer and Generous closet and storage space

This “great place” – is perfect for entertaining. Dramatic lighting, crown moldings, built-in book cases and cabinets, brass fixtures and ceiling fans throughout. Each room nicely furnished to enhance the natural character of the unit. Cable ready.

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Available: August 27, 2003 1 year (negotiable)

Rates: \$2350 OBO (with direct deposit (\$2400 without), + utils; 1st mnth security deposit

Contact Owner capitalhillcondo@yahoo.com, (301)332-9139 for appointment

Award: Schwartz and Peoples Architects “Citation for Architecture, **Logan School Condominiums**, Mayor's Architectural Design Awards”

<http://www.schwartzandpeoples.com/SandPAwardsandpubs.htm>

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Potomac Place Apartments

STREET ADDRESS: 800 Fourth St., SW

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Washington, DC, 20024

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 202-484-1111

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 5 minutes

METRO RAIL STOP: Federal Center SW, Waterside, and L'Enfant Plaza

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$0

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT: Apartments of various sizes

PER MONTH RENTAL COST: \$960 + furniture (~\$200) ; Security Deposit: \$350
Average Utility Bill/Month: \$0 (included) , Average Phone/Month: \$0 (used cell phone) , Cable TV/Month: \$0 (no television)

FEATURES: fitness room, on-site laundry, convenience store, close to grocery store

NEIGHBORHOOD: pleasant, nondescript
MANAGEMENT: generally helpful and friendly
COMMENTS: Very short walk to HQ. Short walk to museums and capitol. Good Metro access. Accepts credit card rent payments, which is convenient. Definitely not in the center of the downtown action however. Also, definitely not living in the lap of luxury.
THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:
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CENTER: MSFC

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Basement Apartment
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Washington, DC, 20016
RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: - -
DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 20 - 30 minutes driving
METRORAIL STOP: closest metro stop - Friendship Heights
TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST: \$40 HQ parking + gas
DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT: One bedroom, large room with TV and 2 couches, and a small bath. Convenient access through garage. Had full access to the entire house for cooking and entertainment
PER MONTH RENTAL COST:\$750 Security Deposit: noneAverage Utility Bill/Month: none , Average Phone/Month: none , Cable TV/Month: none
FEATURES: We shared cooking duties. We ate a candlelight dinner most every night. I can't brag enough about how great I had it.
COMMENTS: This was an awesome find. I found this place through a employee at my wife's work. It was a friend of a friend type deal. She doesn't typically have any one renting her basement, but offered it to me. She doesn't want me to advertise it. The point I will make is that there are more just like this if you look hard enough.
THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:
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MD AREA HOUSING

FURNISHED TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT

**1918 FLOWERING TREE TERRACE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20902**

Three level townhouse located just North of the Beltway off Georgia Avenue. Tucked away in a large cul-de-sac with plenty of parking, the property is also convenient to places of worship, shopping, public and private schools, parks, playgrounds, Sligo Creek hiking and biking trails, and both the Wheaton Plaza and Forest Glen Metro Stations. Sunken living room with working fireplace with French door to rear deck, eat-in kitchen, new air conditioner and updated appliances. Laundry room and finished recreation room with level walkout to rear yard.

For More Information Contact: Chris Roberts - 703-847-9826

Other Features of the Townhouse:

MAIN LEVEL SPECIAL FEATURES

- Foyer entry with wood flooring
 - Hall bath
 - Large country kitchen with box window
 - Large formal dining room
 - New range hood
 - G.E. Triton electronic dishwasher
 - Large rear geometric deck
 - Large sunken living room with fireplace with French door to rear deck
 - Coat closet
 - Commons area maintenance, snow removal, included
- Three finished levels
 - Brick front
 - Box window in kitchen
 - New electronic sealed burner glass top stove
 - New refrigerator
 - New kitchen floor
 - Fireplace with wood mantel

UPPER LEVEL

- Master bedroom with private full bath
- Hall Linen closet
- Tiled hall bath
- Second bedroom with generous closet
- Third bedroom with closet

LOWER LEVEL

- Large recreation room with level walkout to rear yard and patio
- New air conditioner
- Recent hot water heater
- Large laundry room .

ARC AREA HOUSING

TO: Resident Staff
FROM: Gus Gold, Acting Assistant Director, Center Operations, Code J
SUBJECT: Availability of Military Family Housing to NASA Personnel

Beginning FY01, the Army Corps of Engineers assumed responsibility for operation of the military family housing facility located adjacent to NASA Ames Research Center. This housing is authorized for use by accompanied, active duty military personnel with assignments in the commute area. Although, the Army's survey of military family housing needs shows enough demand for all the housing located at Moffett Field, it is not currently being fully utilized. The Corps and ARC have created an agreement for some use of two and three bedroom family units excess to DOD needs by NASA personnel.

This agreement includes provisions for ARC to sponsor housing for academicians, researchers and engineers and their families who come to work at ARC from other locations for a finite period of time. Also, once these mission needs are met, the Army will accommodate permanently assigned NASA civil service personnel with families in remaining available units. The core of the agreement is that housing units will be available unless or until they are needed to fill military housing requirements. Therefore, the number and types of units available to ARC individuals will fluctuate over time.

Due to the high cost and low availability of housing in our area, ARC often has difficulty attracting academicians and detailees from other Centers to work at ARC temporarily. It has also become extremely difficult to attract new hires who do not already live in the area. The agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers provides the Center with a means to address this problem.

In response to this opportunity, the Center has established a policy for use of available military family housing which is consistent with Army housing regulations and the agreement concluded between ARC and the Corps. Under the policy, the following categories of personnel who are accompanied by spouse and or children and need housing for at least 6 months are eligible to be considered:

- Detailees from other NASA Centers (including Development Program Participants and other programs)
- Fresh-out and new hire civil servants
- NASA civil servants permanently assigned to ARC

Academia engaged in collaborative work requiring their presence at ARC.

Post doctoral and other graduate level students working on NASA programs

Interagency Personnel Agreement (IPA) detailees

(Note: Active duty military personnel assigned duty at ARC are provided housing under standard DOD procedures)

Unaccompanied personnel (not living with family) and non-civil service personnel other than NASA sponsored academia and IPA detailees are, by DOD regulation, not eligible to be considered for family housing.

The terms of usage as agreed to between ARC and the Corps of Engineers are:

a. Minimum stay is 6 months. Preference is for at least one year of occupancy. Army policy is to provide one-year "lease" followed by month-to-month thereafter. Maximum occupancy is 3 years. Non-active duty military may be given notice to vacate to accommodate military need after the first year.

b. Army housing management has authority to determine the terms of occupancy. Authorized NASA sponsored individuals must abide by applicable Army housing regulations, policies and practices. Generally, Army rules are designed to maintain a safe, orderly, family-friendly "neighborhood." ARC requires its sponsored housing

occupants to comply with Army policies. Continued or serious nonconformance with these policies may result in termination of occupancy.

c. All civil servant personnel will pay rent directly to the Army. The Army will require creation of a payroll automatic withdrawal for payment of rent. NASA-sponsored non-civil servants will pay monthly rent to the NASA Exchange.

d. Army sets rents, in accordance with Army regulations.

e. The assigned housing unit must be the dependents' primary residence during the assignee's stay in family housing. Army regulations will determine eligibility in shared custody cases. Individuals discovered to be living without dependents will be required to vacate premises.

f. Occupants will provide the Army as much notice of intended termination as practicable. A minimum of 30 days notice is required. ARC management will determine the priorities for NASA use of available family housing based on mission requirements.

A. Application for housing:

(1) Any eligible person may apply for housing

(2) Apply by email message to lbraund@mail.arc.nasa.gov

(a) Name of applicant

(b) Sponsor (if category "a" through "c" applicant)

(c) Org Code (if civil servant; ARC sponsor's Org Code)

(d) Family members who will reside with you (name/relationship)

(e) Desired start date

(f) Planned end date (three year maximum)

(g) Work phone number

(h) Email address

(3) Applications will be placed on the Ames waiting list based on ARC priority

B. Assignment:

(1) ARC management will prioritize applicants using the following methodology:

a. Individuals in eligibility categories a through d will be prioritized by name based on mission criticality

b. Fresh-out and new hire individuals will be considered next

c. Permanently assigned NASA civil servants will be considered for any remaining available housing. When there are more applicants than available housing, assignments will be made by lottery

(2) ARC will provide names of authorized housing users to Army

(3) Authorized individuals then work with Army housing office for assignment

(4) Army determines actual unit assignment based on Army criteria. As stated above, rental rates are set by Army regulations and are not subject to NASA influence or negotiation. For rental to non-active duty military, the rates are required to reflect "market value" for the type and quality of apartment. The market value is determined using methods prescribed by DOD. The current rate for a 2-bedroom unit is \$900 per month and the rent for a 3-bedroom unit is \$1,200 per month.

Currently, the Corps of Engineers has made only about a dozen units available to ARC, so it is anticipated that there will be more demand than supply. If you qualify under the criteria described above and are seriously interested in renting a unit if available, please provide the information requested above by email to Linda Braund, (lbraund@mail.arc.nasa.gov) right away. To be considered for the initial list of eligibles, submit by July 27, 2001. Names will continue to be accepted after that date for placement on the waiting list.

If you would like to respond to this memo electronically, you may do so by clicking on the following: lbraund@mail.arc.nasa.gov

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GRC HOUSING

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For more information contact: Fran Chiaramonte: (202) 358-0693 or (301) 908-0290



KSC AREA HOUSING

2004/2005 LDP Participant

COMPLEX/DEVELOPMENT: Wind Rush Condo

STREET ADDRESS: 1200 N. Atlantic Ave

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Cocoa Beach, FL, 32310

RENTAL OFFICE PHONE: 321-78-3600

DOOR-TO-DOOR AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 25 mins.

METRORAIL STOP: NA

TOTAL MONTHLY COMMUTING COST:

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLEX/UNIT:

Condo on beach

PER MONTH RENTAL COST:1,200 ; Security Deposit: NAAverage Utility

Bill/Month: NA , Average Phone/Month: NA , Cable TV/Month: NA

FEATURES:

beach-front

NEIGHBORHOOD: great

MANAGEMENT: great

COMMENTS:

Limited activities in

Cocoa Beach--About 30-45 mins. from Orlando

THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY:

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