

Ft Sill's Installation Design Guide (IDG)

Did you ever wonder why the new BRAC facilities look the way they do, and why they're where they are? It's because of Ft Sill's Installation Design Guide (IDG).

The IDG prescribes the design, look and feel of the installation. It is based on general Army-wide standards for form and layout, sustainability, as well as Ft Sill's unique, installation specific design principles reflecting the character of a site, its buildings, and other facilities. It is an installation-specific subset of the Army wide Installation Design Standards (IDS). The IDS provides common facility and infrastructure standards for all of the Army to:

- Instill a sense of community, order, tradition, and pride
- Provide guidance on cost-effective resource investments in Army installations
- Ensure sustainability, reliability, and efficiency of Army facilities
- Improve the function and appearance of installations and provide specific guidance on exterior and interior design parameters for Army facilities

The IDG provides installation-specific standards based on the IDS and basic design principles. The IDG:

- Promotes a sense of arrival, functional compatibility, visual harmony, and order
- Relates the natural and man-made environments
- Provides consistent architectural themes throughout an installation
- Considers a holistic approach to sustainable design

All major installation facility maintenance, improvement, and renovation projects on Ft Sill, along with all new construction, must follow the IDG. So when the Post builds new facilities, or renovates or repairs existing ones, the IDG interior/exterior standards and planning criteria are integrated into all proposals, design and construction contracts, renovation, maintenance, or repair. A good example of the IDG in action is the new 6th BDE ADA campus. By following the IDG the new ADA campus integrates visually with the installation's "Spanish Mission" architecture, while creating a cohesive and unique 6th ADA BDE campus learning environment in "green" facilities.

And the IDG is not only about the big stuff; it also addresses the small things that we all take for granted. The next time you drive around post take a look at the street signs. All street signs were recently replaced and have provided a much needed increase in readability; for a bit of fun take a look at the overhead signs at the Mow-Way and Sheridan Road intersection and see if you can figure out how they're lighted. And soon you'll be seeing direction signs all over Post that will help guide you around post to the Commissary, the PX, Post Office, and other areas. Us old timers know where everything is, and now newly assigned Soldiers, their Families, and Civilians will too.