Air Force announces criteria for basing of MC-12W aircraft

WASHINGTON – The Air Force released today its basing criteria to be used to determine the basing locations for MC-12W aircraft.

The basing criteria were approved by the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The basing criteria consider factors such as mission requirements, training requirements, airspace, facilities and infrastructure, support capacity, environmental impacts, and cost.

"The Air Force is using a deliberate, repeatable and transparent process to address the basing of these aircraft," said Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, Air Force deputy assistant secretary for installations. "These criteria will help to ensure that key aspects for basing have been considered."

The next step is for Air Combat Command, the lead Major Command, to apply the basing criteria to develop a candidate list of potential MC-12W basing locations.

After the release of the candidate bases, the formal environmental impact analysis process will begin, allowing communities around each candidate base to participate and provide input. Based on the results of these efforts, the Air Force expects to announce the alternatives/preferred locations for MC-12W this Summer.

Once the Environmental Impact Analysis Processes are complete, the Air Force will announce the final basing decisions. This is anticipated for MC-12W on Apr 11.