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### FDRLO releases new report

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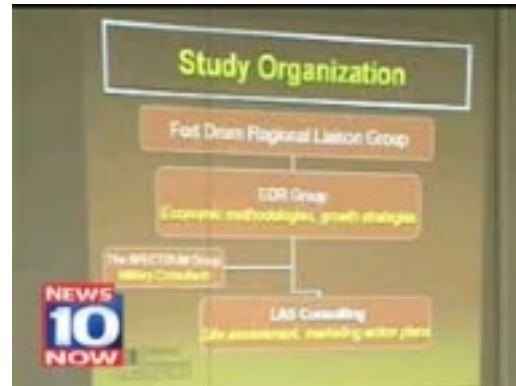
Fort Drum's Army Installation is continuing to grow, adding new soldiers to its base and expanding its facility. That growth is something that the North Country is looking at to attract more businesses. Tuesday, the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization released a report titled, "North Country Business and Resources Gap Analysis."

"The core mission of this project was to see how the North Country's economy could leverage economic growth because of the growth of the BRAC industry," said Steven Landau of the Economic Development Research Group.

The study, which was prepared by an Economic Development Research Group out of Boston, found that out of a possible 320 industries, the North Country has the potential to attract 23, with the top four being medical and dental services, construction, electronics production, and insurance operations.

The study validates some of the efforts underway in the North Country but underscores that those efforts need to be beefed up. It also talked about how the region can attract those potential industries.

"As we can develop a profile of that workforce we can then say to some of those targeted industries, look here's this workforce that can do what you need your



workers to do so come in and utilize them," said FDRLO Task Force Chair Douglas Schelleng.



Schelleng says the study essentially lays out a roadmap for the local development professionals to follow. From here, FDRLO will be conducting further research to see what would really work and fit in the North Country.

In the next two weeks the FDRLO's Task Force will meet to further discuss the reports findings.