



# City of Bowie

## Memorandum

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Thursday, January 23, 2025  
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,  
City Manager

### STATUS REPORT

1. Pre-Application Neighborhood Meeting DET-2024-019

The Sustainability Manager and Director of Economic Development were in attendance for a pre-application neighborhood meeting, held at the Courtyard Marriott, regarding the detailed site plan (DET) application for the construction of 32,000 sq. ft. for research and development uses by the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA). Housed within the Town Activity Center, Edge (TAC-E) zone at Melford, the IDA existing structure has been in use at Melford since 1986. The new project includes an additional building, attached to the operational one via overhead walkway and adds space for generators and other equipment needed to keep the center running. There will not be an increase in users, parking spaces, or traffic. About 10 residents were in attendance, along with IDA staff and the civil engineer from Century Engineering, Pete Mellits, asking mostly about the removal of trees, of which there is minimal, and what the new generators would mean in terms of noisiness for their community. The generators only run occasionally to test and will be within an acceptable level, having some noise cancelling capabilities. They do not expect to begin construction until late 2025 or 2026.
2. A Community Analysis of the Bowie Center

An expanded version of the Bowie Center that was delineated by the Master Plan was analyzed by the Department of Planning & Sustainability Director, Joe Meinert, before his retirement. The multi-year project provides a detailed picture of this area, which is a hub of activity in the City. Data from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey served as the basis for the report. It is available for download on the City's website (<https://www.cityofbowie.org/DocumentCenter/View/21314/BowieCenterReport>). Any questions can be sent to Tiffany Wright (301-809-3047).