

Since 1982 the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs have assisted thousands of innovative, cutting-edge small businesses in successfully getting their products to the marketplace.

The SBIR and STTR programs provide small businesses the ability to compete for federal funding, thus ensuring the best companies are getting their products to the market. Firms across all fields, from alternative energy and biotechnology to national defense, have benefited from the ability to get seed money from the government to fully develop and market their products and technology. The modest investments the government makes in these firms have provided tremendous rewards, allowing 1500 new companies each year to get off the ground. In my home state of Michigan, the SBIR/STTR programs have invested \$534 million, \$215 million of which Michigan has received since 2003. Overall, 450 Michigan companies have benefited from SBIR/STTR, including two thriving firms in Michigan's 15th Congressional District, Adaptive Materials and AI23Systems.

Not only does H.R. 2965 reauthorize the SBIR/STTR programs which are set to expire on July 31, 2009, it also modernizes them, placing an emphasis on commercialization, expanding access for minority-owned and rural business, and creating a more efficient and streamlined process for participating companies.

The SBIR program is designed so that technology-driven firms have the chance to advance their ideas, develop them, and ultimately commercialize their products. This legislation is critically important for companies in Michigan, and across the country, as it gives them the ability to continue to get their products to the market, especially at a time when the economy is so badly hurting. I urge all my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding member requests I received as part of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: MCAF

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Peterson Air Force Base

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO 80914

Description of the Request: Requesting \$7.2 million funding for the East Gate realignment at Peterson Air Force Base. This project demolishes the existing gate house and road system at the East Gate of Peterson AFB and constructs a new, realigned entry road, gate house, check stations, vehicle inspection buildings and anti-terrorism/force protection measures.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency/Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Description of Project: I have secured \$259,000 for The National Agricultural Biosecurity Center (NABC) at Kansas State University. NABC was established to help protect the U.S. agricultural infrastructure and economy from endemic and emerging biological threats. Funding will be used for Phase III efforts for the development, enhancement, and delivery of a targeted National Animal Health Laboratories Network (NAHLN) technical training support program. The funding is required to: (1) build and populate a lessons learned/best practices from NAHLN lab exercises and events; (2) expand animal health diagnostic screening capabilities regionally, including endemic and emerging pathogens (viruses, bacteria, and parasites) as well as prions such as BSE; (3) increase the testing capability and capacity of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL) in support of the NAHLN mission by conducting research on new methodologies and standardized operating procedures for enhancing and improving the efficiency of NAHLN equipment and laboratories; and (4) develop a training strategy framework for NAHLN laboratories. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency/Account: National Institute for Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS, 66506

Description of Project: I have secured \$515,000 Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center. Kansas State University, along with Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University, initiated the GPSIUC in 2006. The focus of the center is on genetic improvement; production systems to enhance water and nutrient use; innovative strategies to provide improved weed control; utilization of sorghum in human food products, animal feed, and as a bioenergy and industrial feedstock; plus marketing and policy analysis in support of the U.S. sorghum industry. Sorghum seed companies are rapidly integrating new technology released by the GPSIUC into their seed offerings, with the first commercial hybrids expected to be available in 2011. Fund-

ing will be used for GPSIUC to expand existing research and educational programs, particularly in genetic improvement and sorghum utilization. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS, 66506

Description of Project: I have secured \$142,000 for Preharvest Food Safety and Security program. Kansas State University has an ongoing USDA special project on the ecology of E. coli O157:H7 in beef cattle and the environment. This bacterial organism is a major cause of food-borne illnesses in humans. Funding will be used to expand its investigations into (1) the ecology of Salmonella in beef cattle, (2) antimicrobial resistance in cattle, and (3) agroinformatics and animal health diagnostics. These four areas of research have great overlap and synergy and will allow Kansas State University to better identify emerging threats of food-borne and zoonotic diseases associated with food-producing animals. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Agency/Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS, 66506

Description of Project: I have secured \$69,000 to study water conservation in the Ogallala Region of Kansas. This effort is critical to the economic viability of western Kansas. In many parts of western Kansas, freshwater from both surface and groundwater is increasingly in short supply. Drought, aquifer and surface water depletion, and population shifts have stretched community and regional water supplies to their limits. As groundwater supplies decline or become cost prohibitive, better management of water through conservation, recycling, and treatment of poor quality water for use becomes even more important. Funding for this project will be used to help: (1) agricultural producers, both crop and livestock; (2) rural communities in water-short areas; and (3) state agencies to implement economical technologies and policies that will result in water conservation and prolonged life of the Ogallala aquifer in the face of increasing competition for declining aquifers and over-allocated surface waters. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Agency/Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS, 66506

Description of Project: I have secured \$240,000 for Wheat Genetic Research. Wheat