

Description of Request: Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$1.5 million for Fire Support Technology Improvement Program.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation to leverage and develop advanced artillery battle management technologies and to integrate these advanced technologies into the Army fire support modernization initiatives.

This program will help in Battlefield Damage Assessment (BDA) for target re-fire, to include target of opportunity avoidance due to weighted benefits of a current intel information resource that is supplying crucial tactical intel information. This effort will also decrease the time from target identification to firing. The program will also provide Theater Commanders with the intelligence to determine if a fire mission may affect critical infrastructures or resources (water and oil pipelines, power lines or support facilities) that are critical to the civilian population.

It is also my understanding that approximately 80 percent of funding would be used for staff, approximately 17 percent of funding would be used to design and implement a test facility, and approximately 3 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Maritime C4ISR System.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Critical Solutions, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 271 Industrial Lane, Alum Bank, PA 15521.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$1 million for Maritime C4ISR System.

It is my understanding that funding would be used for research, development, testing, and evaluation. This project would be used to support C4ISR situations awareness for maritime protection activities. The Maritime C4ISR System is a comprehensive suite of sensor devices together with IP based network communications to support C4ISR situational awareness for maritime protection activities.

The system was conceived for port and coastal security missions requiring enhanced situational awareness, integrating and fusing existing sensors via IP. The Maritime C4ISR system allows the user to manage several complex and diverse tasks simultaneously through remote access, automation, information management, and the development or enhancement of decision aides to simplify decision-making and support defensive action by joint forces.

It is also my understanding that approximately 50 percent of funding would be used for labor, approximately 42 percent of funding would be used for material, and approximately 8 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

Project Name: Strengthening LEAD Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

Account: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, & EVAL, ARMY.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mountain Research LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 25th Street, Altoona, PA 16601.

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

Provide an authorization of \$500,000 for Strengthening LEAD Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be focused on technology transfer and implementation to reduce the impact of legacy use of toxic chemicals, investigate alternative fuel use for non-tactical fleet vehicles, reduce energy intensity, implement alternative renewable energy technologies, support the design and construction of sustainable buildings, and improve Environmental Management Systems at the Letterkenny Army Depot in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

The President signed E.O. 13423 on January 24, 2007, requiring Federal agencies to "conduct their environmental, transportation, and energy-related activities under the law in support of their respective missions in an environmentally, economically and fiscally sound, integrated, continuously improving, efficient, and sustainable manner." Letterkenny Army Depot's unique mission, including manufacturing, depot level maintenance, and demilitarization, presents significant challenges to maintaining operations while achieving aggressive sustainability targets. Letterkenny Army Depot's leadership in technology implementation will not only benefit Letterkenny, but will also facilitate horizontal technology transfer to surrounding Pennsylvania military installations, other Army depots, and installations across the DoD.

It is also my understanding that approximately 57 percent of funding would be used for labor, approximately 40 percent of funding would be used for material, and approximately 3 percent of funding would be used for travel and other costs.

THE DAILY 45: A MEASURE OF JUSTICE FOR A GRIEVING INDIANAPOLIS FAMILY

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States and, sometimes, no matter how long it takes, some families do manage to gain a measure of justice.

Last week, on May 13, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the grieving family of 16-year-old murder victim Ryan Sampson breathed a small sliver of relief after determined police work led to the indictment of two suspected shooters, Samuel Fancher and Jerry Emerson. After nine months, since the July, 2007 gunshot to Ryan's head and torso in an abandoned building a few blocks from his home, his mother and grieving siblings are thankful for a measure of justice. Despite the survival of Ryan's friend, Leroy Moorman, who was also shot in the same incident, reluctant witnesses hampered the investigation.

In this case, unlike other unresolved murders that have afflicted Ryan's family, a brave informant finally came forward with credible evidence.

Americans of conscious must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting for the RECORD the following project that has been authorized in H.R. 5658—the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction—Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms.

Address of Requesting Entity: 73549 29 Palms Hwy., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

Description of Request: Phase I of the Life Long Learning Center, LLLC, project at the Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms provides a facility to help Marines and their families fulfill their educational goals. The project will replace older, undersized facilities with a 17,000-square-foot, three-story building which will include classrooms, office spaces, a computer room and other supporting infrastructure. When completed, the LLLC will facilitate more than 40 higher education classes with an anticipated enrollment exceeding 1500 students per term. The Marine Corps supports this project as it would dramatically improve the quality of life for our soldiers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DOC HASTINGS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I believe funding to clean up the Hanford site in Washington State, and the Department of Energy's other Environmental Management sites across the country, is a fundamental federal obligation, not an earmark as it is labeled in this bill. However, because it has been so labeled in the Committee report, I voluntarily submit to the House an explanation and justification of this funding in an effort to provide as much public disclosure as possible on congressionally directed funding and earmarks. The \$10 million programmatic increase provided for in the bill will be used for the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program at the Hanford Site in Fiscal Year 2009. The entity to receive the funding is the U.S. Department of Energy located at 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. The Federal Government has a legal and moral obligation to clean up the massive wastes and contamination it created at Hanford during the Manhattan Project, World War II and the Cold War. Funding to clean up Hanford is not a luxury sought by myself or my constituents, it is an essential responsibility of the United States government. The over 500-square-mile Hanford site is the world's largest and most complex environmental cleanup project, and the Federal Government must keep its commitment to clean it up. No matching funds are required.