

Bernardino County embarked on a joint venture to create a regional identification system designed to be shared by all law enforcement agencies in the 27,360 square mile jurisdiction. The system provides fingerprint, photo and DNA services to all public safety agencies including local police departments, district attorney, school districts, coroner and Sheriffs' Departments in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It is also available to other state and federal law enforcement agencies that utilize these services on a routine basis.

Amount: \$1,925,000.

Project Name: San Bernardino FileNET Program.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Bernardino.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92418.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to upgrade to FileNET document imaging system to, which allows real time document uploads and viewing by the police department and the prosecutor's office. The system will speed up investigations and prosecutions in San Bernardino, a city ranked as one of the most dangerous in America.

Amount: \$400,000.

Project Name: East Valley Regional Crime Analysis System (COMPASS).

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Redlands.

Address of Requesting Entity: 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to expand the COMPASS (Community Mapping, Planning and Analysis for Safety Strategies) initiative to other communities in the Inland Empire region. COMPASS has expanded the role of crime mapping, data sharing and analysis within the East Valley region, leading the way in GPS, offender monitoring analysis, and processing shared data from local agencies in support of a state program.

Amount: \$425,000.

Project Name: California Gang Suppression Enforcement Teams.

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California State Department of Justice.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4949 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820.

Description of Request: The funding will be used to support the expansion of Gang Suppression Enforcement Teams to provide technical expertise to local law enforcement overwhelmed by gang violence. GSET identifies and attacks and gang's leadership, infrastructure and hierarchy, to completely disable a gang's operations and prevent it from reestablishing itself.

Amount: \$200,000.

Project Name: Criminal Information Sharing Alliance Network.

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Criminal Information Sharing Alliance, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Parkshore Drive, Suite 225, Folsom, CA 95630.

Description of Request: The funding will help the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance assist the State of California in its development, procurement and implementation of

state-of-the-art technologies that enhance the capabilities of the State's criminal intelligence investigation, enforcement and assessment centers through a southwest regional approach.

Amount: \$400,000.

Project Name: Ranchero Road Corridor Project.

Account: FHWA-Interstate Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hesperia, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9700 Seventh Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345.

Description of Request: Funding will help construct an interchange at Ranchero Road and I-15. The project will improve motorist circulation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote commerce. This project is eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$650,750.

Project Name: Potrero Boulevard/SR 60 Interchange.

Account: FHWA-Surface Transportation Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Beaumont, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 550 East 6th St., Beaumont, CA 92223.

Description of Request: The project, to engineer and construct the Potrero Boulevard/SR 60 interchange, will relieve congestion and improve safety at the Interstate 10 and SR 60 interchange. This project is Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible as those program funds may be used to carry out projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, and operational improvements for highways. STP program requires 20% local match.

Amount: \$855,000.

Project Name: I-215 and University Parkway.

Account: FHWA—Interstate Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Bernardino, CA.

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. D St., San Bernardino, CA 92346.

Description of Request: This project would construct a direct connector ramp from westbound University Parkway to southbound I-215. Constructing an additional southbound entrance ramp will provide the necessary relief for traffic on both sides on the interchange. The benefits include additional growth for Cal State San Bernardino, continued development of upper scale residential units in the vicinity of the university and continued commercial and industrial development on the west side of I-215. This project is eligible for IM funding as the IM program provides funding for resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including adding lanes to increase capacity, on most existing Interstate System routes. IM program requires 10% local match.

Amount: \$508,250.

Project Name: Needles Highway.

Account: FHWA—Public Lands Highway Program.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Bernardino Associated Governments.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1170 W. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410-1715.

Description of Request: The realignment and widening of the Needles Highway will facilitate motorist safety, economic development, and future capacity needs due to increased freight movement from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Improvements to the highway are necessary for improved motorist safety as well as to reduce road flooding and wash-outs. Additionally, improvements are necessary as Needles Highway provides access to and from a number of Indian reservations in the area. This project is Public Lands Highway Program (PLHP) eligible as the PLHP program provides for transportation planning, research, engineering, and construction of highways, roads, and parkways and transit facilities within public lands, national parks, and Indian reservations. PLHP requires no local match.

Amount: \$3.8 million.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

Project Name: Mojave Water Agency Non-Native Plant Removal.

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)—Conservation Operations.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mojave Water Agency.

Address of Requesting Entity: 22450 Headquarters Drive, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

Description of Request: \$667,000 will be provided to help complete a project to remove invasive weeds from the Mojave River area in cooperating with an ongoing local initiative. The Mojave River serves thousands of acres of federal land, including the Mojave National Preserve. Non-native plants are a constant threat to the Mojave River's ecosystem. Removing them will conserve vast amounts of water, which is a very precious resource in this area. Removal will also protect wildlife and dramatically reduce the risk of flood and fire.

TRIBUTE TO KYLE JONES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kyle Jones, a resident of Slater, Iowa. Kyle has been a custom applicator with Heartland Co-op for 22 years and was named Ag-Chem Operator of the Year during this year's Agriculture Retailers Association convention in Austin, Texas.

The Ag-Chem Operator of the Year Program was introduced in 2006. The program acknowledges the importance of having great operators and recognizes top professionals in the field. In his position, Kyle covers over 44,000 acres per year, treating every acre with care and professionalism, and his co-workers have stood by his reliability and hard work.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Kyle Jones on becoming Ag-Chem Operator of the Year and for being an outstanding professional in his industry. It is an honor to represent Kyle in Congress, and I wish him future happiness and success.

HONORING WILTON SIMPSON OF
TRILBY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Wilton Simpson, a distinguished member of the business community in Pasco County, Florida. Mr. Simpson has recently been named the 2009 recipient of the Lincoln Heritage Award in honor of his humanitarian services to the community and Pasco County and for his commitment to the principles practiced and espoused by one of our greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

A native of Lakeland, Florida, Mr. Simpson moved to Dade City with his family in 1978. He is a 1984 graduate of Pasco High School in Dade City and 1997 graduate of Pasco-Hernando Community College. A star football player in high school, Mr. Simpson turned down college scholarship opportunities to go into business instead. Today he is married and the father of two children, one son and one daughter.

Beginning his career in construction and asbestos removal, Mr. Simpson chose to enter into the chicken industry about 20 years ago. Founding Simpson Farms in Trilby, FL in 1996, he grew the egg production facility over the years, eventually expanding operations to include 210 acres and more than 1.25 million egg producing chickens. In 2005, Mr. Simpson diversified his holding, with the founding of Simpson Environmental Services, a company that specializes in asbestos removal.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Simpson has given back to his local community. He serves on the Pasco County Housing Authority, is the current president of the Pasco County Farm Bureau and the Pasco County Fair Association, current chairman of the Board for East Pasco Habitat for Humanity, treasurer and board member of the Pasco Economic Development Council, treasurer and board member of the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, past chairman and current director of the Boys' and Girls' Club, past chairman of Premier Community Health Care, current member of the Pasco-Hernando Community College Board of Trustees, and is a charter member and director of Florida Traditions Bank.

Mr. Simpson coaches his son's little league team, is the 2005 recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award from the Pasco Economic Development Council and the 2008 recipient of the Business Leader of the Year Award from the Dade City Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, for all these reasons and many more, Wilton Simpson is being recognized with the 2009 Lincoln Heritage Award. He has epitomized the principles practiced by one of our finest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, and by his actions has improved the lives and welfare of the entire Pasco County Community.

TRIBUTE TO PAT GILLILAND

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Pat Gilliland from her position as city clerk of Adel, Iowa.

For the past 25 years Pat has served the city of Adel as city clerk. During a city council meeting, Pat was honored for all her years of service. The Mayor also declared December as "Pat Gilliland Month" and gave her a key to the city.

The City of Adel and the surrounding community will certainly miss Pat's hard work and dedication to her job. I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Pat Gilliland for her many years of service to Adel, and I wish her happiness in her retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "WHAT-
EVER IT TAKES TO REBUILD
ACT OF 2008"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the "Whatever it Takes to Rebuild Act".

A disaster can leave the tax base of an affected community eroded, necessitating Federal assistance to pay for essential services. These essential services, including police, fire, and school personnel, are even more critical in the wake of a disaster. To aid communities, Congress created the Community Disaster Loan Program. While this program has worked with great success, there are two significant issues that need to be fixed. The first issue is that this assistance is delivered in the form of a loan and the second is that any loan is limited to \$5 million. Providing this aid as a loan can further delay the recovery of a local community and the \$5 million cap does not allow for adequate assistance for medium or large communities.

The "Whatever It Takes to Rebuild Act" would repeal the requirement that disaster affected communities repay the assistance they receive under the Community Disaster Loan Program. This legislation would permanently repeal the \$5 million cap on these loans, would make states eligible for this assistance, repeal the cap that limits loans to 25 percent of a municipalities operating expenses, and would provide this assistance as grants when the President waives the provisions for a catastrophic event. All of these provisions are aimed at giving the Federal Government the tools and flexibility we need to fully respond following a disaster.

This program was used most recently immediately following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. While it was able to provide significant benefits, repayment requirements have raised significant hurdles for many recipient communities. In the wake of a disaster, the government should give American communities the financial assistance they need to get back on their feet with no strings attached. That is why

I am reintroducing the "Whatever It Takes to Rebuild Act."

TRIBUTE TO KEN SCHMITT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Ken Schmitt. Ken is a Farmers National Company Accredited Farm Manager from Carroll, Iowa.

Ken has been named Farmers National Company's 2008 Farm Manager of the year. This award is given annually to one of Farmer Nationals 70 professional farm managers for excellence in performing management duties. The applicants were judged by a panel of agribusiness professionals and presented at the Farmers National Company's annual meeting.

Ken has worked for Farmers National Company since 1986 and due to his hard work has received many awards over the years.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Ken Schmitt for this great honor. I wish him health and happiness for the future.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman SAM JOHNSON

Bill Number: H.R. 1105.

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of McKinney, Texas

Address of Requesting Entity: 222 N. Tennessee, McKinney, Texas 75070.

Description of Request: \$300,000 in FY 2009 Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Interoperability funds to replace the City's Public Safety Radio System and to acquire interoperability capabilities.

The City of McKinney, Texas, was the fastest growing city with a population greater than 100,000 in the U.S. between 2000 and 2006, according to U.S. Census statistics released last year. With a population that has mushroomed from 38,700 to 121,000 in only ten years, resources for many important projects are strained. The current 800 MHz radio communications system, completed in 2001 when McKinney's population was half its current size, now has communications coverage deficiencies, particularly in the newer growth areas in southwestern McKinney. These "dead spots" are experienced by all City radio system users (Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, etc.) and could compromise officer safety, citizen safety, and the ability to respond adequately in emergency situations. Efforts to