

will improve the regional trail system, and represent a commonsense solution to which our public resources can be applied with great benefit.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM (IL-6)  
FTA/New Starts-Fixed Guideway:  
\$4,800,000 for the Metra Union Pacific West Line through Metra (547 W. Jackson Boulevard, 13th Floor, Chicago, IL 60661)

In a regional area plagued with congestion, and a nation struggling with dependence on foreign energy, projects like these are needed catalysts for growth in transportation options for the American people. I was glad to have worked in a bipartisan fashion to secure these funds. Metra's Union Pacific West (UP-W) Line project will build upon the recent extension to Elburn and create needed capacity while continuing to deliver safe, reliable and affordable service to Metra riders. This funding will provide new corridor improvements key to addressing freight congestion. The UP-W Line extends nearly 44 miles west from Ogilvie Transportation Center in downtown Chicago. Along that corridor, it serves 18 outlying stations within Kane, DuPage and Cook Counties. The line currently offers 59 commuter trains per weekday, 29 inbound and 30 outbound, with passengers making approximately 30,000 daily trips. The substantial residential growth in this region is fueling a corresponding demand for increased service; employment in the UP-W corridor is expected to increase more than 100 percent by 2030. SAFETEA-LU authorized the UP-W Line improvements, and this federal funding will allow Metra to offer UP-W Line commuters more express trains and more reverse commuter trains. I was pleased to work on securing these funds because I believe these increased services and options will add to our region's economic potential and serve as an example for how efficient public transportation can serve the public interest so well.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM (IL-6)  
FTA/New Starts-Fixed Guideway:  
\$4,800,000 for the Metra STAR Line through Metra (547 W. Jackson Boulevard, 13th Floor, Chicago, IL 60661)

I have been so pleased to be a part of this STAR Line project because it truly represents a foundational effort to provide new and creative forms of transportation. This funding is needed for preliminary engineering of the STAR Line. There is considerable support among my colleagues and myself in the Illinois Delegation for this bold, new initiative that will link more than 100 communities in the Chicagoland region with new service and provide new connections between existing commuter rail lines, as well as a potential new station at O'Hare International Airport. Metra's proposed STAR Line goes beyond providing a service to a single corridor or portion of the suburban areas. Rather, the STAR Line establishes key rail connections throughout the northwest, west, and southwest suburbs, and also offers the basis for expanded suburban rail service in the future. The STAR Line holds the potential to provide a long-needed alternative to the automobile for nearly 1.2 million employees who commute to work at businesses located along the proposed alignment. It also provides an effective and proven transportation option to nearly 1.6 million residents who today live in an area chronically plagued by highway congestion. By linking nearly 100 suburban communities around Chicago, the

STAR Line would fill a critical void in inter-suburban travel with this revolutionary system. This project is vital to the region in terms of alleviating traffic congestion, providing new commuting opportunities, and linking communities and places of business with new service. This project was authorized in SAFETEA-LU. I am glad these funds have been made available because this project demonstrates the sort of growth-oriented effort that my constituents and the American people expect when investing public resources.

Congressman PETER J. ROSKAM (IL-6)  
FTA/Alternatives Analysis Program:  
\$237,500 for Alternatives Analysis for Pace Suburban Bus Service in Arlington Heights, Illinois (550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005)

This effort is a worthy one, and one for which I was glad to advocate and secure funding. Pace will use these federal funds to perform the federally required Alternatives Analysis study on the proposed "J-Route" Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This project will create a high-speed transit option for commuters in the western suburbs of Chicago between Schaumburg, O'Hare Airport, Oakbrook and Naperville. BRT is based on signal priority for buses at traffic signals along arterial routes, roadway improvements, real-time travel information signs at significant stops along the route using the Intelligent Bus System already installed on all Pace buses, and dissemination of real-time travel information to passengers, dispatchers, planners, and customer relations staff using a variety of electronic media. The federal government has supported the capital costs of public transit improvements for decades, and this project would enhance Illinois' transportation infrastructure while promoting economic growth. I am pleased to have secured funding for such a project that will do much to add to the service Pace offers and the opportunity it provides to its users.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1138 Pearson Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Bio-Safety Institute for Genetically Modified Agriculture Products project receives \$259,000. This project utilizes federal funds to provide independent, unbiased and science-based evaluations of the risks and benefits of genetically modified agricultural products. Personnel develop the

scientific safeguards and education needed to protect human health and the environment in an age of genetically engineered products and technology necessary for economic development.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1138 Pearson Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Human Nutrition project receives \$451,000. This project will enhance human health and aims to reduce unnecessary health care expenditures by evaluating the impact of foods, nutrient supplements and diet and exercise strategies promoting wellness.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Animal Science Food Safety Consortium receives \$939,000. This project is a continuation of the effort to assess potential threats to food safety as it relates to pork during productions, processing, distribution and consumption.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1138 Pearson Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Biotechnology Test Production project receives \$322,000. This project will develop plant-based technologies related to production of corn lines and other crop-related lines that generate higher yields.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Center for Agriculture & Rural Development receives \$412,000. Project analyzes the impacts of alternative domestic and trade policies on agriculture production. As agriculture continues to globalize, project models will produce a better

understanding of trade policy impacts, and therefore better trade policies.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 NW 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Center for Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture receives \$288,000. This project continues the implementation of program to help farmers facilitate better environmental management plans through best practices involving fertilizers, pest control and soil management

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

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Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1138 Pearson Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) receives \$1,139,000. FAPRI makes baseline projections of production, consumption and trade flows of major agricultural commodities in the United States and other countries that import or export significant amounts of agricultural products.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Protein Utilization project receives \$586,000. This project will develop technologies that enhance bio-refineries using soybeans as feedstock to develop products that replace petro-derived industrial products.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1138 Pearson Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Livestock Waste project receives \$184,000. This project will fund ongoing emission reductions strategies.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1138 Pearson Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Midwest Poultry project receives \$471,000. The program will address sustainability and efficiency in poultry production. The initiative will provide a structure to facilitate multi-disciplinary research networks that enhance limited state and industry resources and have the scope to attack real-world problems. The project will also develop collaborative approaches in research and technology transfer.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: \$282,000 is provided for Iowa State University's New Century Farm. The project seeks development of a sustainable biofuel feedstock production system, a living lab for developing and testing sustainable biomass systems. Project will accelerate the development and evaluation of alternative, 'green' biofuels, both short and long-term.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Cooperative State Research Education & Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northeast Iowa Community-based Dairy Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box, Calmar, IA 52132

Description of Request: The Dairy Education program receives \$159,000. The project aims to increase the success of dairies by providing education on production technology, environmental stewardship, marketing and competitiveness. The Dairy Education project has goals of retaining, growing and fostering the development of the industry.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 NW 114th St., Urbandale, IA

Description of Request: The On-Farm Management System Evaluation Network receives \$167,000. This program will help farmers optimize nutrient efficiency which, in turn, enhances the economic, environmental and agronomic performance of working lands.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: OJP—Byrne Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Central Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Avenue M, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Description of Request: The project is funded at \$450,000. Funds will be used by the Iowa Central Law Enforcement Training Center to carry out a multi-disciplinary training program for law enforcement personnel from across the state. Thus far, almost 24,000 law enforcement personnel have been trained.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: OJP—Byrne Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The project is funded at \$3,000,000. Funds will be used for continuation of forensic training and research at the Lab. Numerous & crime labs, at the federal, state and local levels, have benefited from training at the Ames Lab in the areas of forensic evaluation, analysis and crime lab management. The various forensics labs that benefit from the discoveries at the Ames Lab continue to send their personnel to Ames, year after year, to receive updated training.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: OJP—Byrne Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: \$650,000 is provided to continue a major cyber security defense program, which is a first-of-its kind, dedicated to creating a virtual Internet environment to research and design cyber defense mechanisms. Simulations are played out against real equipment vs. artificially-created attack scenarios.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: OJP—Byrne Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Des Moines Area Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2006 South Ankeny Blvd. Ankeny, IA 50023

Description of Request: The Des Moines Area Community College Electronic Crime Institute is provided with \$1,400,000. Funds will be used for equipment and supplies for programs at the Institute. This is a computer/electronic crime training institute that trains law enforcement personnel (at federal, state and local levels) in electronic crime detection and forensics.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Iowa, Clive, Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 9051 Swanson Blvd. Clive, IA 50325

Description of Request: \$250,000 is provided to support a Big Brothers/Big Sisters training and mentoring program in rural Iowa. It is a prevention program in which the trained mentors work with children, ages 6–17.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: COPS Meth Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State of Iowa (Office of Drug Control Policy), Des Moines, Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 SW 7th Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

Description of Request: The Partnership for a Drug-Free Iowa is provided with \$250,000. The purpose of this project is to provide public-service, anti-drug messages to parents in order to provide family members with an understanding of the problems caused by drugs, and the signs to look for in rooting out drug problems.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Parents Anonymous of Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 2011 Vine Street #2140, Des Moines, IA 50265

Description of Request: The project is funded at \$200,000. The purpose of the project goes to the development & maintenance of state-wide programs that serve at-risk families that have child abuse issues. Parents Anonymous of Iowa is a state chapter of a broader, nationwide program.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Address of Requesting Entity: Rock Island, IL.

Description of Request: \$910,000 is provided in Section 206 to complete design and construction related to the Ventura Marsh portion of the Clear Lake Improvement Project, a major water quality initiative involving the Corps of Engineers and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: DOE, Office of Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Luther College

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 College Dr., Decorah, IA 52101.

Description of Request: Provides \$951,500 for the renovation of the Valders Hall Science Bldg, a primary element of which is energy conservation modes used in the renovation. The project uses “green” approaches and methods in the renovation and expansion of the building.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: DOE, Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Lakes Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: South 7th Street, Estherville, IA.

Description of Request: Provides \$475,750 for a sustainable energy education center as a demonstration project involving “green” building initiatives and other benefits related to new energy efficient technologies, most prominently, wind energy.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: DOE, Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Central Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Avenue M, Ft Dodge, IA.

Description of Request: Provides \$475,750 for laboratory equipment for a nationally certified renewable fuels assurance testing program. The program is of interest to DOE because of its focus on quality control in renewables.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—PAS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Rock Island, IL.

Description of Request: Provides \$152,000 for completion of feasibility work regarding restoration of degraded aquatic and wetland habitats on the West Fork of the Des Moines River.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Rock Island, Ill.

Description of Request: Provides \$3,800,000 to maintain scheduled construction activities on this broad-based river restoration and Flood control effort that is authorized.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: Corps of Engineers—Section 205, Flood Control

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: Rock Island, IL.

Description of Request: Provides approx. \$200,000 to continue a feasibility study for the Winnebago River flood control project in Mason City, Iowa. This is a major initiative aimed at mitigating perpetual flood hazards in this region of Iowa.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Account: DOE—Energy Delivery & Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities

Address of Requesting Entity: 1735 70th Avenue, Ankeny, IL.

Description of Request: Provides \$1,400,000 for a wind energy storage project in Iowa. The project is carried out in partnership with the Department of Energy, and involves the compressed air storage of wind energy in an underground aquifer. This is a unique project that, at one point, was the only one of its type in the country.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Iowa Area Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 College Drive Mason City, IA 50401

Description of Request: \$100,000 is provided to support the Regional Economic Development Organization. The goal of this organization is to improve marketing and recruitment of business in rural Iowa and plan for the economic stability of the region.

Project Budget Breakout: Salaries \$64,910, Benefits \$18,165, Equipment \$5,000, Supplies \$10,925, Marketing \$1,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Valley Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3702 South Center Street Marshalltown, IA 50158

Description of Request: A property in downtown Marshalltown is currently leased for use as the Iowa Valley Education and Training Center. In the five years the center has been open, demand for the outreach, education, and workforce development services it provides has outgrown the current space available at the facility. Through this project, the Iowa Valley Community College District will

acquire the currently leased property. The facility will then be renovated to improve energy efficiency and effective use of space as well as prepared for expansion of the building. An addition to the facility will then be built to nearly double the available space. Along with the renovation and expansion, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment will be updated and added to improve outreach, education, and workforce development activities. \$500,000 is provided for this project.

Project Budget Breakout: \$350,000 for property acquisition. \$100,000 for facility Renovation. \$650,000 for a building expansion. \$150,000 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: HR 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division E—Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: State & Tribal Assistance Grants  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Mason City, Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 10 1st Street NW, Mason City, IA 50401

Description of Request: \$220,000 is provided to aid in the procurement and installation of a self-chlorination system at the Mason City drinking water plant. In turn, this will allow the City to use salt to produce chlorine instead of purchasing chlorine. This protects the City system in the event of a pandemic or other catastrophe in that it guarantees a chlorine supply measured in months versus weeks.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration

Project Name: Advanced Manufacturing Training Center

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Central Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 330 Avenue M Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

Description of Request: Advanced Manufacturing Training Center works to train workers for the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and industrial/electrical maintenance sector of the Iowa economy. \$333,000 is provided to enable the center to purchase a mobile lab and supplies, and pay for salaries which will assist the center in meeting its goal to provide an important link between Iowa Central Community College and area manufacturing industries.

Project Budget Breakout: \$1.3 million for formulation, blending, storage tanks, freeze dryer, capper, tablet compression, oven and related equipment. \$100,000 for additional manufacturing simulation equipment. \$70,000 for a mobile training laboratory. \$100,000 for contract training services. \$180,000 for staffing at the training center.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Waldorf College

Address of Requesting Entity: 106 South 6th Street Forest City, IA 50436.

Description of Request: Following a long history as a two-year institution, Waldorf College received accreditation in 2001 as a Baccalaureate college from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. One of our challenges as a new Baccalaureate institution is to build library resources needed to support our growing programs. \$95,000 is provided to enhance and improve teacher preparation library materials for the Luise V. Hanson Library at Waldorf College. It will increase the collection in theory and classroom practices including methods and best practices for K–12 classroom teachers. In addition children's and juvenile literature in both paper and video formats will be acquired to help students learn and experience the body of literature currently available to ages K–12. Finally, the collection in curriculum in various formats will be enhanced to provide teacher preparation students with materials and examples of learning tools used in K–12 classrooms.

Project Budget Breakout: \$100,000 Theory and Practice materials \$100,000 Children's and Juvenile materials \$100,000 Curriculum lab materials

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greene County Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 West Lincolnway, Jefferson, IA 50129

Description of Request: Surgical equipment upgrades are required to provide the highest quality care to rural patients in Greene County Iowa, consistent with the HRSA Health Facility Grant program under which this request is made. \$325,000 is provided for the purchase of Berchtold Surgical Lights to provide better illumination for surgical procedures, a C-Arm x-ray machine to visualize placement of catheters and the presence of obstructions, a C-Arm compatible operating room table, an electrocautery machine to control bleeding during surgical procedures, and a laparoscopic system for use during laparoscopic procedures, such as removal of gallbladders, repairing hernias, and the emergency removal of an appendix.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Gundersen Lutheran Decorah Clinic

Address of Requesting Entity: 1830 State Hwy. 9, Decorah, IA 52101

Description of Request: The Gundersen Lutheran Decorah Clinic initiative allows rural citizens to take advantage of recent innovations in fetal monitoring technology that improve

neonatal outcomes, through the use of real time fetal monitoring consultation during labor with expert obstetrics/gynecology (OB/GYN) physicians. The decreasing number of specialty health care providers in rural areas has resulted in a growing need for consultations from regional providers. Ensuring the most favorable neonatal outcomes for rural women creates distinct challenges. The technology provided in this program improves access to OB/GYN consultation in rural communities and allows regional family practice physicians to discuss the care of their patients from their local community facilities. \$95,000 is provided through the HRSA Health Facility Grant program for hardware and training needed to facilitate the use of this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Dental Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 5530 West Parkway, Suite 100, Johnston, IA 50131

Description of Request: \$381,000 in funding is provided through the HRSA Health Facility Grant program to purchase portable dental equipment that will help establish the Iowa Mission of Mercy (MOM) project to deliver free dental care to underserved populations. The Iowa Department of Public Health will use the operatories throughout the year in public health settings such as Iowa rural clinics, schools and nursing facilities to enhance access to oral health care when the Iowa Dental Foundation is not using them during a MOM project. MOM projects have been used successfully in other states to deliver free dental care given by volunteer dentists and their allied staff to underserved populations. The contribution that these programs can make to Iowa communities is substantial. For example, the Virginia Dental Association estimates that Virginia Mission of Mercy volunteer dental personnel have provided free dental care to more than 24,856 patients valued at more than \$11.3 million.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine is provided with \$666,000 in funding to expand and equip a new, modular Biosafety Level 3 laboratory, in order to develop strategies for safeguarding Iowa's animal agriculture and human populations from highly infectious diseases. Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine long has been preeminent in the field of infectious diseases research in domestic animals. Recently, the College has focused on research that addresses new strategies to

prevent and control foreign animal and zoonotic diseases, which are pathogens carried by animals that may be spread to humans.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mercy Medical Center—North Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 4th Street SW, Mason City, IA 50401

Description of Request: \$190,000 is provided through the HRSA Health Facility Grant program for hardware, software and training to implement an automated medical record system in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Mercy Medical Center—North Iowa. This system uses a bedside device to capture and integrate ICU monitor data, and provides a centralized place in the patient's Electronic Health Record to view patient data trends, document patient findings, update physician orders, and receive important notifications. The system allows the information to be viewed by the patient's physician over a secure connection from locations in surrounding rural areas. The result of integrating the automated electronic health record with the ICU unit will be increased patient safety and reduced medical errors. National studies have shown that as many as 16 percent of patients admitted to an ICU experience a human error, and that these errors can add significantly to length of stay, morbidity and costs. The Medical Center employs approximately 100 primary care health providers in very rural settings with the Mason City hospital being the hub of the integrated network, which will contribute to and benefit from this initiative.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Des Moines University

Address of Requesting Entity: 3200 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312

Description of Request: This ongoing research project in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau is provided with \$190,000 through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help determine what chronic disease prevention efforts and early interventions achieve better health outcomes in at-risk individuals aged 55–64. The goal of the project is to determine if long-term taxpayer savings can be achieved by delaying, preventing or better managing chronic disease prior to entering the Medicare program. Specifically, the funding would be used to perform health risk assessments, provide disease management services and assess program results.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services,

and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Department of Education—Rehabilitation Services & Disability Research

Project Name: Iowa Department of Blind Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Department of Blind

Address of Requesting Entity: 524 4th Street Des Moines, IA 50309

Description of Request: The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) provides important materials to disabled Iowans and is transitioning along with the National Library Service's Digital Talking Book program to a digital format from a cassette based system. These important materials provide current events, information, and leisure reading to those who can no longer read. The LBPH provides many additional local materials which will need to be in the new digital format also. \$95,000 is provided to assist in the purchase of new electronic storage space for these digital materials and a new shelving system for the digital talking books.

Project Budget Breakout \$14,000 Random-shelving system. \$4,500 Bar Code Scanners. \$2,000 Bar Code Printer. \$7,000 Training and New Software. \$58,000 Digital Storage Space, Duplication Equipment, and Shipping Containers. \$27,500 Web-based Software for Circulation of Digital Talking Books.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Surface Transportation

Project Name: Highway 169 Corridor Project Environmental Assessment, Preliminary Engineering and Planning

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Humboldt, Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 29 56 St. S., Humboldt, IA 50548

Description of Request: \$760,000 is provided to the State of Iowa to undertake an environmental analysis/justification report, and preliminary engineering for proposed work on the 12 mile corridor. The project would include the addition of left and right turning lanes at intersections, 6 miles of passing lanes, widened and paved shoulders, improved entrances at various locations and a 1.23 mile section of reconstruction to improve the roadway geometrics and blind intersections.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Surface Transportation

Project Name: Highway 20 Construction Calhoun and Webster Counties

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010

Description of Request: \$855,000 is provided to the State of Iowa to continue the expansion of Highway 20 from two lanes to four. The completion of the relocated US 20 segment in Webster and Calhoun counties will add another 20 miles of four-lane roadway to the corridor.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Surface Transportation Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mitchell County Conservation Board

Address of Requesting Entity: 18793 Highway 9, Osage, Iowa 50461

Description of Request: \$570,000 is received for the Wapsi Great Western Line Trail. The Wapsi trail is a planned multi-use trail project that is located in Mitchell and Howard Counties as well as into Mower County in Southern Minnesota. The planned 33 mile trail starts in Elma, Iowa and progresses north through Riceville and McIntire, connecting to the paved Shooting Star Trail at Taopi, Minnesota which will connect to the Root River Trail. The trail will consist of approximately 15.5 miles in Mitchell County, 13.5 miles in Howard County, and 4 miles in Mower County. Four and a half miles of trail through Mitchell County were asphalted and completed in Fall 2007 and two additional phases are planned for asphaltting in Fall 2008. The trail in Mitchell county travels over 2 historic bridges and the Wapsi Welcome Center in Riceville is a historic church that is eligible for the National Registry of Historic Buildings. The Welcome Center in Howard County in Elma is a historic rail depot. Upon completion of this phase of the trail, it will be possible to continue southeast to New Hampton, IA. Once the planned trail is connected to the trails in Minnesota, there will be over 100 miles of trail system for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Economic Development Initiatives Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Marshalltown, Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 24 North Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Description of Request: \$570,000 is received for the project to include the redevelopment of property located in a downtown neighborhood. Funding would be used to assist in the acquisition of properties, relocation, and demolition to allow for new housing development. Marshalltown received \$140,000 in the FY08 bill which has allowed them to purchase one property in this area.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM LATHAM

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Account: Economic Development Initiatives Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Dodge, Iowa

Address of Requesting Entity: 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Description of Request: \$285,000 is provided to assist in the acquisition of properties, relocation, and demolition to allow for new housing development. Phase I of this project was financed in part with federal funds in the past which involved the acquisition, demolition and re-sale of properties along the North 9th Street corridor. Phase II includes 6 properties and provide incentives for the redevelopment and conversion of 5 additional properties to

the east of Phase I. This project is a response to the R.A. Smith study, which named improving housing in the community in order to sustain a sufficient workforce. Currently, Webster County and the surrounding areas are experiencing a labor shortage; but before employees can be recruited to area companies, adequate housing must be available.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on Congressional directed spending items, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding spending directed to Texas' 19th Congressional District as a result of requests made by those I represent:

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service: \$1,730,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409 and College Station, TX 77843

Description of Request: The cotton research funding will be used for study of genomics and genetic manipulation to increase yield and fiber quality, determination of economic factors affecting profitability and understanding of cotton marketing forces, study of the integrated effects of world market and policy program and development of new textile testing and manufacturing technologies. Accomplishments of this continuing research, which is authorized as a High Priority Research and Extension Area, include (1) plant density and irrigation findings that conserve water and enhance producer profitability by \$37 million, (2) genetic enhancements that increase fiber value and (3) analysis of cotton markets, trade and farm policy proposals to determine economic impacts on producers.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service: \$946,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, Center for Food Industry Excellence

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

Description of Request: The Center for Food Industry Excellence will use funds to determine the impact of packaging systems on the food safety and quality of meat and poultry products, investigate antimicrobial drug resistance in animal production and continue to study pre- and post-harvest interventions to determine control measures for food-borne pathogens in the food supply. The Center's research has already resulted in a pre-harvest food safety intervention that is currently being fed to 60% of feedlot cattle in the U.S., evaluation of meat packaging systems that have

improved the safety and quality of meats and poultry and updated data on nutritional composition of poultry for use by USDA and nutritional labeling.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service: \$515,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, Kansas State University and Texas A&M University

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409; Manhattan, KS 66506; College Station, TX 77843.

Description of Request: The Great Plains Sorghum Improvement Center integrates research efforts at three universities with sorghum expertise. Kansas State University leads efforts in agronomic sorghum research and development of new uses for sorghum. Texas Tech leads market and policy analysis work, and Texas A&M focuses on efficient sorghum cropping and production strategies. Research in FY09 will focus on genetics and plant breeding to enhance sorghum as a bioenergy feedstock, developing more sustainable cropping systems and developing new uses for grain sorghum.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service Salaries and Expenses: \$1,474,000

Legal Name of Recipient Entity: USDA-ARS Cropping Systems Research Laboratory

Address of Recipient Entity: 3810 Fourth Street, Lubbock, TX 79415.

Description of Request: The Administration's FY09 budget request to Congress proposed to eliminate funding for two research programs at the ARS Cropping Systems Research Lab in Lubbock. This request allows continued funding of the Lab's sorghum cold tolerance research (\$246,000), which is leading to a better understanding of how drought tolerance functions in sorghum and screening techniques to assist plant breeders in rapidly identifying and moving those genes into improved germplasm. The request also allows continued funding of the Lab's Cotton Production and Processing Unit (\$1,228,000). The Unit is the only ARS facility that works on quality issues related to mechanical stripper cotton. The Unit also has a particulate matter analysis lab used to support USDA air quality work.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants: \$200,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Lubbock, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 1635 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79457

Description of Request: These federal funds, along with a 45% match from the City of Lubbock, will be used for engineering costs to enable the city to move forward with constructing a terminal water storage reservoir and a membrane water treatment plant south-east of Lubbock, which will allow the City to make use of an additional water source to replace declining water supply. Projections indicate Lubbock, and the surrounding rural communities its water system serves, will need

this water by 2012. This project's total cost is \$46 million and also includes new pipeline and pump stations; a majority of funding for the project comes from state and local sources.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations: \$163,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Abilene, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 60, Abilene, TX 79604

Recipient Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District located at 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Description of Request: Flooding along Elm Creek in Abilene has resulted in federal disaster declarations, most recently in 2002 with \$6.3 million in damages to residences. Abilene has partnered with the Corps on a study of flood mitigation options. Of the total \$1.7 million cost, Abilene has contributed 50% of the costs, and the Corp committed to provide 50%. Prior to FY09, the Corps received \$373,000 for this study, and this funding brings them close to their share so the study can be completed.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: \$1,903,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University's Great Plains Wind Power Test Facility

Address of Requesting Entity: 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409

Description of Request: The Center's research focuses on: testing utility-scale wind turbines designed for use in less-energetic wind regimes; assessing the risk and effects resulting from exposure to more extreme wind events; improving wind turbine design codes; full-scale testing of wind-driven water desalination systems and their associated economics; and developing modeling codes for combined wind-water systems. FY09 funds, along with \$552,000 state of Texas funds and up to \$1 million in local matching funds, will be used to design, construct, instrument, operate and monitor the technical and economic performance of an integrated wind-driven water system capable of supplying 1 million gallons/day of purified water. The module will be capable of replication for additional capacity and for adoption in other locales.

Sponsoring Member: Congressman RANDY NEUGEBAUER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration: \$238,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Muleshoe Area Hospital Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 708 S First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347

Description of Request: The Muleshoe Area Hospital Center is a Critical Access Hospital that serves a large rural area with a population of 17,000 and per capita income of \$13,700. The hospital provides care to a growing Medicare population, a large number of uninsured patients and indigent patients. The hospital has one rural health clinic with one physician, and the area has three other family practice physicians in two different locations, neither of