

the first time, all federal, state, and local agencies operating within the aforementioned areas will have a common visual imagery tool to jointly manage emergencies. The project enhances public safety, officer safety, and puts sophisticated geospatial intelligence information into the hands of those responding to fire, crisis, 911 calls, and more. In this way, they can better respond to the situations at hand and do so more safely.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Provision: Title II

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "City of Norman, Oklahoma"

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 West Gray, PO Box 370, Norman, OK, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to replace the state's current networking system for Computer Aided Dispatch, record management, mobile data access, mapping, and other software tools critical to disaster response. Of this amount, approximately \$135,000 would be used for application software, \$56,000 would be used for support services, \$28,000 would be used for third party costs, \$17,000 would be used for custom software interfaces, and \$14,000 would be used for travel and living expenses for the contractors installing the system. The City's present system does not provide effective integration of these services and causes critical delays in disaster response. The City of Norman will provide a minimum of a 50/50 cost share and this funding will come directly from the City.

Requesting Member: Congressman TOM COLE

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: "Southeastern Oklahoma State University"

Address of Requesting Entity: 1405 N 4th Ave, PMB 4187, Durant, OK 74701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$270,000 to enhance the Emergency response System at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Approximately, \$20,000 is for a Campus-wide Panic Duress Systems; \$200,000 for engineering; \$75,000 for economic analysis; \$2,000 is for SMS text messaging software; \$50,000 will be used for a Campus-wide public announcement system; \$23,000 will be used for campus emergency call boxes; \$75,000 will be used for an emergency power generator; \$50,000 will be used for Equipment, Radios and Uniforms for public safety staff; and \$50,000 will be used for a fingerprint and document imaging scanner. This safety equipment will ensure that students feel safe on campus and will increase the response abilities of Southeastern State. This safety will also encourage more students to attend this college and therefore grow the local community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. 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. 2487, the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

(1) \$500,000 for the Region 43, Pierce County Metropolitan Public Safety Communications Interoperable First Responder Emergency Communication System

Requesting Entity: Pierce County Sheriff Department, 930 Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Agency: Department of Justice

Account: COPS Tech

Funding Requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

Currently, Pierce County has several disparate radio systems which do not allow easy interoperability, or only provide minimal interoperability. There is a drastic need for improved operable communications and interoperable communications in Pierce County which will take advantage of new technology.

Two critical components of this project involve a county-wide radio system and 911 dispatch centers. Pierce County will plan, purchase and build a county-wide interoperable radio communications system and two 911 dispatch centers (one police and one fire communications facilities), co-locating participating PSAPs into physically separate, fully redundant and survivable Fire and Police communications facilities. This project will solve the County's interoperability issues and establish the capacity to use operating funds, staff and equipment more efficiently.

Building a regional interoperable communications system with two consolidated PSAPs will dramatically improve the ability of first responders to respond to natural or manmade disasters within Pierce County and improve day-to-day operational capabilities. This project comes at a critical time due to sun-setting technology and FCC mandates. Additionally, this will enable all first responders to become interoperable. Citizens of Pierce County and the Puget Sound will benefit from first responders rapidly deploying to events and communicating effectively for life safety issues.

Additionally, an estimated 1,080 prevailing wage jobs will be created to construct facilities and communications sites. Further, in-state companies will have the opportunity to participate in supplying building materials, equipment, supplies and services. Local and state governments will benefit from sales tax revenues and permitting fees.

Finance Plan:

Site development:

Backhoe Excavation for Shelter Foundation	
Designs .....	6,000
Shelter Foundation 12 x 32 .....	18,500
Generator Foundation .....	12,300
Fuel Tank Foundation .....	10,200
Shelter, Fuel Tank and Generator Placement .....	17,000
Utility Locate .....	1,100
High voltage electrical installation .....	30,000
Grounding for new shelter, generator, and tower components .....	17,000

Tower Ice Bridge .....	5,000
Design Construction Drawings .....	5,000
As Built Construction Drawings .....	1,650
Shelter, Generator and Tank and Tower Foundation design .....	5,000
Misc. Civil Construction (Includes extended Utility Trenching, Rock/Site Finish, Landscaping, Misc. Concrete and Bollards, Fuel Tank, install and fuel) ....	21,200
Site Acquisition and Zoning Services (Includes Building Permit Processing, Zoning submittal and Approval Process) ....	3,100
General Testing (Includes Soil Resistivity Test, Compact Test, Concrete Test, Grounding Test, Generator Load Test, and Special Inspections) .....	8,000
Construction Mgmt Services (includes Subcontractor's Construction Management, Project management Project Coordinator, Mobilization, Temp Facilities, Transportation of materials to Site and Close out Preparation) .....	26,100
Tower Foundation .....	95,000
Crane Rental .....	15,000
Site Topographical Survey .....	4,100
Standard Geotechnical Investigation .....	20,000
Tower Freight .....	18,500
Shelter Freight .....	31,000
Tower .....	98,000
12 x 32 Shelter w/aggregate ext. & twin A/C units .....	94,000
Tower Lighting .....	11,000
Self-Supporting Tower Erection .....	60,000
Fences/Gates .....	25,000
Building Permit review .....	3,000
Geotech .....	6,500
Site Drawings .....	2,000
Geotech Follow Up .....	2,000
Radio base stations (Includes antenna combiners, antennas, feedlines and lightning suppression .....	165,000
Microwave backhaul equipment .....	140,000
Multiplexers .....	20,000
Misc. Parts and Supplies .....	2,750
Site Development Total .....	1,000,000

(2) \$150,000 for the Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network

Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, WA 98001

Agency: Department of Justice

Account: COPS Tech

Funding Requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, ADAM SMITH

The Valley Cities completed a regional broadband network study in 2007 that recommended the development of a regional fiber optic ring that would connect the Cities, support public safety, and enhance interagency communications, law enforcement capabilities, and emergency response. Seven of the Valley Cities are supported by the Valley Communications 911 center. The development of a fiber ring between these cities, including the Valley Communications 911 center, provides the infrastructure to support interagency communications. Additional wireless access devices will support communications in the field.

This project also supports communications between public safety entities during mutual aid and disaster response, and will allow for future connectivity between regional 911 centers such as LESA in Tacoma and NorComm in the Northeast King County area.

The cities of the Valley, from Puyallup to Tukwila, account for more than 65 percent of all industrial, distribution and warehousing in the Puget Sound Region. Combined they are known as the Green River Valley Distribution Hub, an important and highly effective economic engine for the Puget Sound Region and the entire state of Washington. Currently, the

Valley Cities employ more than 85,000 people and have a population of over 300,000. There are more than 12,400 acres of industrial lands, 164 miles of truck routes and 8,432 acres of commercial land in this economic region.

As the region grows, it is critical to maintain effective tools for law enforcement in their efforts to keep the community safe. The Auburn, Renton, Kent and Tukwila agencies own the Valley Communications 911 center, which also provides services to the Algona and Pacific agencies. The funding will streamline their communications and provide opportunities for communications in mutual aid or disaster response situations throughout the nine Valley Cities. In addition, City of Auburn provides Public Safety Records Management services for the Cities of Algona and Pacific. The secure fiber network between these nine agencies will allow the cities to have high speed communications and meet the ever expanding Criminal Justice Information Security (CJIS) requirements that mandate the securing and encryption of these data networks.

The Cops Technology grant program provides funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. As part of a technology upgrade to begin in 2009, 911 communications for the law enforcement capabilities and public safety community will be changed from radio to IP-based. This will require wired (fiber) communications between the Valley Communications 911 Center and public safety agencies, as well as wireless communications between agencies and mobile computers installed in law enforcement vehicles.

The project will provide 65 direct family wage jobs in the design and construction of this project. In addition, maintenance and operations of this fiber network will provide indirect jobs with regional vendors who will provide the support of the network.

Finance Plan:

*Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network Cost Estimate*

Construction Budget Estimate:	
Segment A: Backbone	\$750,000
Segment B: Valley Communications .....	\$200,000
Segment C: Auburn City Hall .....	\$50,000
Segment D: Federal Way City Hall .....	\$500,000
Segment E: Kent City Hall .....	\$50,000
Segment F: Tukwila City Hall .....	\$50,000
Segment G: Renton City Hall .....	\$50,000
Segment H: Puget Sound Access .....	\$50,000
Segment I: Algona .....	\$90,000
Segment J: Pacific .....	\$90,000
Segment K: Auburn M&O Facility to Ellingson .....	\$200,000
<b>Total of estimates ....</b>	<b>\$2,080,000</b>

Project Management & Design Budget Estimate:	
Consultant design engineering .....	\$470,000

*Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network Cost Estimate—Continued*

Consultant project management .....	\$450,000
<b>Total of estimates ....</b>	<b>\$920,000</b>
Estimated Project Cost .....	\$3,000,000

(3) \$1,500,000 for the Washington State Meth Initiative.

Requesting Entity: Pierce County Alliance, 510 Tacoma Ave. So., Tacoma, WA 98402.

Agency: Department of Justice.

Account: COPS Meth.

Funding Requested by: Reps. DAVE REICHERT, ADAM SMITH, RICK LARSEN, NORM DICKS, BRIAN BAIRD.

The methamphetamine epidemic in Washington State mandated an intensive, proactive approach to address the problem on every level, prompting the organization of the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative in 1999. A coalition of concerned, public and private entities developed a comprehensive, integrated program incorporating a focused treatment component, community mobilization and prevention, and environmental and property damage remediation.

WSMI's main goals are to improve enforcement, abate production of methamphetamine, and provide prevention, treatment, and the necessary resources to mobilize communities state-wide. The program propagated an effective treatment model to deal with the severity of the drug and created "Meth Action Teams" (MATs) in every county, educating and organizing communities to combat the drug and all its related effects at the grassroots. Having effectively launched the program in 2001, WSMI seeks to continue to meet the compelling threat of methamphetamine in our state by pursuit of a proven, cost-effective strategy that has reduced the number of illicit meth labs and dump site discoveries by over 70%.

This funding is an ideal implementation of the COPS "Meth Hot Spots" funding because it directly targets the multi-faceted impacts of methamphetamine on our communities state-wide. The funding will also be critical to the retention of jobs related to the proactive investigation efforts related to methamphetamine trafficking across the state.

Finance Plan:

This finance plan reflects a continuation of federal funding for the Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative (WSMI), initiated in 2000. The funds are allocated as indicated below and the 2010 funding request will continue the current positions and activities of the Initiative.

Budget Item	Federal	County
Law Enforcement .....	961,000	.....
Prevention .....	300,000	.....
Treatment .....	460,544	228,320
Indirect Costs .....	278,456	.....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>228,320</b>

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from all three of the projects listed above.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 435, celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I thank Chairman TOWNS and my California Delegation colleague, Congressman HONDA for their work in bringing this resolution to the floor today.

This is a very exciting time for the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and with the Obama Administration to advance the AAPI objectives.

The 37th Congressional District of California, which I am privileged to represent, is home to one of the largest Asian constituencies in the nation, including large representations of Filipinos, Samoans and Cambodians. My district is home to the largest Cambodian population in the United States, and the second largest Cambodian population outside of Cambodia. Because of the diversity of my district and in our nation, I am a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

This year's theme for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is "Lighting the Past, Present, and Future." The past is filled with rich cultural, economic, and technological contributions from the Asian community. The month of May was chosen to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage for two significant reasons. On May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived to our country and on May 10, 1860, the first transcontinental railroad was completed. The transcontinental railroad transformed our nation and could not have been completed without the inclusion of Chinese immigrants.

Here in Congress, Dalip Singh Saund was the first Asian American elected in 1957 and less than a decade later, Patsy Mink became the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. Both overcame adversity to pave the way for all minorities, including a distinguished American and Medal of Honor winner, Senator DANIEL INOUE, who has served in the other body for nearly a half century. Today, we have seven Members of Congress of Asian descent and 25 Members of Congress, including myself, in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

The AAPI theme, the "present" demonstrates the great progress we have made as a country. Despite the challenges and adversity that Asian Pacific Americans have experienced, many have forged ahead and made significant contributions. History was made when this nation elected a President with such significant personal ties to the Asian Pacific community. President Obama spent his childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia. One of President Obama's first guests to the Oval Office was the Prime Minister, Taro Aso of Japan. Further, President Obama appointed three Asian Americans to his cabinet: Secretary of Energy, Dr. Steven Chu; Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke; and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki.