

United States Senate

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The Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
Subcommittee
122 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
Subcommittee
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Hutchison:

As the Subcommittee begins its consideration of the FY2011 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I am writing to request support for the following military construction projects:

Project Name: 96-Person Dormitory, Phase I
Request: \$8,800,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: CZQZ123001A
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a three-story, four-plex style dormitory with 48 rooms and a common area. Existing dormitory capacity does not meet demands. A rapid increase of airmen is expected to continue as the 27th SOW continues its beddown and an increase in on-base housing is critical. This has been flagged by many members of the Air Force leadership as a priority.

Project Name: Family Support Center
Request: \$4,050,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: CZQZ013004
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a new family support center that provides essential financial and family counseling/education, relocation information, and employment/transition assistance to ensure airmen and their families are supported when entering the service, when relocating to and from installations, pre- and post-deployment support and assuming a smooth transition into civilian life when separating or retiring from the service.

Project Name: Military Working Dog Facility
Request: \$4,400,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: MHMV053102
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a military working dog (MWD) facility, including 14 indoor/outdoor kennels and 4 isolation kennels, exercise facilities, and necessary infrastructure. The present MWD facility is a worn-out, undersize, and outdated structure built in 1954 and converted to a kennel in 1978. Over a dozen MWDs at Kirtland support USAD operations on-base and worldwide.

Project Name: Rapid Response Laboratory Facility
Request: \$1,850,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 73643
Service Component: Army
Project Location: White Sands Missile Range, NM
Project Description: This project would expand and upgrade the capabilities of the Rapid Response Laboratory (RRL) to significantly improve electronic piece-part and Line Replaceable Unit (LRU) testing support for current systems, Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), Future Combat Systems (FCS), National Laboratories and Commercial customers. This expansion will allow WSMR to properly support its current demand for nuclear effects, directed energy and E3 testing of DOD weapons/systems. At the current time, the RRL's workload exceeds the required lab space to perform set up and analysis of items under test.

Project Name: Parallel Taxiway, Runway 07/25
Request: \$8,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: KWRD083007
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Holloman Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a taxiway parallel to Runway 07/25 extending from the existing Taxiway F eastward to intersect with the new taxiway being constructed as part of the FY10 UAS beddown. Due to the high susceptibility of the F-22A to engine damage caused by ingesting Foreign Object Debris (FOD), F-22A operations require pavements free of FOD.

Project Name: SOF C-130 Wash Rack Hangar
Request: \$10,800,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: CZQZ073018
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a permanent aircraft washrack hangar of adequate size and configuration to provide all weather capability for periodic scheduled and unscheduled maintenance of permanent assigned and TDY aircraft up to C-130 size. No facilities exist at Cannon AFB that can accommodate C-130 washing in a climate controlled environment, impacting flying operations and the mission.

Project Name: 550th Operation Facility
Request: \$16,500,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: MHMV083121
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a new facility to provide the increased space required by the 550th Operations Squadron to alleviate current overcrowding and accommodate a 40 percent increase in aircraft and air crew by 2015. Lack of expanded facility will result in the 550th Operations Squadron continuing to be compressed into an undersized space. The 550th is part of the 58th Special Operations Wing and performs training on three different C-130 airframes and trains over 200 students per year.

Project Name: BEAR Set Asset Storage Facility
Request: \$17,500,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: KWRD013000
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Holloman Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct warehouse space, including bin and bulk storage, for maximum protection of deployable War Reserve Material (WRM) Bare Base assets from the weather. Currently, the majority of assts assigned to the 49th Material Maintenance Group (MMG) are stored in containers in open areas with exposure to weather, dust and temperature extremes. Availability of the storage warehouse would enable assets to be maintained in a constant state of readiness and postured for worldwide deployment with greatly reduced maintenance costs.

Project Name: SOF CV-22 Squadron Operations Facility
Request: \$13,600,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: CZQZ063023
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct an adequate facility to secure planning, briefing and critique aircrews and to direct flight operations in support of assigned CV-22 aircraft. No facilities exist at Cannon AFB that can accommodate CV-22 squadron operations. Lack of an adequate squadron operations facility will adversely impact the CV-22 squadron operations and the mission at Cannon.

Project Name: Network Enterprise Center
Request: \$32,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 33584
Service Component: Army
Project Location: White Sands Missile Range, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a single facility to support WSMR customers with secure, reliable, modern telephone services and infrastructure. The current facility, constructed in 1962, is entirely inadequate for necessary upgrades, even though it is the main hub of all telephone service at White Sands and, as such, any failure or shut down will halt various critical activities.

Project Name: Replace Fire Station 3
Request: \$6,800,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: MHMV083126
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a new fire station to better serve the southeastern part of Kirtland Air Force Base and improve response times to critical, high value facilities including munitions storage. The present station is 55 years old, deficient in numerous areas, and inadequate for modern firefighting equipment.

Project Name: Storage Vault and Elevator
Request: \$5,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Army
Project Number: 60556
Service Component: Army
Project Location: White Sands Missile Range, NM
Project Description: This project would enhance an existing vulnerability test facility with necessary security, safety and surety mission requirements. This includes the construction of a storage vault, lift system and a weather shield to protect outdoor testing. The proposed modification to the facility adds additional features to the building consistent with current emphasis on anti-terrorism and force protection.

Project Name: Nuclear Systems Wing and Sustainment Center
Request: \$49,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: MHMV103105
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a two-story structure built as a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) addition to the existing Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFNWC) building. This new center will house the recently established 498th Nuclear Systems Wing and the Sustainment and Integration Center. The 498th is responsible for sustainment, modernization and acquisition support of nuclear weapon system programs.

Project Name: Crash/Fire/Rescue Station
Request: \$7,800,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: MHMV083116
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Project Description: This project would construct a new crash/fire/rescue station to protect the main runway used by the Air Force and the Albuquerque International Airport, where a few seconds of respond time can make a critical difference. It would replace a 56 year-old building that has numerous deficiencies including personnel safety concerns.

In addition to the projects listed above, I fully support the following projects as included in the President's Budget Request:

- Dormitory (96 RM): Cannon AFB, NM
- SOF Add/Alter Simulator Facility for MC-130: Cannon AFB, NM
- SOF Aircraft Parking Apron for MC-130J: Cannon AFB, NM
- SOF C-130 Parking Apron Phase I: Cannon AFB, NM
- SOF Hanger/AMU for MC-130J: Cannon AFB, NM
- SOF Operations and Training Complex: Cannon AFB, NM
- UAS Squadron Ops Facility: Cannon AFB, NM
- Army Reserve Center/Land: Army Reserve, Las Cruces, NM
- Readiness Center: Army National Guard, Farmington, NM
- UAS Add/Alter Maintenance Hanger: Holloman AFB, NM
- UAS Maintenance Hangar: Holloman AFB, NM
- Aerial Delivery Facility Addition: Kirtland AFB, NM
- Armament Shop: Kirtland AFB, NM
- H/MC-130 Fuel System Maintenance Facility: Kirtland AFB, NM
- Barracks: White Sands Missile Range, NM
- Health and Dental Clinics: White Sands Missile Range, NM

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jonathan Epstein of my staff at (202) 224-5521.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator