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The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
and Defense Appropriations Subcommittee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Vice Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
and Defense Appropriations Subcommittee  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Inouye and Senator Cochran:

As the Committee begins its consideration of the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill, I am writing to request support for the additional programs:

**Item Name:** Facility Renovations and Retrofit, 168<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing  
**Request:** \$1,300,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Air Guard  
**SAG:** 11R  
**Intended Recipient:** 168<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing  
**Location:** Eielson AFB, North Pole, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Several of the 168<sup>th</sup> facilities need minor renovations and/or refurbishments. These projects include renovation of command and financial management facilities, installation of a cover over a oxygen servicing cart storage area (directed per technical order requirement), installing destratification fans in an aircraft hanger to provide thermal equalization (will reduce the amount of energy required to heat the facilities), and replacing the High Intensity Discharge (HID) parking / security light fixtures with energy efficient fixtures.

**Item Name:** Repair Arctic Utilities and Infrastructure, PH 1/10  
**Request:** \$5,000,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Air Force  
**SAG:** 11R  
**Intended Recipient:** 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force  
**Location:** Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Critical work required to excavate and replace aging, severely degraded underground utilities which enable mission activities. Vicious arctic winters, which may have multiple freeze-thaw cycles, has rapidly deteriorated the condition of existing utility systems. Many of the systems are running at or above designed capacity and, as a whole, are beyond their design life. Adequate and reliable base utility distribution systems are essential to uninterrupted mission operations as well as meeting environmental regulations.

**Item Name:** Base Operations Requirements, Fort Greely, AK  
**Request:** \$1,000,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Army (OMA)  
**SAG:** 131  
**Intended Recipient:** Fort Greely Garrison  
**Location:** Fort Greely, Delta Junction AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** The Garrison at Fort Greely requires a number of items to ensure continued safe and effective base operations. These items will supply post fire department and logistics personnel, allowing them to conduct their daily duties. Items needed include firefighting helmets, air lift bags, m. hoses, a fork lift, printers, IT equipment, etc.

**Item Name:** Post Security Enhancements, Fort Greely, AK  
**Request:** \$907,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Army (OMA)  
**SAG:** 131  
**Intended Recipient:** Fort Greely Garrison  
**Location:** Fort Greely, Delta Junction AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** A recent Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment determined that the post required a number of items / enhancements in order to counter potential security threats. These funds will be used to make these security enhancements.

**Item Name:** IT and Information Management Upgrades, Fort Greely AK  
**Request:** \$300,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Army (OMA)  
**SAG:** 131  
**Intended Recipient:** Fort Greely Garrison  
**Location:** Fort Greely, Delta Junction, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Fort Greely has a requirement to upgrade its IT systems. These funds will be used to enhance the Garrison's ability to recover data in the event of a server crashing and to upgrade its information management systems.

**Item Name:** Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) Enhancements  
**Request:** \$6,900,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Air Force  
**SAG:** 11Z  
**Intended Recipient:** 11<sup>th</sup> AF  
**Location:** Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** These funds will cover a variety of projects intended to enhance and upgrade the Range Complex. Projects include an environmental impact study (EIS) focused at the use of air and ground assets, security enhancements, integration and fusing of radar networks, installation of network architecture, and range road repair / refurbishment.



**Item Name:** Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) Enhancement  
**Request:** \$15,500,000  
**Account:** Procurement, Air Force  
**Line:** 24  
**Intended Recipient:** 11<sup>th</sup> AF  
**Location:** Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** These funds will be used to procure equipment intended to enhance Red Flag Alaska exercises, resulting in better overall training for U.S. and allied forces. Items to be procured include an adversary integrated air defense system (Phase IV), advance capability electronic combat pods, remotely operated moving targets, and air combat maneuvering instrumentation upgrades.

**Item Name:** Alaska Joint Command & Control Infrastructure and Physical Security  
**Request:** \$3,650,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Air Force  
**SAG:** 11Z  
**Intended Recipient:** 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 611<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Group  
**Location:** Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Initiatives intended to improve access control systems, improve secure communication capabilities, and allow ALCOM to be aligned with NORAD and NORTHCOM Campaign Plan version 0.86. This funding will directly support the Alaskan NORAD Region mission.

**Item Name:** Road Infrastructure Upgrades, Fort Richardson, AK  
**Request:** \$5,000,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Army  
**SAG:** 132  
**Intended Recipient:** Fort Richardson  
**Location:** Anchorage, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Critical work required to excavate and replace aging, severely degraded roads. The project scope includes the repair of several major road networks which provide access to training areas on the installation. Arctic winters have a severe impact on roads which causes quicker deterioration of the infrastructure. The funding of this requirement will facilitate a safe road network which will assist in ensuring the installation infrastructure is ready to meet all mission requirements.

**Item Name:** Physical Security Upgrades, Fort Richardson, AK  
**Request:** \$500,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Army  
**SAG:** 131  
**Intended Recipient:** Fort Richardson  
**Location:** Anchorage, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Will make a significant contribution to physical security repair and upgrades at Ft. Richardson and a satellite facility located in Seward, AK. These upgrades include expansion of a gate monitoring system at both Fort Richardson and the Seward facility as well as improving the connectivity of a current alarm system and replacing aging portions of an intrusion detection system at Fort Richardson.

**Item Name:** Post Entrance Road Enhancement, Fort Wainwright, AK  
**Request:** \$2,000,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Army  
**SAG:** 132  
**Intended Recipient:** Fort Wainwright  
**Location:** Fairbanks, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** Gaffney Road, a four lane street which provides access from the Main Gate of Fort Wainwright to the rest of the Installation, is in need of repair and repaving. These funds are needed to accomplish this task.

**Item Name:** Alaskan NORAD Region Communication Upgrades & Repairs  
**Request:** \$3,000,000  
**Account:** Operation & Maintenance, Air Force  
**SAG:** 11Z  
**Intended Recipient:** 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 611<sup>th</sup> Air Support Group  
**Location:** Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, AK  
**Purpose/Project Description:** These funds are intended to enhance communication capability within the Alaskan NORAD Region. They will allow for a data transport modification, an upgrade of the command and control network to meet Defense Information Systems Agency standards, and the repair and replacement of equipment at the King Salmon Ground-Air Transmitter-Receiver.

Additionally, I request that the following provision be included in the FY10 Appropriations Bill: *The Secretaries of the Air Force and the Army are authorized, using funds available under the headings "Operation and Maintenance, Air Force" and "Operation and Maintenance, Army", to complete facility conversions and phased repair projects in support of Red Flag Alaska exercises, which may include upgrades and additions to Alaskan range infrastructure and training areas, and improved access to these ranges.*

I certify that to the best of my knowledge neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item(s) 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.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator