

Defense Authorization Recommendations

The following project requests were submitted to the Senate Armed Services Committee for consideration as part of the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act:

Rolls Royce and General Electric are seeking \$463,000,000 to continue the systems design and development of the F136 alternate Joint Strike Fighter engine in Indianapolis, IN.

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Rolls Royce and General Electric are seeking \$130,000,000 for the advance procurement of parts to continue the systems design and development of the F136 alternate Joint Strike Fighter engine in Indianapolis, IN.

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