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Isakson Announces Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Funding Requests

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., today announced the fiscal year 2011 funding requests for Georgia projects that he has submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Isakson believes increased transparency and disclosure are essential to the appropriations process.

Requests are listed in alphabetical order. This list will be updated as Isakson submits additional requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AGRICULTURE:

Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, to fund conservation operations, \$3 million

The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in Athens, Ga., will provide incentives for agriculture producers to wisely conserve water and to construct/repair agriculture water storage facilities. The commission will provide free irrigation system performance audits to participating producers, and it will cost-share with qualifying producers to install water saving technologies to irrigation systems based on audit results to implement water scheduling techniques.

UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, to fund cotton insect management and fiber quality research, \$500,000

The proposed research by the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in Tifton, Ga., will provide grower support and Georgia-based answers to maintaining fiber quality, understanding the biology and ecology of stinkbugs and other pest species, development of novel sampling techniques and management thresholds, improved pesticide management and continued strong extension programming. Results from these studies will enable Georgia cotton producers to remain competitive in domestic and world cotton markets.

UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, to fund phytophthora research, \$240,000

The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in Tifton, Ga., seeks funding to develop effective strategies integrating several new and promising tactics to control *Phytophthora capsici*, a devastating disease affecting vegetable production in Georgia and other states.

USDA-ARS-National Peanut Research Laboratory, to fund water use reduction research, \$1.2 million

The USDA-ARS-National Peanut Research Laboratory in Dawson, Ga., seeks funding to develop management criteria for row crop producers to maximize the impact of drip irrigation on their operations while increasing water use efficiency and water conservation. By utilizing efficient drip irrigation on row crops, growers' economic returns will improve, which will greatly benefit U.S. rural economies.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE:

Cobb County, to fund regional interoperable communications network for public safety first responders, \$500,000

Cobb County, Ga., is a key player in developing a regional interoperable communication system that covers eleven counties from metro Atlanta to Alabama. The linking of like radio systems will expand coverage, coordinate responses, improve communication and decrease response time in the event of natural or man-made disasters, including terrorism. Funds for this project will be used to link systems together and upgrade the radio system's operating platform so that all area systems are functioning at the same level.

Georgia Meth Project, to fund program aimed at reducing the prevalence of first-time meth abuse, \$250,000

The Georgia Meth Project in Atlanta, Ga., is a large-scale, statewide prevention and public awareness program designed to reduce the prevalence of first-time methamphetamine abuse in Georgia. Funds will be used to reduce the prevalence of first-time meth abuse.

Rockdale County, to fund Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Mobile Data Network, \$188,000

The Sheriff's Office in Rockdale County, Ga., is a full-service sheriff's office providing complete law enforcement services to the approximately 85,000 residents in this metro Atlanta county. The Sheriff's Office is committed to providing technological capabilities to maximize law enforcement efforts for deputies and citizens. Funds will be used to build upon the present mobile data system, including a digital camera storage system, handheld computers for criminal investigations, a GPS/AVL network to record movements of mobile units, thermal imaging devices, and fingerprint identification technology.

Spelman College, to support the WISE Scholars Program, \$100,000

Established in 1987, the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Scholars Program at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., provides scholarship and academic support for highly qualified students majoring in the physical sciences, mathematics, or dual-degree engineering. Consisting of academic, mentoring and research components, the WISE Scholars Program has been instrumental in increasing the number of underrepresented women earning undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Funding will support the continuation and expansion of the current program to assist national efforts to produce the next generation of American STEM professionals.

DEFENSE:

Aerospace Missions Corporation, to fund the Small Unmanned Aerial System High Performance Payload program, \$5 million

The Small Unmanned Aerial System High Performance Payload program, which is run by Aerospace Missions Corporation in St. Mary's, Ga., addresses unmet Department of Defense requirements for Night Vision technology and the U.S. Army's need for sensors to detect targets in camouflage, concealment and deception as well as for beyond-line-of-sight targeting in areas shadowed by terrain. Aerospace Missions has assembled a team of world-class scientists and researchers to develop the smallest hyperspectral imager in the world for use by defense, law enforcement, search and rescue and Homeland Security missions.

ArunA Biomedical, to fund research to develop human neuron biosensors, \$1.2 million

Hazardous substance detection represents a growing concern for both military and civilian agencies. ArunA Biomedical in Athens, Ga., is developing human neuron biosensors for Botulinum neurotoxins, which are among the most significant bioterrorism threats and the most deadly substance by weight to humans. ArunA enhances this system by using genetically engineered cell lines to regulate cellular phenotype and thus enhance the sensitivity of the system.

Columbus State University, to fund research for cognitive map-based modeling and simulation for tactical decision support, \$2 million

The project at Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga., will assist the Warfighter by utilizing map-based modeling and simulation to support tactical decision-making by military planners in training and operational scenarios.

CSRA Wounded Warrior Care Project, report language request

Report Language Request: The Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Wounded Warrior Care Project is requesting an increase in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Veterans Curation Program (VCP) Budget to continue the VCP in Augusta, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, and Washington, D.C. The current budget does not allow the VCP to continue at its current level of operation in serving veterans and service members in the three locations. The VCP is training and employing wounded and disabled Iraq and Afghanistan-returned veterans to categorize, inventory, process and photograph artifacts, and to archive records owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Beginning in October 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Center of Expertise for Curation and Management of Archeological Collections St. Louis District, opened this first-of-its-kind project in Augusta, Georgia. At the VCP laboratory in Augusta, the CSRA works with the Fort Gordon Warrior Transition Battalion, the Georgia Department of Labor and the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in training participants skills such as document scanning and imaging, records management, inventory tracking, high resolution photography, digital image retention, and cataloging. These skills are readily transferable to jobs in health care, law enforcement, rescue, administrative, government and engineering career fields. In addition to Augusta, Georgia, other sites have been established in Washington, D.C. and St. Louis, Missouri.

VCP serves as a national model of fostering a culture that values equal opportunity, innovation, and accountability and supports the vision of the Veteran's Administration by providing veterans the benefits and services they have earned by adhering to the highest standards of compassion, commitment, professionalism and integrity. Wounded warriors are receiving training, pay, and highly rewarding employment, bolstering self-esteem and a sense of purpose, while providing them with a venue to work as a team with other veterans and service members. The increase in federal funding will be used to continue the current programs at all three sites and double the program size in Augusta, Georgia. Without this federal funding, the VCP will be unable to continue to provide veterans and service members training and employment.

CyroLife, Inc., to fund research to develop BioFoam protein for surgical repair of battlefield injuries, \$6.5 million

Uncontrollable bleeding from internal wounds is a major cause of combat casualty. CyroLife, Inc. in Kennesaw, Ga., is developing a protein hydrogel technology that could result in an FDA-approved method of addressing blood loss by forward surgical teams or combat support hospitals.

Darton College, to fund customized nursing program, \$1.5 million

Darton College in Albany, Ga., will administer a customized nursing program at Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Ga. This program improves the educational and economic well-being of the military community by providing customized nursing programs such as traditional and accelerated training for medics as well as Licensed Practical Nurse programs. Programs are designed to overcome barriers military life presents while addressing military nursing shortages

Dobbins Air Reserve Base, to fund commissary, \$20 million

Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson are scheduled to close in 2011 as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process. At that time, Fort Benning and Robins Air Force Base, which are located approximately 100 miles from Atlanta, Ga., will be the closest commissary serving the metro Atlanta military population. On March 31, 2009, the Commissary Operating Board of the Defense Commissary Agency agreed to recommend approval of a commissary at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Ga., to the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who approved the facility on September 3, 2009. These funds will be used to accelerate construction of the commissary at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Intergraph Corporation, to fund strategic airlift transformation and integration modeling program at Warner Robins Air Force Logistics Center, \$4.93 million

To meet the challenges of diverse global threats, rapid multiple deployments and aging weapon systems, the Department of Defense must accelerate the transformation of logistics and maintenance processes. Intergraph Corporation in Warner Robins, Ga., will assist the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins, Ga., in improving aircraft availability and reducing total ownership cost by creating enterprise-wide proactive planning that improves strategic mobility, implements total asset visibility and achieves greater communication and operational situational awareness. Funding for this program will support further sustainment of the C-5 aircraft, as well as organically improve the C-17 through increased coordination and responsiveness.

Meggitt Training Systems, Inc., to fund procurement for Combat Skills Marksmanship Trainer, \$6 million

The Combat Skills Marksmanship Trainer, which is provided by Meggitt Training Systems, Inc. in Suwanee, Ga., is a virtual system used for conducting mandatory training and intensive combat training in any tactical environment. The system focuses on the vital critical tasks that enhance mission readiness and battlefield survivability in the present warfare environment. The Combat Skills Marksmanship Trainer features include U.S. Army-specific courseware and training scenarios that address new and complex tactical situations and provide soldiers with the ability to conduct weapons, judgmental and military training in a tactical environment built on geo-specific terrain databases.

Mercer Engineering Research Center, to fund the development of the AN/BLQ-10A(V) Wideband Signal Processor, \$6 million

This program at Mercer Engineering Research Center in Warner Robins, Ga., enhances the AN/BLQ-10A(V) wideband signal processor capability to counter advancements in threat radars with dual use sensors to improve performance, increase reliability and maintain an edge in the global war on terrorism.

National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center, to fund research, \$9 million

The National Nanotechnology Manufacturing Center in Swainsboro, Ga., will deliver innovative solutions to warfighter needs and gaps by utilizing nanotechnology-enabled materials, devices and supporting equipment.

Printpack Inc., to fund research to develop advanced packaging materials for combat rations, \$1.26 million

Printpack Inc. in Atlanta, Ga., will develop non-foil materials for military ration packaging, which is a precursor step to enable enhanced thermal processing techniques. The end result will be more environmentally friendly military rations with greater variety, better taste, more nutrition, longer shelf-life and lower production costs.

Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center, to fund the Savannah Optimal Weapons and Training Link program, \$5 million

The development of the Savannah Optimal Weapons and Training Link will allow for the simultaneous employment of many advanced weapons, platforms and threats into a multiple test or exercise/training events at the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center in Savannah, Ga. This effort connects test and evaluation ranges that use many communications and data requirements to interact between geographically separated ranges, making valuable information available to everyone who requires it.

Vercor Materials, to fund research to develop conformal ceramics for enhanced aviation armor systems, \$3 million and report language request

There is an urgent need for improved helicopter armor. The Conformal Ceramics for Enhanced Aviation Armor Systems, developed by Vercor Materials in Atlanta, Ga., will develop 100 percent dense conformal B4C ceramic shapes and the low cost manufacturing methods and equipment to enable protection of flight critical helicopter hardware.

Requested Report Language: Congress is concerned about the lack of sufficient capabilities to protect flight-critical helicopter components from small arms fire. Therefore, Congress directs the Secretary of Defense to immediately undertake a program to develop conformal ceramics for enhanced helicopter armor and provides an additional \$3,000,000 in PE 603216N Aviation Survivability for this purpose.

DEFENSE – AUTHORIZATION ONLY (NOT APPROPRIATIONS):

Georgia Institute of Technology, to fund technology development for a Quiet Tactical UAV, \$4 million

In the proposed program at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga., technologies will be developed to make tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) less detectable and better performing. The objective is to demonstrate a UAV that can operate in a stealthy manner that facilitates mission effectiveness. This level of capability will greatly increase the utility of tactical UAVs for military and homeland defense missions.

Scientific Research Corporation, to fund research for Micro-Asymmetric Covert Waveform for Software Defined Radios, \$4.8 million

The Micro-Asymmetric Covert Waveform for Software Defined Radios (SDR) program, being developed by Scientific Research Corporation in Atlanta, Ga., demonstrates a very small, low-cost, low-power radio that hosts the full transmit portion of the covert communications waveform with a limited received portion. With the proposed funding, the covert waveform will be ported to SDR systems to meet the unique requirements for Special Operations Forces. SDRs are flexible communications systems that allow cost effective and rapid future upgrades.

University of Georgia, to fund research for enhancing vaccine development and capacity for military application, \$2 million

This project at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., will provide an innovative method to enhance vaccine production using RNA interference to silence host genes that limit virus replication in mammalian cell lines used for vaccine development. This study would change vaccine development and supply by dramatically increasing available vaccine stocks and have a direct effect on at-risk populations by making more vaccine doses available.

ENERGY AND WATER:

City of Albany, for sewer system upgrades, \$2 million

Albany, Ga., needs to upgrade its sewer system to sustain current capacity and to avoid discharges of sewage into the Flint River and area surfaces. A lack of structural integrity of the system makes it vulnerable to major breaks and leeches should a flooding incident occur along the Flint River. The combination of flooding and an inadequate sewer system could prove catastrophic for the region, which has experienced major floods twice in the past 10 years.

City of Atlanta, to improve surface water quality by providing combined sewer capacity relief to capture more stormwater and sewage flows and associated flood relief, \$5 million

The wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment system in Atlanta, Ga., consists of approximately 2,000 miles of sanitary and combined sewers, seven combined sewer overflow treatment plants and other facilities, much of which was originally built in the 19th Century and is still in use today. Excessive overflows from the combined sewer system, coupled with sanitary sewer overflows and leaks in the separated area, are seriously impacting metro Atlanta regional water quality. Continued rapid growth in the metropolitan area and the daily influx of commuters from surrounding areas into the city exacerbate the adverse impact.

City of Toccoa, for waste water collection system expansion, \$8 million

By providing sewer service to underserved areas of the community and eliminating the need for privately owned septic systems, Stephens County and the City of Toccoa, Ga., will create residential, commercial and industrial growth opportunities to achieve economic viability for a distressed rural area. This project is designed to better reclaim and conserve water, which is paramount to the stressed Savannah River basin, an area that has suffered though several successive drought years.

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, for the construction of conveyance systems to connect both existing and planned wastewater infrastructure and facilities, \$3 million

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District in Atlanta, Ga., mandates the development and adoption of a district-wide Watershed Management Plan and a Water Supply and Water Conservation Plan for the six major river basins in the metropolitan area, which covers Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties. Federal funding would be used to fund construction of conveyance systems to connect both existing and planned water and wastewater infrastructure and facilities as well as to study and formulate projects relating to water supply, flood control and other water quality improvements.

University of Georgia, for Biofuels, Biopower and Biomaterials Initiative, \$1.5 million

The Biofuels, Biopower and Biomaterials Initiative at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., will use basic and applied research to develop technologies for converting biomass into biofuels and bioproducts in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner. This research takes advantage of an existing integrated biorefinery.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Savannah District), for dredging of Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, \$3 million

This funding would provide a safe navigation channel for commercial and recreational vessels in Georgia's portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in Georgia, which is authorized for a depth of 12 feet but has sections that are as shallow as three to five feet.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Savannah District), for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project, \$105 million

The Port of Savannah in Savannah, Ga., is now the second largest container port on the East Coast, the fourth largest in the nation and the fastest growing container port in the United States. Largely because of Savannah's growth, Georgia maritime activities support more than 286,000 jobs in the state and contribute some \$10.8 billion in income, \$35.4 billion in revenue and \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes each year. More than 20,975 companies throughout all 50 states utilize the Georgia Ports Authority facilities in Savannah. The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is one of the most important economic development projects in Georgia's history. This project proposes to deepen the Savannah River Federal navigation channel from 42 feet to as much as 48 feet. The Panama Canal, through which many ships pass traveling to and from the East Coast, is scheduled to be widened by 2014 to accommodate larger cargo carriers that require deeper waters.

FOREIGN OPS:

Spelman College, to fund the Critical Global Languages and Area Studies Initiative, request support

Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., seeks funding for its Critical Global Languages and Area Studies Initiative, which is a comprehensive effort to provide study abroad and cultural exchange programs otherwise unavailable to many Spelman students. This program benefits a population not being addressed through existing authorized exchange programs. Such a need is especially apparent among African American women, who continue to be under-represented in programs that provide students with international exposure and immersion experiences.

INTERIOR:

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, for land acquisition, \$3.62 million

The Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area provides much-needed recreational opportunities for Georgians and visitors in the metro Atlanta, Ga., area. The park was created in 1978 to protect the watershed, provide opportunities for river and land recreation, and conserve important tracts in the river's floodplain. Two properties totaling 36.5 acres at the northern end of the national recreation area near Lake Lanier are available for acquisition. The Manning and Friedman inholdings are located directly on the western bank of the Chattahoochee River just north of the Georgia Route 20 bridge in Forsyth County. The tracts would be added to the Bowman's Island Unit of the park.

The acquisition of the properties will enable the National Park Service to protect important riverfront land and water resources and expand recreational opportunities at the Bowman's Island Unit. In addition, these acquisitions—along with a planned improvement of pedestrian and bicycle use of the Route 20 bridge—would greatly enhance the Park Service's goal of constructing a five-mile loop trail at the Bowman's Island Unit that would proceed along both banks of the river between Buford Dam and Route 20.

City of Atlanta, for wastewater, storm water and water quality protection improvements, \$2 million

The wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment system in Atlanta, Ga., consists of approximately 2,000 miles of sanitary and combined sewers, seven combined sewer overflow treatment plants and other facilities, much of which was originally built in the 19th Century and is still in use today. Excessive overflows from the combined sewer system, coupled with sanitary sewer overflows and leaks in the separated area, are seriously impacting metro Atlanta regional water quality. Continued rapid growth in the metropolitan area and the daily influx of commuters from surrounding areas into the city exacerbate the adverse impact.

The proposed project would improve surface water quality by providing combined sewer capacity relief to capture more stormwater and sewage flows and associated flood relief in several areas of the city. The proposed relief system would allow the flow volume, typically stored on surface streets, to enter the collection system. Excess flow volume would be diverted and captured in a deep tunnel system for later treatment and release.

City of Griffin/Spalding County, to expand and upgrade Potato Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, \$6 million

Funds will be used to expand and upgrade the Potato Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Griffin, Ga., and increase capacity by 33.3 percent. Expanding and upgrading the plant supports the Griffin-Spalding County Industrial Development Authority's ability to attract industrial customers and creating jobs in the Spalding County area.

City of LaGrange, for sewer rehabilitation, \$1.1 million

Funds will be used to rehabilitate the existing King Arthur Pump Station, Force Main and Gravity Sewer in LaGrange, Ga. The operational age of the pump station is 13 years, the age of the force main is 24 years and the age of the gravity sewer is over 30 years. The proposed project is needed to enable the pump station to reliably transport the wastewater that is received at the pump station.

Chattooga, Floyd and Walker Counties, to construct system improvements, \$4.037 million

Funds will be used to construct system improvements, including water storage, pumping and water distribution facilities, in Chattooga County, Ga., as well as developing Regal Springs into a water supply for a tri-county area that includes Chattooga, Floyd and Walker counties.

LABOR/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

Armstrong Atlantic State University Cyber Security Research Institute Foundation, to develop a curriculum in cyber and homeland security, \$200,000

Armstrong Atlantic State University Cyber Security Research Institute Foundation in Savannah, Ga., seeks funding to develop and deliver portable training modules that address the specific needs of law enforcement and military units engaged in tracking and combating trans-national crime and terrorist organizations.

Kennesaw State University Foundation, Inc., for construction and equipment, \$200,000

The Kennesaw State University Foundation, Inc. in Kennesaw, Ga., seeks funding for the expansion and modernization of Kennesaw State University's School of Nursing. The new facility will help generate approximately 100 additional nursing graduates annually who will be prepared for immediate employment within the state and nation's health systems.

Marcus Autism Center, for expansion services for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities and severe and challenging behaviors, \$200,000

The Marcus Autism Center in Atlanta, Ga., seeks funding to create statewide standard of care protocols for diagnosis and treatment services for autism. This includes the definition of varying treatment models according to acuity and the needs of the child. The Marcus Autism Center seeks to build consensus among the stakeholder provider base on a standard of care model for diagnosis of autism, which includes integration of existing national standards.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION:

Fort Benning, to fund construction of a chapel, \$5.5 million

Fort Benning, near Columbus, Ga., is seeking funds to construct a 1,500 seat chapel to support Initial Entry Training soldiers in the Sand Hill portion of Fort Benning. The chapel will consist of a sanctuary, office space, multi-purpose rooms storage areas, equipment and communications rooms, a non-commercial kitchen and restrooms. This facility will directly support the morale and readiness of trainees at Fort Benning.

Fort Gordon, to fund construction of a Qualification Training Range, \$8.4 million

Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga., is seeking funds to construct a Qualification Training Range, which will be used to train and test soldiers on the skills necessary to detect, identify, engage and defeat stationary and moving infantry targets and stationary armor targets in a tactical array with their prescribed weapons.

Hunter Army Air Field, to fund construction of an Army Continuing Education Center, \$12.8 million

Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah, Ga., is seeking funds to construct a facility to expand educational opportunities for soldiers and families at Hunter Army Airfield. The closest Army education center for soldiers and families at Hunter Army Airfield is 43 miles away at Fort Stewart. Hunter Army Airfield has over 6,700 permanent party soldiers stationed there with their family members. The Department of Defense's Military Inspection Voluntary Education Review inspection team said, "The current education center situation at Hunter Army Airfield is among the worst in the Army."

Marine Corps Logistics Base, to build a weapons storage facility, \$9.9 million

The Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Ga., is seeking funds to construct a new weapons storage facility, which will be located on its weapons storage, repair and testing compound. The current weapons storage facility consists of three bays in a general purpose warehouse in the warehouse district of the base. This facility lacks security fencing, adequate lighting and sufficient humidity control. The new facility will provide secure storage commensurate with current Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection guidelines. It will also help prevent the degradation of supplies and minimize maintenance costs while processing through storage, maintenance, and distribution function.

Moody Air Force Base, to fund construction of a fire/crash rescue station, \$10.7 million

Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., is seeking funds to construct a fire/crash rescue station to provide adequate fire protection capabilities for aircraft and facilities. Currently, Moody's lack of apparatus drive through bays increases structural response times by two minutes.

Robins Air Force Base, to fund construction of a control tower and base ops complex, \$9.4 million

Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga., is seeking funds to construct a control tower to rectify the control tower cab space limitations, meet current mission requirements and increase air traffic controller mobility. Funding will also construct a new Base Operations Complex to consolidate the Base Weather, air traffic control and landing system Maintenance, host Aviation Records Management, Transient Alert and staff offices along with the Control Tower into one consolidated location.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD:

Albany-Dougherty Regional Airport, for facility replacement, \$6 million

The Albany-Dougherty Regional Airport in Albany, Ga., seeks funding for the design of a new commercial terminal building as well as aircraft apron improvements, new building curb front and new terminal building site work and utilities. The airport's current terminal facility is 50 years old and is inefficiently organized, requires constant maintenance, and does not provide the flexibility to adapt to an ever-changing transportation industry.

Atlanta BeltLine/MARTA, for Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement and Preliminary Engineering, \$2 million

The Atlanta BeltLine is the largest, most wide-ranging urban redevelopment project currently underway in the United States and the most comprehensive economic development effort ever undertaken by the City of Atlanta, Ga. It provides a network of public parks, multi-use trails and transit along a historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting 45 neighborhoods. This request will complete a Tier 2 EIS and entry into preliminary engineering for the first phase of the BeltLine's 22-mile transit system covering a five to 10 mile segment. The initial segment funded through this request will link at least two MARTA stations and the Peachtree Streetcar.

Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority, for development of Legacy Industrial Park, \$500,000

The Barnesville-Lamar County Industrial Development Authority will use the requested funds for the development of the Legacy Industrial Park in Barnesville, Ga., creating a minimum of 240 jobs with projections of up to 600 jobs. Piedmont Renewable Power and General Protecht Group US, Inc., have committed to locate in the park and General Protecht has signed a Performance and Accountability Agreement with the State of Georgia and the community. This legally binding commitment is not only for jobs and capital investment, but also to make 51 percent of the jobs available to low- to moderate-income families.

Center for Civil and Human Rights, for economic development initiatives, \$1 million

The Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Ga., will commemorate the groundbreaking contributions of Georgians to the historic struggle for civil rights as well as provide programs for ongoing dialogue with respect to current and future freedom struggles and human rights issues. This funding will go toward construction of a 100,000-square-foot civil and human rights museum and visitor center in downtown Atlanta.

According to a study conducted by Deloitte Consulting LLP, the facility will have a significant economic impact in the state of Georgia – creating 1,550 jobs during construction and 1,150 jobs in its first 10 years of operation. The overall impact of construction and operation during its first 10 years will exceed \$1.3 billion.

Central Savannah River Area Wounded Warriors Care Project, Augusta, Ga., Economic Development Initiatives, \$2.5 million

The Central Savannah River Area Wounded Warrior Care Project, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and other support agencies in Augusta, Ga., have joined together to identify and implement changes designed to enhance accountability and continuity of care and assistance as wounded warriors transition from inpatient to outpatient status. Federal funding is sought for the Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing project to construct short-term transitional housing for members of Warrior Transition Battalion and their families. The provision of housing for Warrior Transition Battalion veterans and active duty servicemembers and their families while undergoing extensive treatment and rehabilitation is a key step in the improving the quality of life and facilitating the speedy rehabilitation of wounded soldiers.

Chatham Area Transit, for bus replacement, \$2 million

This funding for Chatham Area Transit in Savannah, Ga., would be used to purchase four hybrid buses in order to provide more reliable transportation options for riders who depend on this bus system for rides to work, education facilities, healthcare appointments, retail centers and tourist destinations.

Georgia Department of Transportation, for widening of McGinnis Ferry Road from Sargent Road to Union Hill Road. Forsyth County, Ga., \$4 million

The widening of this major roadway from two lanes to four lanes will accommodate the significant increase in traffic flow in the north metro area and will provide a viable North-South route from I-85 to Georgia 400 for the large populations of northern municipalities and counties such as North Fulton, Forsyth County, Alpharetta, Cumming, Johns Creek and Suwanee. This widening project would also provide a continuous four lane road on McGinnis Ferry Road from I-85 in Gwinnett County to Georgia 400 in Forsyth County. This will provide an east-west connectivity option for frequent metro commuters during peak periods.

Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority, for National Maritime Center, \$450,000

This project supports and complements the Slip 3 Riverwalk and Passenger Intermodal Facilities Project in Savannah, Ga. Both projects are part of the Savannah Civic Master Plan, which is an initiative of City of Savannah, Chatham County, the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Georgia International and the Maritime Trade Center Authority, for Hutchinson Island. Federal assistance for this project will support development of the proposed National Maritime Center in Savannah, Ga., by funding design, engineering and site preparation activities on the site.

MARTA, for Bus Facilities and Security Improvements \$4 million

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority in Atlanta, Ga., seeks funding for needed bus facilities and equipment modernization at several locations, bus vehicle rehabilitation and replacement, and for the planned On-board Bus Security Camera System. The bus security camera

system will include the acquisition and installation of up to eight digital cameras per bus on the existing MARTA bus fleet.

Middle Georgia Regional Airport, for runway extension, \$1.5 million

To safely accommodate larger freight and transport category aircraft, the primary runway at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in Macon, Ga., requires lengthening. In its current configuration, the runway supports short haul domestic and regional commuter flights. The runway length is insufficient for major domestic freight operators utilizing fleets of A300, DC/MD-10, MD-11, and B-757 aircraft.

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