

to humans. A critical review by an independent toxicological consultant identified significant weaknesses in the study (i.e. small study size, lack of reliable exposure information and the inability to control for potential confounding by cigarette smoking, etc.). The study also involved no input by industry or its consultants. Tungsten touches almost every product that is produced in modern manufacturing, as it is a common component in manufacturing equipment and materials—including munitions, military vehicles and other equipment. Hardmetal is used extensively in tooling to manufacture and maintain ordnance, missiles, automotive and aviation equipment, and to produce rifle bullets, vehicle armor, kinetic energy penetrators, missile warheads, and many other critical battlefield systems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because a more accurate and reliable study is necessary before classified carcinogens, like hardmetal, will be “deselected and phased out” of manufacturing, slowing the manufacturing process and making it harder, if not impossible, to deliver needed products to the battlefields for U.S. soldiers.

Project Name: Defense Support for Civil Authorities (DSCA) for Key Resource Protection—South Central, PA

Account: RDA, PE # 0602624A, Line 17

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L. Robert Kimball & Associates

Address of Requesting Entity: 615 West Highland Avenue, Ebensburg, PA 15931

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$3,000,000 for Defense Support for Civil Authorities (DSCA) for Key Resource Protection—South Central, PA

It is my understanding that the Defense Support for Civil Authorities (DSCA) for Key Resource Protection—South Central, PA project is part of efforts led by U.S. Army ARDEC at Picatinny, New Jersey combing and harmonizing a number of Homeland Defense and Homeland Security programs under the umbrella of Project National Shield (PNS). The National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) mandates a coordinated approach to Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) protection roles and responsibilities for federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector security partners. The ability to sense, detect and respond to threats to CIKR will require regional communication and information sharing capabilities. The fundamental geospatial data needed to manage CIKR risk and establish the framework for assessing consequences, vulnerability, and threat information is available in jurisdictions across the country. Not available, however, are Enterprise Geographic Information Systems (EGIS) that span political jurisdictions, regions or states and can produce the comprehensive, systematic, and rational assessment of national or sector risk. South Central Pennsylvania houses a major freight transportation hub (CSX railway) and Army depot (Letterkenny) within miles of each other. This proposal will establish EGIS in South Central PA to advance NIPP objectives. Response-specific intelligence will provide emergency responders and homeland defense personnel with essential situational awareness information required to protect critical infrastructure.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it meets a critical Army need to improve Homeland Defense and Civil Support missions while also providing enhanced capa-

bilities to local constituencies in the communications and networking side of emergency response. Specifically, the program represents the actual full deployment of a critical network that will allow local Emergency Management personnel and first responders to communicate as well as provide for a tie in to the Army's Emergency Operations Center at Picatinny Arsenal.

Project Name: Cadmium Emissions Reduction—Letterkenny Army Depot

Account: RDA, PE # 0603779A, Line 64

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mountain Research, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 825 25th Street, Altoona, PA 16601

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$1,000,000 for Cadmium Emissions Reduction—Letterkenny Army Depot

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this work will help Letterkenny Army Depot conduct environmental management activities in an environmentally and fiscally sound, sustainable manner.

Letterkenny's unique mission, which includes manufacturing, depot level maintenance, and demilitarization, presents significant challenges to maintaining operations while achieving aggressive sustainability targets and goals. Specifically, this project will assist in addressing federal and state regulatory issues associated with the reduction of cadmium levels in waste water affluent outflows. This technology implementation will also serve as a demonstration site to facilitate horizontal technology transfer to surrounding Pennsylvania military installations, other Army depots, and installations across the Department of Defense.

Project Name: AFATDS Voice Recognition and Cross Platform Speech Interface System

Account: RDA, PE #0203726A, Line 147

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Szanca Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 East Pitt Street, Bedford, PA 15522

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$2,500,000 for AFATDS Voice Recognition and Cross Platform Speech Interface System

It is my understanding that funding for this project would provide voice activation to legacy command and control systems to improve the ease of use, accuracy, and timeliness of the systems. The project will continue the work done to bring speech controlled operations and in addition provide a cross-platform solution that can be integrated to a wide variety of military systems. Doing so will dramatically increase the functionality and useful life of legacy systems while decreasing training costs and increasing operational speed.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because many of the Army's current command and control systems require a series of complicated keyboard entries to operate, making the systems slower to operate and prone to errors in stressful environments. This can result in delays providing commanders with critical information and in executing mission critical fire missions. This program will focus on solutions to those issues, allow quicker access to tactical information, and increase the speed in which targets can be fired.

Project Name: ALC Logistics Integration Environment

Account: RDAF, PE #0708611F, Line 233
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IS2 Technologies, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3018 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding:

\$2,000,000 for ALC Logistics Integration Environment

It is my understanding that this project will develop a Logistics Integration Environment using COTS software that facilitates pulling together teams of people to optimize battlefield readiness and improve the availability of aircraft and associated subsystems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Air Force Logistics Centers lack an integrated data environment for service, repair, and overall logistics. Development and deployment of the Logistics Information Environment would:

Develop and implement a collaborative logistics management solution that would provide a single source of data for the maintainers, supply and battlefield environments;

Provide optimized predictive logistics modeling for critical supportability factors such as spare parts, maintenance schedules, and survivability under fire;

Capture aircraft performance information that may be used to drive further improvements in survivability;

Allow for real-time collaboration across the R&D, acquisition, logistics, and warfighter communities; and

Reduce costs by reducing the time required to research and collect the engineering and logistics data necessary to support unplanned/unscheduled depot-level maintenance requirements.

Benefits to our warfighting capability would be:

Mission readiness: Improve the readiness of rapidly deployed aircraft;

Cost Avoidance: Minimize the cost and complexity of the aircraft logistics footprint; and

Innovation: Allow for accelerated innovation to aircraft and subsystems, continuously improving their operational performance and survivability.

Additional benefits would include composite data that can be used to formalize and distribute Interactive Electric Technical Manuals (IETM) and dynamic work cards for maintenance planning and instructions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: COPS—Technology Assistance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sumter County Sheriff (on behalf of 15 SC counties, including Charleston, Georgetown, Berkeley & Dorchester)

Address of Requesting Entity: 107 East Hampton Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150

Description of Project: \$1 million to provide 15 South Carolina counties (including Charleston, Georgetown, Berkeley and Dorchester counties) with detailed imaging to assist with emergency response, planning, and other activities to enhance public safety and officer safety. Program will also supplement existing GIS technologies to assist with planning, environmental protection, and other public services.

Requesting Member: HENRY E. BROWN, Jr.
Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Youth Advocate Programs

Address of Requesting Entity: 3422 Rivers Avenue, 2nd Floor, North Charleston, SC 29405
Description of Project: \$250,000 to build upon existing Youth Advocate Programs in Charleston and Myrtle Beach that develop community-based alternative for high-risk kids that are referred to the program by local courts; program currently has an 82% success rate in South Carolina, reducing costs borne by taxpayers for incarceration and other punitive measures. Project also sees support from local government and private sector.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. 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. 2892, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA—State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota (FL) 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$300,000 for the Emergency Operations Center in Sarasota County.

The funding would be used to help relocate and construct a new Sarasota County Emergency Operation Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA—Pre-disaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Venice

Address of Requesting Entity: 401 West Venice Avenue, Venice (FL) 34285

Description of Request: I secured \$200,000 for improvements to the Emergency Shelter in the City of Venice.

The funding would be used for the installation of a modernized energy generation system that would provide power during storm events that would allow this facility to appropriately serve as a hurricane shelter, and also be designated as a special needs shelter.

HONORING SARA MESLOW AND CAMP ODAYIN IN STILLWATER AND CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sara Meslow, founder and director of Camp Odayin, headquartered in Stillwater, Minnesota. With facilities in Crosslake, Minnesota, Camp Odayin is the only camp in the Midwest for children with heart disease. This amazing opportunity is made available for just \$25 because of generous donations from individuals, local organizations and medical groups. Sara says, "We wanted something associated with children's heart disease that doesn't have dollar signs after it." I would like to honor Sara and the team at Camp Odayin in front of this Congress that we all may be amazed at the opportunities she provides our children.

Young heart patients from 17 states, Canada and Germany have been to Camp Odayin and many leave feeling completely different about the disease that will impact them the rest of their lives. The object of Camp Odayin, which means "heart" in Ojibway, is to connect kids with heart transplants, congenital defects, artificial valves, abnormal heart rhythms and many other conditions with one another.

Sara shares a very personal connection with the Odayin campers. As a teenager, she learned that she had a heart condition that sometimes caused her heart to beat wildly and later received a Medtronic defibrillator to control the condition. After volunteering at a camp for children with heart disease in California and with some prodding from her mother, Sara began exploring options for a camp in Minnesota.

Camp Odayin held its first session in 2001 with 53 campers. Now in their eighth summer, they have expanded to three sessions and are expecting 240 campers. The camp sessions are available for ages 8 to 17 and are as normal as any summer camp with swimming, archery, horseback riding, canoeing, crafts and of course, general fun. The advantage is that medical professionals and health specialists make up many of the volunteer staff allowing children needing extra attention and care to participate in activities they would otherwise sit out on at other camps. Nurses attend every activity, regularly monitor medications and staff an infirmary that is similar to a hospital intensive care unit. This level of medical care is not available at any other camp in the Midwest.

I had the privilege of learning about Camp Odayin from one of the many children blessed with this opportunity. This young girl was just thrilled to have been to a camp where many of the kids were dealing with the same problems she had. It is obvious the joy that Sara has brought to hundreds of children and I rise today to honor and applaud her work empowering the children that are the future of America, regardless of their health, status or ability.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests I received as part of H.R. 2892, the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2892, the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Clarita, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 for seismic retrofits to the City of Santa Clarita, CA's Emergency Operations Center. This project would assist the City of Santa Clarita with seismic upgrades to its City Hall building so that it may serve as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The funding would help purchase and install Special Concentrically Braced Frames, incorporating lessons learned from the Northridge earthquake of 1994, during which the City of Santa Clarita's City Hall building, which serves as the Santa Clarita Valley's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), sustained extensive damage. These enhancements will allow Santa Clarita's City Hall to serve as the City's primary EOC in the event of a significant seismic event.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JAMES E. MITCHELL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service to the community of Mr. James E. Mitchell, as he assumes the presidency of the Winchester, Virginia, chapter of the Lions Club.

Mr. Mitchell is a retired school teacher who has dedicated his career to public service. As the first African American president of the Winchester Lions Club, he will work with local agencies and residents to provide services to those with sight and hearing impairments as well as providing scholarships to local high school students.

In his 35 years as an educator, Mr. Mitchell also served his community as an active member of the Lions Club. He has held numerous leadership positions in his 20 years as a member of the organization. Mr. Mitchell is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, a highly honored humanitarian award in the Lions Club given only to those who demonstrate a strong record of community service. He has also participated in numerous "White Cane" events to aid the visually impaired.

Mr. Mitchell is a valued member of not only the Lions Club, but the entire Winchester community which he has served for close to four