

United States Senate

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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 122
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Vice Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Tim Johnson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Relate Agencies
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
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Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 122
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Chairman Inouye, Vice Chairman Cochran, Chairman Johnson, and Ranking Member Hutchison:

As the Committee begins its consideration of the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Act, I request support for the following military construction projects.

Project: Add to and Alter Communications Facility

Request: \$6,500,000

Account: Military Construction, ANG

Project Number: FTQW059901

Service Component: ANG

Project Location: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: The base requires a consolidated, adequately-sized, appropriately configured communication facility to support the 168th Air Refueling Wing's 8-PAA KC-135 aircraft. Functional areas include space for network systems, switch gear, radio maintenance, training, administration, plans, computer maintenance, information systems, mail distribution, storage, and visual information as well as break areas, latrines, and lockers. Current Communications and Visual Information activities are housed in a 1954 vintage facility originally constructed as a dental clinic, and is only half the authorized space. Hallways and a blocked-off front foyer area are being used for storage

of equipment and supplies. Computers are stored in a small, unsecured room a half mile away. Likewise, the mailroom and the electronic learning facility have been established in other spaces over half a mile away. Radio maintenance personnel have no enclosed space in which to work and are required to move equipment between the existing communications building and the vehicle maintenance building to perform maintenance and training. Seventeen deployable personnel also use the vehicle maintenance building to organize and stage during mobility exercises, robbing the transportation unit of required maintenance space. On drill weekends, 34 personnel gather in the same space. LAN equipment is operating in portions of the commander's office and the unit conference room. This area, while requiring air conditioning to provide controlled temperatures for the equipment, has none. The roof leaks and has inadequate insulation, which holds interior condensation in freeze-thaw cycles, causing water to drip on occupants and equipment. During Unit Training Assemblies, Visual Information crowds eleven personnel into a room designed for five. Power supply is grossly undersized for Visual Information equipment or air conditioning requirements. Asbestos is present in various locations, hindering infrastructure replacement and is becoming increasingly friable. The facility has no fire protection system. The roof has exceeded its life cycle and leaks severely. Aged mechanical systems are undersized for current use. Funding will be used to alter and add to the existing structure to provide for appropriate interior finishes and complete mechanical, electrical, and fire protection systems.

Project: Organizational Parking

Request: \$3,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 75004

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Richardson, Alaska

Project Description: Construct organizational paved parking and barracks paved parking for the FY 2008, GTA projects at Fort Richardson, Alaska. This project is needed in order for the TEMF equipment to be parked on a concrete parking lot as specified in Army TEMF standard and the POV parked on a paved parking lot. The current situation is that the FY 2008, GTA projects included the organizational paved parking and barracks paved parking lots, was omitted from the scope of work under the PN 68857, PN 68711 and PN 68852 projects because the bids came in higher than estimated. Since the bids came in higher than estimated, a decision was made to award the contracts without paved parking so the primary facilities construction could be kept closer to the proposed schedule for beneficial occupancy by the Army.

Project: DOD Joint Regional Fire Training Facility

Request: \$6,600,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FXSB053024

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a single story, 760.1 SM academic fire training facility. Facility will be structural steel frame with concrete masonry unit envelope, pitched roof, and architectural features consistent with Elmendorf's exterior architectural standards. Project includes 35 space parking and a 91.4 m X 243.8 m (300 ft X 800 ft) vehicle driving pad. Project also includes utilities and all necessary support. This project will comply with DoD force protection requirements per Unified Facilities Criteria.

Project: Replace Youth Center

Request: \$13,600,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FTQW053009

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a permanent Youth Center. Construct poured concrete foundation, slab on grade, split-face reinforced concrete masonry unit facility with standing seam metal roof to complement existing base activities. Connect to existing utilities through utilidor system. Provide necessary site work, access road, and parking. This project will comply with DoD force protection requirements per Unified Facilities Criteria.

Project: Quickturn & In-Flight Kitchen Facility

Request: \$6,900,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FXSB983002

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: Properly sized and located dining facility with attached Flight Kitchen to accommodate Airmen and Soldiers working on the north side of Elmendorf's Flight Line. The combination of increased AMC activity and the recent beddown of C-17s have brought to light the need for changes in the feeding of flight crews and support personnel on the north side of Elmendorf AFB. There are currently 550 Airmen and 25 soldiers on the north side who are eligible to use the dining hall but, due to time constraints are normally not afforded the opportunity. Additionally the Flight Kitchen is located on the south side of base and fleet service located on the north side is required to deliver box meals to awaiting flight crews (an 8-mile round trip). This distance can lead to delayed launch times while crews wait for rations. These conditions will be exacerbated by the ongoing F-22 beddown and BRAC relocation of the 176th Wing from Kulis ANGB.

Project: Expand Physical Fitness Facility

Request: \$26,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 61515

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Richardson, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a new addition to the existing Physical Fitness Facility Sports and Fitness areas. Construct a new 25 meter indoor swimming pool adjacent to the existing Fitness facility including as a minimum, two 25 meter lap swim lanes, open swim area, a diving area, a zero depth entry area, a wading area, a water slide, other public and support, including showers, restrooms, and changing areas. The project construction will include these additional support facilities to include 1 each, baseball field, 2 each softball fields and 1 each multi- purpose field. Include comprehensive interior design/build services including access for individuals with disabilities.

Project: Add/Alter Air Support Operations Squadron Training Facility

Request: Support President's Budget, \$4,749,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FXSB123201

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: Seven-bay vehicle support garage facility required to store tactical air support MRC-144 weapon systems with AN/GRC-206 communications pallet. Vehicles are currently parked outside and most equipment is being stored in cargo containers or other types of temporary storage, none of which has climate control. There is no fire suppression system to protect the facility.

Project: F-22 Add/Alter Weapons Release Systems Shop & AME (TFI)

Request: Support President's Budget, \$10,525,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FXSB073012

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: Renovate existing facility and add new storage facility with concrete foundation meeting Alaska seismic and frost heaving requirements, structural steel frame with insulated metal skin, and standing seam metal roof. Renovation of existing facility and addition of storage space is required to support the beddown of 36 F-22 fighter aircraft.

Project: Construct Railhead Operations Facility

Request: Support President's Budget, \$15,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FXSB061827

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a railhead complex to include loading/unloading rail spurs, loading/unloading ramps and staging area for marshaling tactical vehicles, a container transfer pad, shipping and receiving building, security fencing, connection to energy monitoring and control systems (EMCS), and building information systems. This project will support Airborne Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) and Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) air and surface deployments, as a rail receiving and shipping hub for all of Alaska Army Units.

Project: Repair Central Heat and Power Plant Boiler

Request: Support President's Budget, \$28,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Air Force

Project Number: FTQW083008

Service Component: Air Force

Project Location: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Project Description: This phase will replace the spreader stoker boiler #5 (B6203) with a new 120,000 lbs/hr spreader stoker boiler. No additional footprint is anticipated for this replacement. Reliable steam production is vital to ensure the base has a continuous supply of heat and electricity for base facilities.

Project: Aviation Task Force Complex, Ph 1 Incr 2

Request: Support President's Budget, \$30,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 76573

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Project Description: This is phase 1, increment 2, of a four phase project to construct the permanent facilities required to support the stationing of the Aviation Task Force at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. The full authorization of \$125M of phase 1 was requested in FY10 (PN 65076) with the first funding increment of \$95M. This phase includes barracks, a vehicle maintenance shop, aircraft parts storage, oil and hazardous material storage and vehicle parking.

Project: Aviation Task Force Complex, Ph 2A

Request: Support President's Budget, \$142,650,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 67112

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Project Description: This is phase 2A of a four phase project to construct the permanent facilities required to support the stationing of the Aviation Task Force at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. For this phase, primary facilities include an Aircraft Maintenance Hangar, Rotary Wing Parking, water storage tanks and water storage building.

Project: Aviation Task Force Complex, Ph 2b

Request: Support President's Budget, \$27,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 76873

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Project Description: This is phase 2B of a four phase project to construct the permanent facilities required to support the stationing of the Aviation Task Force at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. Primary facilities include a Company Operations Facility with Enclosed Hardstand, Organizational Unit Storage, and Potable Water Well.

Project: Urban Assault Course

Request: Support President's Budget, \$3,350,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 71697

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a standard design Urban Assault Course (UAC). This facility is used to train individual soldiers, squads, and platoons on tasks necessary to operate within a built-up/urban area.

Project: Family Housing Replacement Construction

Request: Support President's Budget, \$21,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 75305

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Project Description: Complete and perform corrective work to primary facility housing units and supporting facilities site work for 110 single Family housing units constructed as part of the combined FY04 Family housing project numbers 57785 and 57074, titled Construct Replacement Housing at Taku Gardens Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Project: Multipurpose Machine Gun Range

Request: Support President's Budget, \$12,200,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 73811

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Richardson, Alaska

Project Description: Upgrade an existing Multipurpose Machine Gun Range (MPMG). This MPMG is required to provide basic war fighting training and improve marksmanship skills for all Department of Defense personnel stationed in this area of Alaska. Current MPMG does not meet current standards.

Project: Simulations Center

Request: Support President's Budget, \$34,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 57369

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Richardson, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a standard design Battle Command Training Center at Fort Richardson, AK. This project is required to support individual and collective digital training and battle staff training using constructive simulations with command, control, communications, computers and intelligence interoperability.

Project: Brigade Complex, Ph 1

Request: Support President's Budget, \$67,038,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 55695

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Richardson, Alaska

Project Description: Construct Phase 1 of a Brigade Complex at Fort Richardson, AK. This project is required to accommodate stationing of a Brigade at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Project: Fire Station

Request: Support President's Budget, \$26,000,000

Account: Military Construction, Army

Project Number: 55873

Service Component: Army

Project Location: Fort Greely, Alaska

Project Description: Construct a standard-design three-company headquarters fire station at Fort Greely, AK. This project is required to protect facilities supporting the Ft. Greely cantonment area, the deployment of the Ground Based Midcourse Missile Defense System and operational requirements for Allen Army Airfield.

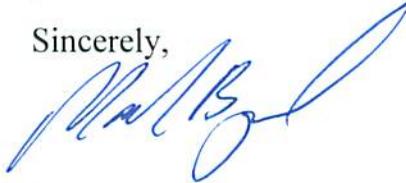
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I certify neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify 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 Lindsay Kavanaugh or Cory Turner of my staff at (202) 224-3004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Begich", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Begich
U.S. Senator