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The Honorable John Carter
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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As stated

cc: The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Ranking Member



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United States Senate
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Requested Date of Congressional Action: January 31, 2024

Military Construction, Army Reserve

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Devens Reserve Forces Training Area (RFTA), Massachusetts
Project: Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun (MPMG) Range
Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021,
Public Law 116-283

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	8,700
Previously Reprogrammed	0
Requested Reprogramming	6,300
Total Estimated Cost	15,000

Description: Construction of a 4-lane automated MPMG range including an operations control area, control tower, classroom/storage building, bleacher enclosure, covered mess, and ammunition breakdown building.

Justification: This project was authorized and appropriated in fiscal year 2021 with a programmed amount of \$8.7 million. Due to extremely high bids, the project requires a new solicitation and an above threshold reprogramming of \$6.3 million to support award of the full project scope. The increase in costs is attributed to high inflation and the continuing impacts of limited supply chain and logistical interruptions and delays; increased labor and material costs; and the shortage of qualified skilled personnel in the current labor market. The project costs are supported by recent bid data.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated July 13, 2023, was submitted to the congressional committees.

Source of Funds: Bid Savings from the following will fund this requirement.

(Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Unspecified Minor Construction	2020	3,300	357	300
Unspecified Minor Construction	2023	30,049	24,049	6,000
Total				6,300

Requested Date of Congressional Action: January 8, 2024

Military Construction, Air Force

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico
Project: MQ-9 Formal Training Unit (FTU) Operations Facility
Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019,
Public Law 115-232

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	55,000 ^{1/}
Previously Reprogrammed	0
Requested Reprogramming	19,987
Total Estimated Cost	74,987

^{1/} Project was originally appropriated in FY 2019 for \$85.0 million; project was then deferred according to 10 U.S.C. 2808 on September 3, 2019; project re-appropriated in FY 2022 for \$55.0M (including Sec. 139 funds).

Project Description: Construct an MQ-9 Formal Training Unit operations facility as a secure vault to house three MQ-9 Attack Squadrons, to include Fixed Ground Control Stations (FGCS), FGCS maintenance functions, training simulators, and all other secure spaces required to support mission brief/debrief.

Justification: The cost increase is due higher costs for labor, materials, insurance, equipment, fuel prices, and the impact that supply chain delays have on project scheduling. Additionally, local construction market prices have increased based on material and labor supply costs.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated August 18, 2023, was submitted to the congressional committees.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Kirtland AFB, NM, Wyoming Gate Upgrade for Antiterrorism Compliance	2022	12,900	0 ^{1/}	307
Vandenberg AFB, CA, GBSD Re-Entry Vehicle Facility	2022	48,000	0 ^{2/}	10,143
Ellsworth AFB, SD, B-21 Radio Frequency Facility	2023	84,900	80,098	4,802
Shaw AFB, SC, RAPCON Facility	2023	17,097	12,349	4,735
Total:				19,987

¹ A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cancellation notification dated September 25, 2023, was submitted to the Congressional committees.

² A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cancellation notification dated March 17, 2023, was submitted to the Congressional committees.