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Mr. Kevin Scheid
Acting Principal Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
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Dear Mr. Scheid:

Now that the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, has been signed into law (P.L.110-329), I would be very appreciative if you would provide me with a status report, including significant milestone events, leading to full implementation of the projects listed below, and identified in the law and accompanying Explanatory Statement.

C-130 Fuel Cell Hangar and Shops at Yeager Airbase in Charleston, West Virginia
An amount of $27 million for the construction of a new C-130 fuel cell hangar that would replace the current hangar which was built in 1970 and is at the end of its functional life;

Addition to the Tri-State Armory in Kenova, West Virginia
An amount of $2 million under the minor construction account to support the construction of a 7,064 square-foot addition to the Tri-State Armory in Kenova;

Martinsburg Air National Guard Base
An amount of $850,000 to design the taxiway upgrades at the Martinsburg Air National Guard Base which is being transformed into a C-5 base. Upgrades are necessary to accommodate the enormous weight of the C-5 aircraft. The 167th Airlift Wing at Martinsburg is on schedule to become mission capable by 2009;

Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL) - Facility Restoration Program
$38 million
Weapons Procurement, Navy
Line 16
An amount of $38 million to continue the restoration and modernization of the ABL. It has recently been brought to my attention that the primary boiler system for the ABL has well exceeded its useful life. I would urge that this matter be addressed with FY 2009 resources;

Joint Interagency Training and Education Center
$10 million
An amount of $10 million for the continued operations of, and the development of training and technology for, the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center (JITEC) and the affiliated Center for National Response (CNR) at the Memorial Tunnel. The $10 million for JITEC was broken down into the following accounts as follows:

- $5.6 million, Army NG, O&M, Budget Activity 4
- $3.6 million, Army, NGPA
- $150,000, Air NG, O&M
- $650,000, NGPAF

In addition, please be aware of Section 8096, which states:
Provided, That an amount of $10 million be made available for the operations and development of training and technology for the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center and the affiliated Center for National Response at the Memorial Tunnel and for providing homeland defense/security training and traditional warfighting training to the Department of Defense, the other federal agency, and state/local first responder personnel at the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center;

Institute of Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems
$7 million
RDDW (DARPA)
Line 46
P.E. 0603739E
An amount of $7 million to provide continued training and deployment of advanced manufacturing technologies that allow DOD contractors/subcontractors to deliver just-in-time products to the DOD;

Biometrics Operations Directorate Transition
$1.6 million
OMA
An amount of $1.6 million for the Biometrics Task Force of the Department of the Army to support additional personnel and space requirements of the Biometrics Operations Directorate pending construction of the Joint DOD-Federal Bureau of Investigation Biometrics Technology Center, which is included in the FY 2010 Future Years Defense Plan;

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology/Joint Pathology Center Records Digitization Program
$20 million
Defense Health Program
An amount of $20 million to continue efforts to provide digital access and analysis of historic records and tissue samples of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology/Joint Pathology Center;

Titanium Metal Matrix Composite and Nano Enhanced Titanium Development Activities
$3.2 million
Defense Production Act, Title III Program
An amount of $3.2 million to support the continued development of an advanced Titanium Matrix Composite and Nano Enhanced Titanium manufacturing capability for the military;

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Optimization Technologies (UASOT) Program
$2 million
RTD&E, Navy
Line 27
PE: 0603216N
An amount of $2 million to support continued development of intelligent control systems for a diverse array of current and future Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) platforms which meet NAVAIR and DOD UAS Roadmap 2005 metrics;

Combustion Light Gas Gun Projectile
$4 million
RDT&E, Navy
Line 4
PE: 0602114N
An amount of $4 million to support the continued development of a long-range combustion light gas gun guided projectile for extreme range Naval Surface Fire Support;

Digitization, Integration, and Analyst Access of Investigative Files, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)
$6.4 million
RDT&E, Navy
Line 128
PE: 0605013N
An amount of $6.4 million to support continued development of a system for data capture, transformation, access, integration, and analysis of selected case files of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service;

West Virginia Counterdrug Program
$800,000 above the President's budget of $3.4 million
Drug Interdiction
An amount of $800,000 to supplement the President's budget of $3.4 million to strengthen the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program;

Continuous Acquisition and Life-Cycle Support (CALS) Integrated Data Environment and Defense Logistics Enterprise Services Program (DLES)
$3.2 million
RDDW
Line 41
PE: 0603712S
An amount of $3.2 million to support DOD's logistics transformation objectives include tasks that support most key challenges of DOD's related focused logistics, efforts including: Joint Deployment/Rapid Distribution, Agile Sustainment, Operational Engineering, Multinational Logistics, Force Health Protection, Information Fusion, and Joint Theater Logistics Management;

Direct Squadron Support Readiness Training Program
$3.2 million
APN
Line 57
An amount of $3.2 million would support continued development, delivery and implementation of Selected Reserve readiness training; development of a pilot website to speed readiness training development for the C-1240T, C-9B, and F-5; and identification of C-40A air logistics vehicle readiness training requirements;

Condition-based Maintenance Enabling Technologies Program
$2.4 million
RDT&E, Navy
Line 128
PE: 0605013N
An amount of $2.4 million to support the continued development of technologies and processes for the Navy's Distance Support program and fleet maintenance transformation initiatives;

Integration of Logistics Information for Knowledge Projection & Readiness Assessment Program
$1.6 million
RDT&E, Navy
Line 128
PE: 0605013N
An amount of $1.6 million to support the continued integration and correlation of logistics information for Navy readiness assessment, knowledge projection, and management;

Commodity Management Systems Consolidation (CMSC) Program
$1.6 million
RDDW
Line 41
PE: 06037125
An amount of $1.6 million to support continued development of technology processes to improve the logistics support processes for the Defense Logistics Agency;

Electronic Commodity Project
$800,000
RDT&E, Army
Line 123
PE: 0605013A
An amount of $800,000 to support continued research and development of software systems for the rapid and accurate purchase of commodities during times of war and national emergency. This project is a continuation of the technology developed under the Electronic Commercial Catalog;

HEALTHeFORCES Program
$2.8 million
RDT&E, Navy
Line 123
P.E. 0604771N
An amount of $2.8 million to support the continued transfer of Integrated Clinical Data Base /HEALTHeFORCES to medically underserved, rural health clinic and group practices;

Asset Source for Software Engineering Technology (ASSET) eWing and Data Fusion Technology for Integrated Base Defense
$4 million
RDT&E, Air Force
Line 77
PE: 0604740F
An amount of $4 million to continue to aid the U.S. Air Force in the development of force protection and airborne networking systems;

National Biometrics Security Project
$3.2 million
Classified Budget
An amount of $3.2 million to support the continued work of the NBSP to detect and deter terrorist and criminal attacks through the application of advanced biometric technology;

Carbon Foam Program
$9.6 million
Defense Production Act, Title III
An amount of $9.6 million to support equipment, an expansion of a current carbon foam (CFOAM) manufacturing facility, and construction of an additional facility that would be dedicated to manufacturing carbon foam, a byproduct of coal waste that is transformed into a material that is lightweight, strong, and heat resistant, for a variety of defense purposes. The Title III office issued a July 2007 Presidential finding stating that coal based carbon foam products are critical for national defense;

Supply Chain Logistics Capability at the ABL Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant
$8 million
RDT&E, Navy
Line 128
PE: 0605013N
An amount of $8 million to provide a Supply Chain Logistics capability at the Navy-owned ABL to provide automated and controlled warehousing and materials staging areas to fulfill emerging requirements for industrial materials, storage, handling, and shipment;

Advanced Fuzing Technologies
$3.6 million
RDT&E, Army
Line 32
PE: 0603004A
An amount of $3.6 million to support the development of advanced fuze designs needed to support next generation Army tank ammunition programs;

Smart Sensor Supercomputing Center
$5.8 million
RDT&E, Army
Line 50
PE: 0603710A (Night Vision Advanced Technology)
An amount of $5.8 million to support the establishment of a Smart Sensor Supercomputer Center (SSSC) for the adaption of advanced processing algorithms in support of enhanced military force protection and border security;

Biometrics DNA Applications
$1.6 million above the President's budget request of $25.324 million
RDT&E, Army
Line 170
PE: 0303140A
An amount of $1.6 million to enable the DOD's Executive Agent for Biometrics to support the establishment of DNA capabilities to directly support the war on terrorism and to research and develop DNA applications beyond current capabilities; and

Synthetic Fuel Innovation
$4 million
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
Line 17 (Materials and Biological Technology)
P.E: 0602702E
An amount of $4 million for continued research into the development of technologies intended to significantly reduce the impact on the environment of byproducts of existing coal-to-liquid fuel production processes.

Institute of Advanced Flexible Manufacturing Systems
In addition, it is my hope that $7 million could be included in the President's FY 2010 budget request for the continued operations of the Institute of Advanced Flexible Manufacturing at Marshall University which develops a capable, responsive, high-quality manufacturing base for the Department of Defense. It does this by providing highly skilled, customized training programs and access to state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment and the latest technologies to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in West Virginia, and portions of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio, on a 24-hour basis. From FY 1997 to FY 2008, approximately $4 million annually has been incorporated into Presidents' budgets. In FY 2009, however, the President did not include any funds in his budget request under DARPA's Advanced Technology Development account for Centers of Excellence for the continuation of the Institute. It is my strong hope that funds can be reinstated under for this important initiative to provide just-in-time products for military.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Should you or your staff have any questions pertaining to the projects I have listed, please contact Suzanne Bentzel, Senate Appropriations Committee, at (202) 224-0042.

I look forward to your response. Your cooperation in keeping me fully informed regarding issues pertaining to West Virginia and other matters of interest to me is genuinely appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd

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