

**FY 2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES**  
**Military Construction, Defense-Wide**  
**Special Program Considerations**

**POLLUTION ABATEMENT**

The military construction projects proposed in this program will be designed to meet environmental standards. Military construction projects proposed primarily for abatement of existing pollution problems at installation have been reviewed to ensure that corrective design is accomplished in accordance with specific standards and criteria.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION**

DoD represents three-fourths of federal energy use. Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP) projects improve energy and water efficiency in existing facilities and produce average savings of about four dollars for every dollar invested. The ECIP purpose is clear with realistic, attainable goals. It is a well-managed program.

The Administration proposes doubling funding for this program from \$35 million enacted in 2003 to almost \$70 million in 2004. Up to \$420 million in savings could accrue to DoD from the additional energy projects. The Administration will ensure that the program produces high returns on this investment and develops new performance metrics.

Military construction projects specifically for energy conservation at installations have been developed, reviewed, and selected with prioritization by energy savings per investment cost. Projects include improvements to existing facilities and utilities systems to upgrade design, eliminate waste, and install energy saving devices. Projects are designed for minimum energy consumption. An exhibit is included in this justification material which details energy consumption and the Department's progress towards meeting energy consumption goals set forth by the President.

**FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND WETLANDS PROTECTION**

Proposed land acquisitions, disposals, and installation construction projects have been planned to allow the proper management of flood plains and the protection of wetlands by avoiding long-and short-term adverse impacts, reducing the risk of flood losses, and minimizing the loss or degradation of wetlands. Project planning is in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order Nos. 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and the Floodplain Management Guidelines of the U.S. Water Resources Council. Projects have been sited to avoid or reduce the risk of flood loss, minimize the impact of floods on human safety, health and welfare, preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values of wetlands and minimize the destruction, loss or degradation of wetlands.

## **DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONNEL**

In accordance with Public Law 90480 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, provisions for physically handicapped personnel will be provided for, where appropriate, in the design of facilities included in this program.

## **PLANNING IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

Projects located in the National Capital Region are submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission for budgetary review and comment as part of the Commission's annual review of the Future Years Defense Program (FYDP). Construction projects within the District of Columbia with the exception of the Bolling/Anacostia area are submitted to the commission for approval prior to the start of construction.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), the environmental impact analysis process has been completed or is actively underway for all projects in the Military Construction Program.

## **CERTIFICATION OF MEDICAL PROJECTS OVER \$50 MILLION DOLLARS**

The Conference Appropriations language, 104-247, directed the Service Secretary of jurisdiction to submit a separate certification, at the time of the budget submission, to the committees on Appropriations stating concurrence with the cost and scope of medical projects budgeted by the Tricare Management Activity which exceed \$50,000,000. The Committees on Appropriations subsequently requested certification for all of the projects budgeted by the Tricare Management Activity. The certifications for the FY 2004 budget submission will be provided under separate cover.