

Subject: UH-60 Blackhawk Appropriation Title: Aircraft Procurement, Army, 05/07	DoD Serial Number: FY 05-20 PA
	Includes Transfer? No

Component Serial Number: FY 05- 11 PA	<i>(Amounts in Thousands of Dollars)</i>							
	Program Base Reflecting Congressional Action		Program Previously Approved by Sec Def		Reprogramming Action		Revised Program	
Line Item	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
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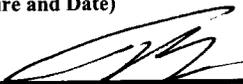
This reprogramming action is submitted for prior approval because it exceeds established reprogramming thresholds. It realigns \$77.9 million within the Aircraft Procurement, Army, 05/07, appropriation to procure new-production UH-60M aircraft in FY 2005. This plan supports a revised acquisition strategy centered on procuring only new aircraft as opposed to the previous UH-60M program, which included modification of existing aircraft. This reprogramming action is for higher priority items, based on unforeseen military requirements, than those for which funds were originally appropriated. This action meets all administrative and legal requirements of the Congress, and the Congress has not previously denied the items.

<u>Aircraft Procurement, Army, 05/07</u>					-			
<u>Budget Activity 1: Aircraft</u>								
UH-60 Black Hawk (MYP)		341,748		341,748		+77,900		419,648
<u>Budget Activity 2: Modification of Aircraft</u>								
UH-60 Mods		148,592		148,592		-71,794		76,798
UH-60 Mods (Adv Proc)		6,106		6,106		-6,106		-

Explanation: The UH-60M Black Hawk will serve as the Army's future force utility helicopter. The current UH60 A/L fleet lacks the necessary digital avionics architecture to meet current and future Army and Joint service interoperability communication requirements. The UH-60M will address this shortcoming, as well as range, lift and survivability requirements. It will also include structural improvements, an upgraded propulsion system and a digital cockpit.

This reprogramming supports a revised acquisition strategy to procure all-new UH-60M aircraft in lieu of the previous program, which included modification of existing aircraft. This strategy was adopted because the current cost estimate for a new aircraft exceeds that of remanufacturing by only 13 percent.

The revised strategy will enable the Army to achieve its acquisition objective 5 years earlier than previously planned (FY 2008 rather than FY 2013), and to equip Army National Guard units by the end of FY 2007.

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