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The Honorable Tim Johnson Chairman Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

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# Bid Expiration Date: Not Applicable Military Construction, Air Force Reprogramming Request

Installation:

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

Project:

KC-46A Land Acquisition

Authorization:

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, P.L 113-66

#### Estimated Cost (\$000):

Appropriated

Previously Reprogrammed (Prior Approval)

Requested Reprogramming

8,600

Total Estimated Cost

8,600

<u>Description</u>: The KC-46A Land Acquisition project includes the purchase of a 64 hectare land parcel, erection of a chain link perimeter fence, construction of an asphalt perimeter road, and clearing the site of existing trees and shrubs.

Tinker AFB currently supports depot maintenance for multiple USAF aircraft. In keeping with this mission, the base will consctruct a depot maintenance facility for the new KC-46A aircraft. The depot maintenance complex is required to provide a reliable and responsive source for repair and maintenance for this first line weapon system. There is currently insufficient space on Tinker AFB to construct the depot maintenance docks that support the new KC-46A aircraft depot maintenance facility. This land acquisition must be completed as scheduled in order to ensure the availability of a KC-46A depot maintenance facility when the weapon system is delivered.

<u>Justification</u>: The KC-46A Land Acquisition project was authorized at \$8.6 million in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, Public Law 113-66. However, project funds were not included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. Division J of the accompanying Joint Explanatory Statement explains that fiscal constraints did not allow for the funding of all authorized projects but encourages the Department to fund these authorized projects with Military Construction appropriations that become available.

The Additional Reductions section of Division J states, "The military construction funding allocation resulting from the congressional budget agreement is \$1,203,633,000 below the Fiscal Year 2014 budget request. The agreement reflects the necessity to reduce or eliminate funding for a number of otherwise meritorious projects to meet budget constraints. Of note, many of these projects are authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. In accordance with section 115 of this title, the Committees encourage the Department of Defense to submit reprogramming requests for authorized projects that under other circumstances would have been funded should adequate funding become available within the Department."

This reprogramming action uses bid savings realized in prior year military construction appropriations to fully fund this land acquisition project so that a depot maintenance facility may be constructed in time for delivery of the KC-46A aircraft. Failure to buy this land will critically impact the Air Force's ability to quickly, safely, and efficiently repair and maintain this new weapon system.

A Title 10 USC §2853 notification was not required since the project is not exceeding the authorized cost or scope.

Source of Funds: The required funds are available from bid savings on the following projects.

|                                                                                         |                       | (Dollars in Thousands) |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Location & Project                                                                      | Fiscal<br><u>Year</u> | Amount<br>Appropriated | Current Working<br>Estimate | Proposed Reprogramming |
| USAF Academy, Colorado /<br>Construct Large Vehicle<br>Inspection Facility              | 2012                  | 13,400                 | 6,688                       | 1,212                  |
| Davis Monthan AFB,<br>Arizona / EC-130H<br>Simulator/Training<br>Operations             | 2012                  | 20,500                 | 16,167                      | 1,333                  |
| JB Langley-Eustis, Virginia<br>/ AIT Barracks Complex,<br>Phase 2                       | 2012                  | 50,0000                | 39,888                      | 2,512                  |
| Nellis AFB, Nevada / F-35<br>Add/Alter Engine Shop                                      | 2012                  | 2,750                  | 2,178                       | 572                    |
| JB Elmendorf-Richardson,<br>Alaska / Brigade Combat<br>Team (Light) Complex (480<br>Rm) | 2012                  | 97,000                 | 77,835                      | 1,665                  |
| Osan AB, Korea / Dormitory<br>(156 Rm)                                                  | 2012                  | 23,000                 | 16,743                      | 682                    |
| Ramstein AB, Germany /<br>Dormitory (192 Rm)                                            | 2012                  | 34,697                 | 33,035                      | 624                    |
| Total                                                                                   |                       |                        |                             | 8,600                  |

## Bid Expiration Date: April 20, 2014 Military Construction, Air Force Reprogramming Request

Installation: Hill A

Hill Air Force Base, Utah

Project:

F-35 Aircraft Maintenance Unit Hangar 45E Operations #1

Authorization:

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, P.L. 113-66

### Estimated Cost (\$000):

Appropriated Previously Reprogrammed (Prior Approval) -

Requested Reprogramming 13,500

Total Estimated Cost 13,500

<u>Description</u>: This project will provide sufficient Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) and aircraft repair facilities to support a squadron of twenty-four F-35 fighter aircraft by adding to and altering Building 45. Work will include expanding the hangar and AMU sections of the existing building as required, replacing the hangar doors, upgrading security, and providing required infrastructure to support the Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS) at an estimated cost of \$13.5 million.

<u>Justification</u>: Hill AFB will receive the first two operational F-35 squadrons in the Air Force. This project will provide maintenance facilities for the second squadron of 24 aircraft which are expected to begin arriving at Hill AFB in FY 2017. Current facilities are not configured to enable engine removal/replacement and other maintenance functions required for efficient and secure operation of F-35 aircraft.

This project must be executed in the FY 2014 program in order for the facility to be completed on time for aircraft delivery. A previously awarded military construction contract included an option to construct this project; the option expires on April 20, 2014.

The F-35 Aircraft Maintenance Unit Hangar 45E Operations #1 project was authorized at \$13.5 million in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, Public Law 113-66. However, project funds were not included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. Division J of the accompanying Joint Explanatory Statement explains that fiscal constraints did not allow for the funding of all authorized projects but encourages the Department to fund these authorized projects with Military Construction appropriations that become available.

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This reprogramming action uses bid savings realized in prior year military construction appropriations to fully fund this F-35 Maintenance Unit Hangar so that the facility is constructed in time for delivery of the F-35 aircraft. Failure to construct this facility will critically impact the Air Force's ability to quickly, safely, and efficiently repair and maintain this new weapon system.

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#### (Dollars in Thousands)

| Location & Project  Holloman AFB, NM                             | Fiscal<br><u>Year</u><br>2011 | Amount Appropriated\(^1\) 15,341 | Current Working <u>Estimate</u> 12,224 | Proposed Reprogramming 1,547 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| UAS Add/Alter<br>Maintenance Hangar                              |                               |                                  |                                        |                              |
| Eglin AFB, FL<br>F-35 Fuel Cell Maintenance<br>Hangar            | 2011                          | 7,975                            | 7,656                                  | 165                          |
| Holloman AFB, NM<br>UAS Maintenance Hangar                       | 2011                          | 22,455                           | 21,737                                 | 717                          |
| Kirtland AFB, NM<br>Armament Shop                                | 2011                          | 6,166                            | 3,987                                  | 1,000                        |
| Kirtland AFB, NM<br>H/MC-130 Fuel System<br>Maintenance Facility | 2011                          | 13,289                           | 12,473                                 | 66                           |
| Lackland AFB, TX<br>Recruit Dormitory Ph. 3                      | 2011                          | 65,529                           | 60,634                                 | 4,894                        |

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| Location & Project                                                       | Fiscal<br>Year | Amount <u>Appropriated \(^{\text{I}}\)</u> | Current Working <u>Estimate</u> | Proposed Reprogramming |
| McGuire AFB, NJ<br>Base Ops/Command Post<br>Facility (TFI)               | 2011           | 7,951                                      | 7,666                           | 157                    |
| Nellis AFB, NV<br>F-35 Add/Alter Flight Test<br>Instrumentation Facility | 2011           | 1,843                                      | 1,640                           | 142                    |
| Elmendorf AFB, AK<br>Construct Railhead<br>Operations Facility           | 2011           | 12,262                                     | 11,658                          | 252                    |
| Vilseck, GE<br>Air Support Operations<br>Squadron (ASOS) Complex         | 2011           | 12,354                                     | 12,057                          | 297                    |
| Ramstein AB, GE<br>UAS SATCOM Relay Pads<br>and Facility                 | 2011           | 10,476                                     | 9,962                           | 514                    |
| Ramstein AB, GE Deicing Fluid Storage & Dispensing Facility              | 2011           | 2,671                                      | 2,516                           | 155                    |
| Aviano AB, IT<br>Air Support Operations<br>Squadron (ASOS) Facility      | 2011           | 10,180                                     | 9,424                           | 1,453                  |
| RAF Mildenhall, UK<br>Extend Taxiway Alpha                               | 2011           | 14,597                                     | 10,800                          | 2,141                  |
| Total                                                                    |                |                                            |                                 | 13,500                 |

<sup>1/</sup> Appropriated amounts are net of rescissions and reprogrammings actions