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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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Ranking Member



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Ranking Member

Requested Date of Congressional Action: June 01, 2024

Military Construction, Army

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Fort Liberty, NC

Project: Multipurpose Training Range

Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023,
Public Law 117-263^{1/}

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	38,500 ^{2/}
Previously Reprogrammed	-
Requested Reprogramming	23,200
Total Estimated Cost	61,700 ^{3/}

^{1/} Project was authorized at 34 million in the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 23, Public Law 117-263.

^{2/} Project was appropriated at \$38.5 million in FY 2023, including \$34 million in title I of the FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328 and \$4.5 million through section 131 Army spendplan appropriation of the same Act.

Description: This project constructs a standard design Automated Multi-Purpose Training Range (MPTR). Primary facilities include the MPTR, downrange site preparation, armor range operations control area (ROCA), staging and bivouac area, range control tower (non-instrumented), operations/storage building, after action review (AAR) building, covered bleacher, covered mess, field latrine, ammunition loading dock, bore site/screening area, and building information systems.

Justification: Additional funding is required to fully award the primary scope of this project. This additional cost resulted from the labor and equipment associated with the grubbing and clearing of 800 acres of land. Removing tree stumps and logs across 800 acres adds additional time and equipment that was not accurately accounted for in the Independent Government Estimate.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated March 13, 2023, was submitted to the congressional committees to reflect the current work estimate.

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

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>(Dollars in Thousands)</u>	
			<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Humphreys Engineering Center, VA Training Support Facility	2021	36,400 ^{1/}	35,220 ^{2/}	1,000
Watervliet Arsenal, NY Access Control Point	2022	16,000 ^{3/}	14,369 ^{4/}	1,000
Novo Selo FOS, BG Ammunition Holding Area	2023	8,840 ^{5/}	5,720 ^{6/}	3,000
Fort Carson, CO Fire Station Support Building	2023	17,200 ^{7/}	13,451	1,000
Fort Wainwright, AK Physical Fitness Center Annex	2023	99,000	70,935 ^{8/}	17,200
			Total	23,200

^{1/} The Training Support Facility at Humphreys Engineering Center, Virginia was originally appropriated \$51.0 million in FY 2021. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$9.3 million to an Administrative Building in Clay Kaserne, Germany in November 2022. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$3.3 million to a Commissary in Stuttgart, Germany in May 2023. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$2 million to the Cantonment Area Roads in Fort Meade, Maryland in December 2023.

^{2/} A 10 U.S.C. 2853 notification dated August 4, 2022, was submitted to the Congressional committees, reflecting a current work estimate of \$35.22 million.

^{3/} The Access Control Point at Watervliet Arsenal, New York was originally appropriated \$20.0 million in FY 2022. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$4.0 million to Forward Operations Site at a classified location in November 2023.

^{4/} A 10 U.S.C. 2853 notification dated May 9, 2023, was submitted to the Congressional committees, reflecting a current work estimate of \$14.369 million. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$4.0 million to a Forward Operating Site at a classified location in November 2023.

^{5/} The Ammunition Holding Area at Novo Selo FOS, Bulgaria was originally appropriated in FY 2019 at \$5.2 million and was increased by \$3.64 million via the FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Act under section 124, PL 117- 328.

^{6/} A 10 U.S.C. 2853 dated July 11, 2023, was submitted to the congressional committees reflecting a cost variation. A 10 U.S.C. 2853 notification dated September 28, 2023, was submitted to the Congressional committees, reflecting a current work estimate of \$5.72 million.

^{7/} The Fire Station Support Building was originally appropriated in FY 2023 at \$14.2 million and was increased by \$3 million via the FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Act under section 131, PL 117-328. Project was used as a \$2.0 million source for the Medical Waste Incinerator Facility at Fort Detrick, Maryland reprogramming submitted to Congress on March 4, 2024 and is awaiting congressional action.

^{8/} A 10 U.S.C. 2853 notification dated March 1, 2024, was submitted to the Congressional committees, reflecting a current work estimate of \$70.935 million.

Requested Date of Congressional Action: August 16, 2024

Military Construction, Air Force

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

Project: Extend Runway 16/34, Inc.

Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022,
Public Law 117-81

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	350,000
Previously Reprogrammed	3,000
Requested Reprogramming	51,266
Total Estimated Cost	404,266

Project Description: Extends existing Runway 16/34 and adds supporting taxiways, shoulders, grading, drainage, arm/disarm pad, lighting vault, airfield lighting, and instrument landing system. Runway alteration also includes repair of existing runway surface.

Justification: The cost increase is due to encountering differing site conditions associated with repair of the existing pavement surface in the south portion of the runway. The runway surface layer was anticipated to be greater than six inches thick allowing for milling of the top layer by a few inches and placing a new surface. In many areas, the surface layer was only four inches thick, and the milling operation encountered the base layer and an inconsistent elevation profile that could not be used as-is to meet runway criteria. The revised technical solution is to completely remove and replace all asphalt to the design elevation on the southern portion of the runway.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated March 22, 2024, was submitted to the congressional committees.

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

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>(Dollars in Thousands)</u>	
			<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland Basic Military Training Recruit Dorm 7	2022	190,000 ^{1/}	0 ^{2/}	51,266
Total:				51,266

^{1/} Project was incrementally funded in FY 2022 (\$100.0 million) and FY 2023 (\$90.0 million).

^{2/} A 2853 cancellation notification was submitted to the congressional committees on October 30, 2023.

Requested Date of Congressional Action: August 16, 2024

Military Construction, Air Force

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Royal Air Force (RAF) Lakenheath, United Kingdom

Project: Surety: Barrier System Infrastructure

Authorization: 10 U.S.C. §2803 - Emergency Construction

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	0
Previously Reprogrammed	0
Requested Reprogramming	42,500
Total Estimated Cost	42,500

Project Description: Construct infrastructure to support Protective Aircraft Shelters. Primary facilities include security fencing, aircraft security gates, personnel access, and roads as well as infrastructure to support the Wide Area Surveillance System around Victor and Tango Taxiways. Supporting facilities include site preparation, site improvements, utilities, communications and security infrastructure, generators, and utility connection.

Justification: The Surety mission requirement at RAF Lakenheath enables fulfillment of counter threat operations and addresses increasing threats to national security by achieving mission capability and readiness to support ongoing operations within the European Area of Responsibility. The scope of this project was included in the FY 2025 President's Budget submission and provided the barrier infrastructure and equipment to achieve the requisite security level to enable the protection of the Surety mission. It was initially believed that inclusion in the FY 2025 President's Budget request would achieve the required timeline through planned mitigations.

However, it has been determined that those mitigations are insufficient and the most feasible solution is to accelerate critical elements from the FY 2025 project into FY 2024. These elements will equip the required 60-acre secure area with specialized high security monitoring systems, as well as construct permanent, comprehensive physical security barrier systems that will implement safeguarding measures required for the protection and operation of specialized weapons.

This project allows expedited design and construction of these critical elements to provide the required secured area approximately three years earlier than previously anticipated. Further details and justification can be provided via classified communication channels as needed.

A 10 U.S.C. §2803 cost variation notification dated February 23, 2024, was submitted to the congressional committees.

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

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>(Dollars in Thousands)</u>		
		<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Worldwide Unspecified Minor Military Construction	2021	85,000	N/A	22,700
Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland Basic Military Training Recruit Dorm 7	2022	190,000 ^{1/}	0 ^{2/}	19,800
Total:				42,500

^{1/} Project was incrementally funded in FY 2022 (\$100.0 million) and FY 2023 (\$90.0 million).

^{2/} A 2853 cancellation notification was submitted to the congressional committees on October 30, 2023.

Requested Date of Congressional Action: July 26, 2024

Military Construction, Air Force

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Project: Child Development Center, School Age Center

Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023,
Public Law 117-263

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	29,000
Previously Reprogrammed	0
Requested Reprogramming	8,403
Total Estimated Cost	37,403

Project Description: Construct a new Child Development Center to provide day care services for dependent children of active duty, Department of Defense civilian, active-duty reservist, and contractor personnel. The facility includes child-learning space, play space, sleeping space, administrative space, kitchen, active shooter/safe rooms, storm shelter, playground, and exterior utilities, storage, and paved areas.

Justification: The cost increase is a result of higher costs for labor and materials coupled with greater demand than anticipated for construction in the region, which generated higher contractor markups and bids. Several major civilian construction projects including a \$3.5 billion electric vehicle battery plant and a \$20 billion Intel chip production plant have contributed to the low 3.6 percent unemployment rate in the region and dramatically reduced competition in the general construction market.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated March 22, 2024, was submitted to the congressional committees.

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

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>(Dollars in Thousands)</u>	
			<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Hill AFB, UT, GBSD Technology and Collaboration Center	2023	96,900	83,842	8,403
Total:				8,403

Requested Date of Congressional Action: June 1, 2024

Military Construction, Defense-Wide (Missile Defense Agency)

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Fort Greely, Alaska

Project: Communications Center

Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, Public Law 116-283

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	48,000
Previously Reprogrammed	1,990 ^{1/}
Requested Reprogramming	7,100
Total Estimated Costs	57,090

^{1/} The Previously Reprogrammed amount is the result of below threshold reprogramming actions.

Project Description: This project at Fort Greely, Alaska completes the construction of Communications Center and supporting infrastructure to house mission communication equipment required for connectivity between Missile Defense System assets.

Justification: An additional \$7.100 million is required to fund the negotiated modification for 259 compensable delay days attributed to unforeseen site conditions, structural design corrections to meet the seismic load requirements of the facility, discovery and correction of incorrectly identified fiber optic routing, and additional adjustments to work in place. Direct cost of construction work was previously addressed and awarded by a contract modification. This cost increase is for the delay impacts not previously addressed in the aforementioned awarded construction modification; it does not add or change scope as defined in 10 U.S.C. §2853 Paragraph (b)(3).

The MDA executed a Below Threshold Reprogramming at \$1.990 million in June 2022 to provide funding for then pending construction changes, resulting in \$49.990 million total funding.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification is not required for this project to support this request.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

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Defense-wide Unspecified Minor Construction	2020	10,000	7,952	2,048
Defense-wide Unspecified Minor Construction	2021	4,922	450	4,472
Defense-wide Unspecified Minor Construction	2022	4,435	1,073	580
Total				7,100