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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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Requested Date of Congressional Action: February 7, 2025

Military Construction, Air Force

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana

Project: Weapons Generation Facility

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

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	278,500
Previously Reprogrammed	0
Requested Reprogramming	32,005
Total Estimated Cost	310,505

Project Description: This project constructs a Weapon Generation Facility that is a hardened facility, within a protective zone, with consolidated storage, maintenance, inspection, and administrative functions.

Justification: The project cost increase is due to delays stemming from a need to transfer project scope between construction contracts during a period of high inflation and construction demand. The project was planned for execution using two contracts: an early-start first contract was intended to expedite completion of earthwork, main utility lines, and roads; and a follow-on second contract for construction of the main facility. Failure of the early-start contractor to complete the initial work in a timely manner resulted in a decision to shift the uncompleted scope to the follow-on contract already in progress, necessitating additional time to negotiate scope changes and award the associated modifications to both contracts. This took place during a period of high construction price escalation and ongoing material shortages exacerbated by an increase in construction demand, which further increased costs for material and labor.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated November 12, 2024, was submitted to the congressional committees.

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

(Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Kadena, Helicopter Rescue Ops Maintenance Hangar	2024	187,000	156,600	32,005
Total:				32,005