

plan based on form DD 1391 required by the Department of Defense for military construction projects follows.

COST ESTIMATE

Item	U/M	Quantity	Unit cost	Cost (\$000)
Vehicle Maintenance/Comm Training Facility	SF	32,369		4,171
Vehicle Maintenance Area	SF	7,000	210	(1,470)
Age Addition to Comm Area	SF	2,600	186	(484)
Upgrade Communications Area	SF	22,769	91	(2,072)
Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Measures	SF	32,369	2	(65)
LEED Certification	LS			(80)
Supporting Facilities				864
Pavements	LS			(115)
Utilities	LS			(150)
Site Improvements/Parking	LS			(100)
Communications Support	LS			(100)
Pre-Wired Work Stations	LS			(130)
Temporary Trailers	LS			(220)
Demolition/Asbestos Removal	SF	3,270	15	(49)
Subtotal				5,035
Contingency (5%)				252
Total Contract Cost				5,287
Supervision, Inspection and Overhead (6%)				317
Total Request				5,604
Total Request (Rounded)				5,600

10. Description of Proposed Construction: New Construction: Reinforced concrete foundation and floor slab with steel-framed masonry walls and sloped roof structure. Includes overhead crane/hoist, all utilities, pavements, fire protection, site improvements, and support. All interior wall, ceilings, interior finishes and pre-wired work stations. Alteration: Rearrange and extend interior walls and utilities. Provide anti-terrorism force protection measures. Demolish three buildings (304 SM) and landscape the site. Air Conditioning: 60 Tons.

11. REQUIREMENT: 32,369 SF ADEQUATE: 0 SF SUBSTANDARD: 22,769 SF.

PROJECT: Vehicle Maintenance and Communications Training Facility (Current Mission).

REQUIREMENT: The base requires an adequately sized, properly configured, and environmentally safe vehicle maintenance facility for operations and training. Vehicles to be repaired and maintained include cars, trucks, sweepers, and snowplows. Functional areas consist of maintenance bays, paint bay, office area, parts/tool storage, battery shop, vehicle dispatch, fuel dispensing facility and wash rack. An adequately sized and properly configured facility is required for the operations, maintenance, and training in support of a 132-personnel combat communications squadron responsible for tactical communications-electronics systems. Functional areas include the command section, communication systems (i.e. satellite, base, and network), communications center, combat support, secure storage, deployment control center, classrooms, physical fitness center, dining area, and medical training.

CURRENT SITUATION: The vehicle maintenance functions are accomplished in a facility that has reached the end of its useful life. Facility maintenance and repair of the mechanical and electrical systems are no longer cost effective due to the lack of replacement parts. The facility is significantly short of maintenance, office, and training space due to the expansion of the unit's manning and resources over the years. Maintenance and repair oper-

ations on larger vehicles must be done outside because they do not fit in the small bays. The facility has numerous safety, health, and environmental hazards. The communications and electronics facility portion of this project will re-configure and renovate existing spaces while adding to the complex to alleviate facility shortfalls. Mission accomplishment and Status of Readiness and Training System (SORTS) levels are degraded as there is no adequate space to properly store civil engineering equipment, generators, and equipment assets to be deployable within response time criteria given winter conditions. The 133rd is accomplishing part of the test mission requirements in a facility on the other side of the airport driveway. This requires them to take valuable time and manpower to get to the support functions such as medical and supply items. The area is 12 percent short of the required space needed to support the mission. Several Control and Reporting Center (CRC) testing events have been located in building 102, which has been identified to be demolished. This facility requires roof repairs and electrical and mechanical upgrades to meet code requirements. The space is not functionally set-up to house a test squadron, which causes interruptions in training/testing requirements. They do not have the space to test, maintain, train and repair equipment that they are required to support. The office space is not properly configured. The Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) facility (building 101) is not functionally efficient as an AGE shop with its current layout. Equipment is stored outside due to lack of covered storage space. The administrative area is congested and not properly configured. The existing forced air heat system is inefficient and requires repair. The existing floor drains are not connected to an oil water separator. The majority of the base infrastructure system is over 40 years old and has been upgraded only as part of new construction. Parts of the system that have not been upgraded are deteriorated due to age.

IMPACT IF NOT PROVIDED: Operations and training suffer from lack of up-to-date and adequate facilities. The overcrowded and antiquated facility seriously degrades the unit's capability to maintain a safe, operationally ready fleet, and severely limits the unit's ability to train. Continued safety and environmental problems with possible violations of federal and state environmental statutes. Quality of life is negatively impacted affecting morale, recruiting, and retention.

ADDITIONAL: This project meets the criteria/scope specified in Air National Guard Handbook 32-1084, "Facility Requirements" and is in compliance with the base master plan. These facilities are "inhabited" buildings and meet the standoff distance requirements. There is minimal threat and the level of protection is low so minimum construction standards have been applied. All known alternatives options were considered during the development of this project. No other option could meet the mission requirements; therefore, no economic analysis was needed or performed. The following buildings will be demolished as a result of this project: 101 (214 SM), 104 (45 SM), and 105 (45 SM) for a total of 304 SM.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AREA—7,000 SF = 650 SM.

AGE ADDITION TO COMM AREA—2,600 SF = 242 SM.

UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS AREA—22,769 SF = 2,115 SM.

DEMOLITION/ASBESTOS REMOVAL—3,270 SF = 304 SM.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club, founded 100 years ago as an official organization of the spouses of those of us serving in this House and in the Senate. I am very familiar with their great work, because my wife Betty Ann is an active member and presently serves on the Congressional Club's board.

The Congressional Club is host to one of the most important nonpartisan events that happens in Washington—the annual First Lady's Luncheon. It also hosts monthly lectures, children's parties, tours for charitable organizations and senior citizen luncheons.

The members of the Congressional Club realize the incredible opportunities and responsibilities they have toward national service. During World War I and World War II, the Congressional Club curtailed many of its social events so that members of the Club could roll bandages for the Red Cross, help provide for servicemembers' families and assist troops in transit to their service. At the encouragement of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the Congressional Club sold war bonds, using the proceeds to purchase two evacuation airplanes, one named *The Congressional Club* and one named *The U.S. Congress*, to airlift wounded troops from the battlefield.

The important role spouses play in the work we do is evident in one legend surrounding the establishment of the Congressional Club. According to the story, one wife knew her husband, a member of this body, planned to vote against the incorporation of the Congressional Club, so she came into the Capitol and distracted him outside the House Chamber while the House voted on and approved the resolution that allowed for the formal recognition of the organization.

Mr. Speaker, no one is quite sure whether that story is true, but it does help stress an important point with which few can argue: Congressional spouses play an instrumental part in the work we do. I am honored to join with you in honoring their work on this 100th anniversary of the Congressional Club.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KENNETH FLOWERS

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the career of Colonel Kenneth Flowers from Red Springs, North Carolina. With 26 years of active commissioned service, Colonel Flowers has served our country in a variety of diverse assignments. Now, as he prepares for retirement, I