

TRIBUTE TO THE BOONE COUNTY
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Boone County Hospital employees who took part in a school supply drive to assist children whose families did not have the means to buy school supplies.

The Boone County Hospital social events committee organized the school supply drive which accumulated many crayons, color pencils, No. 2 pencils, colored markers, pens and paper. The supplies were divided up among the Boone, Ogden, Madrid and United school districts.

This collective effort at Boone County Hospital is a characteristic of what Iowa is all about—regular citizens motivated and dedicated to improving the daily life of their neighbors, and in this case our children. I commend all those involved in organizing and contributing to this heartwarming effort. I consider it an honor to represent each of these employees who assisted in making a difference for the children of their community in the United States Congress and I thank them for their great act of kindness.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment for H.R. 2638, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009".

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$6,000,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Edwards Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Rosamond Blvd., Edwards AFB, CA, USA.

Description of Request: This funding would complete construction of the main base runway at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. The funding will be used to complete paved shoulders on the runway and account for extra costs in the overall runway replacement project from items such as the stabilization of

over 41,000 cubic yards of both unsuitable and unstable soil.

The main base runway, which supports almost every flight operation at Edwards Air Force Base, as well as space shuttle landings when necessary, is over 50 years old and is rapidly degrading as a result of Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR), a reaction between the cement and the aggregate that creates map cracking, scaling and spalling of the concrete. Emergency Foreign Object Damage (FOD) repairs have forced runway closures affecting 10 to 15 flights for each closure. No other runways at Edwards AFB can safely support the current and projected test operations without significant test mission delays, and temporary relocation of these missions is not feasible; however, many of the current and planned test missions can be supported by a temporary runway.

This project was programmed by the Air Force in 2003 for FY06, and was incrementally funded over 3 years (FY06, FY07 and FY08). After the project was programmed, the cost of construction materials escalated dramatically, eliminating all management reserve and resulting in a reduction in the planned scope of the project. Providing the final \$6,000,000 in FY09 will complete the project as originally scoped, avoid contractor demobilization and remobilization, and avoid reconstitution of the temporary runway to support this work, saving the government over \$4,000,000 in cost avoidance on the temporary runway alone.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$1,400,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aerojet-General Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 13222, Sacramento, CA 95813-6000, USA.

Description of Request: This funding will be used for the Hydrocarbon Boost Technology Demonstrator program and the increase in funding is to return the FY09 funding closer to the planned level at contract initiation. This critical, next-generation liquid rocket engine development effort run by the Air Force Research Laboratory at Edwards Air Force Base will not only provide the highest performing hydrocarbon engines ever developed in the United States, but also will provide higher operability, lower costs and greater safety with higher reliability than any liquid booster engine ever made in the U.S. and perhaps the world. A match is not required for defense research projects, but I was informed that during the past eight years, Aerojet has invested approximately \$30 million in internal research and development funding on this technology and intends continued support in FY09.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Project Amount: \$1,600,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 3290 Patterson Ave., SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49512, USA.

Description of Request: The funding for the Micro-munitions Interface for Tactical Unmanned Systems (MITUS) program will be used to develop an interface between Unmanned Air Systems (UAS) and micro-munitions, which are defined as weapons weighing less than 100 pounds. Integration of micro-munitions onto UAS requires a stores/weapons management interface that provides a safe and effective integration between the weapon and the unmanned system. Funds will be expended to develop key technologies, including a high speed communication network, airborne weapon emulator, interface for micro-munitions, unmanned safety architecture, and universal stores management system. Additionally the funds will be used for lab demonstrations of the technologies, integration into unmanned systems, and flight demonstration.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Project Amount: \$1,200,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: AAI Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 124 Industry Lane, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, USA.

Description of Request: The Next Generation Electronic Warfare Simulator (NGEWS) represents a technology breakthrough by its ability to simulate electronic warfare threats more precisely and accurately than existing technology. The NGEWS will be used to test the advanced Electronics Surveillance Measures (ESM) capabilities of FA-18 and EA-18G aircraft, as well as other aircraft in the future. It saves time and money by optimizing lab testing rather than flight testing. The funding will be used to complete the upgrade of the first identified necessary simulator.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Securities Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act.