

was through the efforts of Dave Foster and the Lake Michigan Area Office that we were able to open up the St. Joseph Harbor and save hundreds of jobs in our region.

Southwest Michigan is very fortunate Dave Foster stayed close to home. Thousands of people have been impacted by his hard work and commitment to the Army Corps of Engineers. I salute his efforts and thank him for his service as a career federal employee. I wish Dave all the best in his retirement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Department of Education/Funds for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE).

Project Funding Amount: \$476,000—to be confirmed.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hillsborough Community College (HCC).

Address of Requesting Entity: 39 Columbia Drive, Tampa, FL 33606.

Description of Request: Hillsborough Community College submitted a project request for their Veterinary Technology Program. Specifically, the funds requested would complete and refine the large animal program, which includes development of articulation agreements with St. Petersburg College and the school District of Hillsborough County while also acquiring specialty needs equipment. The program currently accommodates 26 students. When HCC completes the program it will eventually be able to accommodate an additional 25 students. HCC has invested over \$590,000 in funding since the program began in 2006–07; the state has provided approximately \$304,000 in facilities construction; and the private sector has donated software at an estimated value of \$4,000.

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Account: Department of Education/Funds for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE).

Project Funding Amount: \$718,000—to be confirmed.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk Community College (PCC).

Address of Requesting Entity: 999 Avenue H, N.E., Winter Haven, FL 33881.

Description of Request: Funding for Polk Community College's project request would establish the Center for Advanced Global Technology at Clear Springs, a training and education center of excellence that will: (1) provide degree and training programs to meet Central Florida's critical demand for a highly-skilled technology workforce in the areas of high-tech supply chain management, advanced manufacturing, green construction and

related technologies, (including solar technologies), and information technology; (2) create career pathways into technology industries through partnerships with career academies at the secondary level, and (3) serve as a center for innovation that facilitates public/private collaborations, research and development, and technology transfer opportunities.

Specifically, funds are requested to: (1) establish a degree program in Supply Chain Management including curriculum development and acquiring advanced technological training equipment; (2) establish a Green Technician degree program and a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification training program including curricula development, acquiring lab equipment, and hiring and training staff to pursue this objective; and (3) acquire advanced manufacturing training equipment and technologies applicable to a wide range of industries including solar/photovoltaic power systems.

Community support and commitment to the project is strong. Clear Springs Land Development Co. donated a twenty acre parcel of land valued at approximately two million dollars to Polk Community College for the facility site. Twenty-four million dollars (private donation matched with State funds) was raised towards facility construction. Advanced manufacturing simulation equipment, software, and technical support have been donated (value \$250,000); and initial funds to support scholarships have been secured in order to increase access to the program. Several courses are currently being held at a temporary site.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican earmark guidance, I am submitting the following: in regards to H.R. 1105.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Joshua Tree National Park Visitor's Center

Account: National Park Service, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Twentynine Palms

Address of Requesting Entity: 6136 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, California 92277

Description of Request: The Joshua Tree National Park Visitors Center annually hosts nearly one and a half million visitors in a cramped, obsolete facility where it is impossible to display the cultural history of the area, provide needed community and informational services, or even provide appropriate information to visitors to the Park. These funds would allow for an improvement and expansion of the Center to provide the space to display the fabled Campbell Collection of Native American artifacts, as well as a wide array of other objects of interest to both the visiting public and to researchers.

Amount: \$300,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Joshua Basin Water District Recharge

Account: EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Joshua Basin Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, California 92252

Description of Request: Joshua Basin Water District needs to develop a recharge system to import water from the California State Water Project to avoid overdraft conditions and septic system contamination of the aquifer. This project is an important component of a regional water management plan and over \$2 million has already been committed locally. The system of underground storage facilities would accept and store water from the State Project in years when surpluses are available. There are currently no other recharge projects on going in the Joshua Tree basin.

Amount: \$300,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Water System Infrastructure Improvements

Account: EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power

Address of Requesting Entity: 41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, California 92315

Description of Request: This project would provide improved water pressure at peak demand periods and improved water quality resulting from the replacement of steel pipes with PVC. Although the City of Big Bear is located in an area prone to wildfires, much of its water supply infrastructure is unable to even meet minimum requirements for fire flow. Engineering studies have identified 181,800 feet of pipeline that must be replaced to meet current standards.

Amount: \$500,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Desert Hot Springs

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, General Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mission Springs Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 66575 2nd Street, Desert Hot Springs, California 92240

Description of Request: This project will construct a municipal wastewater collection and treatment system that will eliminate individual wastewater disposal systems that overlie the Mission Creek and Desert Hot Springs aquifers. To accomplish this, the district needs to replace roughly 4000 individual sewage disposal systems that lie in a very concentrated area over the primary inflow of the groundwater that supplies nearly 400,000 people.

Amount: \$478,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY LEWIS.

Project Name: Hi-Desert Wastewater Collection and Reuse Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hi-Desert Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 55439 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Description of Request: The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner. The Hi-Desert Wastewater Collection and Reuse Facility will protect the groundwater quality in the area and provide reclaimed