

training system; further build train-the-trainer capacity; enhance retention of learned skills by former students; provide valuable research and evaluation to improve first responder abilities; and provide investigative training and support for evolving threats. In addition to providing ALERRT to the more than 400 entities requesting it, FY10 funding and beyond will be integral to sustain and build capacity for a nation-wide effort to standardize a level of preparedness among the more than 650,000 peace officers employed by law enforcement agencies across the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PROJECTS

Project Name: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$133,000 for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program to assist diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. This project will increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Additionally, the project will support research on specific techniques to infuse environmentally and economically sustainable practices into a wide variety of agricultural production systems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because increased farmer understanding and adoption of sustainable farming practices is critical to meeting future agricultural and natural resources challenges in both the United States and worldwide. Sustainability in agricultural production is a national theme that resonates broadly with national targets of sustainability and responsible use of natural resources. Increasing production without causing permanent ecological damage benefits farmers, consumers, and the environment. It is also my understanding that approximately 25 percent of funding will be used to salaries, approximately 25 percent for graduate students, approximately 48 percent for other direct costs, and approximately 2 percent for travel.

Project Name: Milk Safety, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$771,000 for Milk Safety, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will support research that protects the safety of dairy products for Pennsylvania and the nation. Research will address the continued threat of natural or intentional contamination of the fluid milk supply. The project will focus on continuing to develop more sensitive, accurate, and cost-effective diagnostic tools to identify pathogens and toxins.

Additionally, research will support developing and evaluating alternative preservation techniques that ensure the safety of dairy products while preserving food quality attributes, evaluating the benefits and risks associated with consumer and producer interest in raw milk products, and examining the integrity of the supply chain that moves dairy products from the farm gate to the consumer.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because new technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income. Current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Milk safety funding provides a tool for the federal government to respond quickly to emerging issues within the dairy industry and is necessary to maintain consumer protection and confidence. Improvements can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers.

It is also my understanding that approximately 32 percent of funding will be used for salaries, approximately 13 percent for graduate students, approximately 16 percent for wages, approximately 1 percent for travel, approximately 10 percent for equipment, and approximately 28 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$243,000 for Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide research to address improved dairy management practices and specifically nutrient and emissions management. The project will be focused on addressing issues associated with dairy production by utilizing technology to improve water quality, lowering the impacts of emissions, and supporting efficient energy use.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Evaluating new management tools for their impact on dairy farm profitability and delivering new tools to the industry based on sound scientific study is vital to the future of U.S. dairy production. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

It is also my understanding that approximately 24 percent of funding would be used

for salaries, approximately 23 percent for graduate students, approximately 22 percent for wages, approximately 2 percent for travel, and approximately 29 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Dairy Farm Productivity, PA
Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$349,000 for Dairy Farm Profitability, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide assistance to improve dairy farm profitability. This project will provide technological solutions to real-world problems that are reducing the profitability of dairy farms in Pennsylvania and across the nation. Technologies will be validated for their economic impact and delivered as part of a broader economic analysis of individual farms.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the local dairy farm is part of a complex system which extends from local issues of decisions regarding nutrient management, animal genetics, and operation diversity to global issues of supply and demand for dairy products. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

It is also my understanding that approximately 24 percent of funding would be used for salaries, approximately 15 percent for graduate students, approximately 27 percent for wages, approximately 3 percent for travel, and approximately 31 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$233,000 for Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide assistance for agricultural entrepreneurship development. This project is important both regionally and nationally because it focuses on education and other support necessary to help farmers make a transition from "traditional" types of farming to value-added agricultural enterprises.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because developing the entrepreneurial skills of agricultural producers assists in providing higher profits on farms, a decline in farm consolidation, and increased opportunities for consumers to obtain products that meet their lifestyles. Growth of entrepreneurial skills strengthens farmers' ability to act on consumer-based opportunities. This strengthens the agricultural industry, local communities, and provides consumers with goods and services they are willing and able to buy. Because of its unique production characteristics and market access, Pennsylvania is an ideal location for this project.

It is also my understanding that approximately 75 percent of funding would be used

for salaries and approximately 25 percent for travel, communications, and program development.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER
CROSS, USA

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the state of Texas and of our nation.

Private First Class Peter Cross was a soldier in the United States Army and is a true American hero. Peter gave his life in the service of his country on June 26, 2009, due to injuries he sustained from his vehicle overturning on a mountainous road in Afghanistan.

Assigned to 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, Private First Class Cross made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in a time of war, an action that speaks volumes far greater than words about his character and patriotism.

A native of Saginaw, Texas, Peter had aspirations of missionary work following his service in the Army. These ambitions, along with his efforts to avoid children herding sheep near Combat Outpost Carwile, Afghanistan, which ultimately resulted in the overturning of his vehicle, led his father Mike Cross to point out, "His last act in life shows what kind of man he was—selflessly thinking of others."

Peter had been on active duty in the United States Army for less than one year. He joined the Army in August of 2008 and was deployed to Afghanistan in February of 2009. Peter quickly developed a sincere passion for the people of Afghanistan that he was there to help. His father specifically noted, "He really had a heart for the Afghani people. He used to hand out candy, and pens and papers, and anything else he could spare for the kids when they came around the guys. He was a fun guy. A godly guy."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Private First Class Cross' parents, siblings, grandparents, and all of his family and friends. His community and nation honor his memory, and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

Private First Class Cross will not be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
JEFFERY W. HAMMOND

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Major General Jeffery W. Hammond, Commanding General, 4ID along with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas for their honorable commitment to Fort Hood, Texas and the United States of America.

The 4th Infantry Division will be leaving Fort Hood and relocating to Ft. Carson, CO this month.

The citizens of TX-31 have supported the 4th Infantry Division through the Adopt-A-Unit Program as they deployed and completed tours in Iraq over the last year. Through this support relationships have been built with the men and women of the 4th ID and their families. The people of TX-31 will miss the remarkable family they have made.

It has been a true honor to have MG Hammond and the men and women of the 4th Infantry Division reside in Texas District 31.

I am pleased to recognize Major General Hammond and the 4th Infantry Division for their time spent at Fort Hood, Texas.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman NATHAN DEAL

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Gainesville, Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, 40 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Description of Request: 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 [Bill 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010."] Any federal funding received would be used to help local governments meet water resource plan requirements and be used for various stages of design and construction for several water projects including watershed management, wastewater treatment and water conservation. District serves broad public purpose protecting water supplies and water quality. Rivers and streams don't follow political boundaries, (12 of 16 District counties lie within more than one watershed) regional solutions to problems are only way to achieve lasting results. District's projects are multi-jurisdictional in nature and beyond abilities of individual local governments. Consequently, federal assistance will allow members to work towards these critical regional solutions. District's plans outline variety of water related activities required by various state and federal requirements. Successful implementation of District's plans has national significance through protection of water resources of roughly half the Georgia population.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as

part of the FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman LAMAR SMITH

Bill Number: FY2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act

Account: GSA—Federal Buildings Fund

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Services Administration, Washington, DC

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for the San Antonio United States Courthouse, Texas. It is my understanding that the requested funds are additional design funding for a new federal courthouse in San Antonio, Texas. Design funds were originally appropriated in FY 2004, but GSA had difficulty identifying a site. They have now identified a site and intend to swap the land the courthouse is currently on, as well as an adjacent government-owned site, for a city-owned site on which to build the courthouse. GSA will require, however, additional design funding now to hire an architect to design the proposed facility. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

COMMEMORATING THE COURAGE
AND SERVICE OF THE WORLD
WAR II VETERANS OF IBEW
LOCAL 601

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Veterans of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 601 in Champaign, Illinois. On July 11, IBEW Local 601 will be sponsoring a World War II Heritage Day which will honor 48 of their members who fought for our freedom in World War II.

The citizens of the United States of America find great inspiration in the men and women of our armed forces. We hold our revered veterans with the highest respect and admiration, remembering those who stepped forth with tremendous courage to make the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. On July 11, 2009 we join to celebrate a particularly inspiring group of this nation's citizens, the World War II Veterans of IBEW Local 601 who served with remarkable dedication to protect our cherished ideals of freedom and democracy.

Throughout the history of our great nation, brave and patriotic individuals answered the most honorable call to serve this country. Out of the bloodshed and carnage of World War II rose shining examples of selfless courage, heroism and glorious deeds performed under the direst of circumstances and against a background of unprecedented loss of lives.

From the moment of the first attack upon Pearl Harbor to the declarations of victory in Europe and Japan, this assault waged upon the entire world took an enormous toll in terms of human casualties. They went off willingly to the battlefields, seas and skies of Europe and the South Pacific to risk their lives.

I have the utmost respect for the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines of our armed forces who bravely served this nation during