

Address of Requesting Entity: 3290 Patter-
son Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512

Description of Request: I am requesting funding for GE Aviation in fiscal year 2009 for the Micro-munitions Interface for Tactical Unmanned Systems (MITUS). The funding would 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's requires a stores/weapons management interface that provides a safe and effective integration between the weapon and the unmanned system. This bill provides \$1,600,000 for this project. Out of this amount, GE Aviation plans to spend \$250,000 to complete the development of key technologies for the MITUS project to include: high-speed communication network, airborne weapon emulator, interface for micro-munitions, unmanned safety architecture, universal stores management system; \$200,000 to conduct lab demonstrations of these enabling technologies and validation of the SAE industry interface standard; \$400,000 for the integration of these capabilities into various unmanned systems leading up to a flight demonstration; and \$750,000 for flight demonstration in FY09/FY10 to test the interoperability of tactical unmanned systems integrating the MITUS technologies with various micro-munitions, which includes items necessary to support flight test including: Safety board reviews, range time, UAS operation, munitions and targets. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Communications, San Diego, CA; MBDA, Los Angeles, CA; Raytheon, Tucson, AZ; Boeing, St. Louis, MO.

Description of Request: The Affordable Weapons System (AWS) program is an advanced technology initiative to design, develop, and produce an affordable precision guided weapon. Phase II to begin September 2008 will study best material approach, conops and system architecture refinement, and a comprehensive risk assessment leading to a preferred system concept with a flyaway cost of less than \$250 thousand. The results from the Phase I and Phase II study will support the development of an ICD leading to a new start program in 2010 with a 2016 first article delivery. An additional \$11.2 million will support the Phase II contracts.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Torrey Pines Logic.

Address of Requesting Entity: 12651 High Bluff Drive; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The Navy's need for a secure non-RF alternative to radio communication is well known. The need arises from operational scenarios, such as Underway Replenishment, where vessels are unable to use radios due to RF jammers, EMCON conditions, the presence of IEDs, and the need for a secure communication system that has a low probability of interception and detection. \$400,000 to the IR LED Free Space Optics Communications Advancement program will allow the program to advance LightSpeed technology, which is a proven, tested and fielded technology based on IR LED Free Space Optics (FSO) concepts. The funding will enable the advancement of the technology's size, weight, power, distance and bandwidth for the Navy's use in Special Operations and general services communities.

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Account: Procurement, Defense-Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: California National Guard.

Address of Requesting Entity: San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The Southwest Border Fence supports the President's border security initiative and makes for more efficient and effective use of the National Guardsmen deployed in support of Operation Jump Start. \$1.6 million will continue work on the 14-mile Border Infrastructure near San Diego, CA.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Information Systems Laboratories.

Address of Requesting Entity: 10140 Barnes Canyon Road; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The Tactical E-Field Buoy program will develop an affordable ASW buoy that is capable of detecting challenging targets in acoustically difficult littoral environments and is compatible with existing Navy air-deployed systems. \$1.6 million in FY09 will fabricate and ocean test the performance of a cluster-type array of small E-sensors against a submarine target.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Allarmed Laboratories, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7203 Convoy Court; San Diego, CA 92111.

Description of Request: The Leishmania Skin Test will provide a tool for military physicians to screen service personnel prior to and after deployment to endemic regions, prevent contamination of the blood supply by identifying persons who should not become donors, and identify and provide definitive care to service members infected with the parasite. \$800,000 in FY09 funding will plan and execute a phase III clinical trial.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trex Enterprises.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7203 Convoy Court; San Diego, CA 92111.

Description of Request: An unacceptable number of aircraft accidents involving all category Army helicopters conducting combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have been caused by the brownout phenomenon. \$1.6 million will continue development & testing of the Brownout Situational Awareness Sensor, specifically, to increase operating range and field of view; harden modular components; and, integrate the system platform.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: IBM.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4600 La Jolla Village Drive #300; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: SSC-SD has developed algorithms that are extremely complex and computationally intensive on the High Performance Computing (HPC) nodes in the laboratory environment. This classified project related to IED detection has been an ongoing use of the HPC laboratory capability and with \$800,000 in supplemental funding, ready to be turned into an operational capability.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Diego DEFCOMM.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Cordell Court, Suite 208; El Cajon, CA 92020.

Description of Request: JIST-NET will provide the warfighter with an integrated and single pane-of-glass planning and situational awareness system for satellite communications (SATCOM) and network communications. \$800,000 will allow SATCOM to move forward and operationally field JIST-NET in next 6 to 9 months.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Other Procurement, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Telos Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 19886 Ashburn Road; Ashburn, VA.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million will provide a communication system to the 147th Combat Communications Squadron in San Diego, CA, to improve wartime readiness levels and provide for a robust capability during a potential disaster.

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Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SpaceDev, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13855 Stowe Drive; Poway, CA.

Description of Request: Hybrid Sounding Rocket will benefit the Nation's defense through the accomplishment of designing and fabricating a new propulsion design that provides safe and environmentally friendly launch services for small payloads. \$800,000 will complete flight article design, complete three heavy motor ground test firings, selection and

preparation of a suitable launch site, complete first flight article, and the demonstration flight.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: East County Economic Development Council.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Cordell Court, Suite 202; El Cajon, CA.

Description of Request: The Connectory, a proven business-to-business database, lets DoD compare and analyze objectively capabilities across the industrial base to address warfighter requirements, particularly limited production items. \$400,000 will expand the number of California companies profiled.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SYS Technologies.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5050 Murphy Canyon Road; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: The System for Intelligent Task Assignment & Readiness (SITAR) will support accurate, predictive 21st century readiness models. \$800,000 will enhance the SITAR program.

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Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Surface Optics Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 11555 Rancho Bernardo Road; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: \$2.4 million for the Real-Time Hyperspectral Targeting Sensor will be used to miniaturize a small, low cost Hyper Sensor integrated with GPS location data and real time processing capability.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Other Procurement, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cubic Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9333 Balboa Avenue; San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: \$1.6 million would provide Communications Data Link Systems to Navy flagships.

Requesting Member: Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Navy Health Research Center.

Address of Requesting Entity: San Diego, CA.

Description of Request: \$2.4 million will implement a clinical trial of this vaccine for prostate cancer patients at the Veterans Medical Center, La Jolla, CA.

SUPPORT TAIWAN'S REQUEST TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF 16 UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, October 10 marks the National Day of the Republic of China. Due to its democratic system, Taiwan has been able to flourish economically and socially as we have seen over the past decades. Taiwan is now one of the world's leading economic powers.

To help us celebrate all the accomplishments of our friends in Taiwan, I urge my colleagues to support Taiwan's latest request to the United Nations General Assembly to participate meaningfully in the activities of 16 United Nations specialized agencies. I know leaders in Taiwan have worked tirelessly for Taiwan's participation in the United Nations and Taiwan's international participation will certainly encourage cross-strait dialogue and lead to permanent peace in the Asia-Pacific region.

Madam Speaker, congratulations to the people of Taiwan, their president, Mr. Ma Ying-jeou, and their Washington representative: Ambassador Jason Yuan. Jason is an experienced diplomat and he will be an effective bridge between Taiwan and Washington.

RECOGNIZING COTTONWOOD INDUSTRIES AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a program which, in the last year, has helped more than 43,000 Americans who are blind or who have severe disabilities gain skills and training that ultimately led to gainful employment; The AbilityOne Program.

The AbilityOne Program, formerly known as the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program, harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. This program affords Americans with disabilities the opportunity to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life. This comes in a segment of the population that has suffered from significant unemployment. But programs such as AbilityOne have come a long way in helping to bring people with disabilities into working society.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with a community partner in the AbilityOne program. Cottonwood Industries, located in Lawrence, KS, employed 53 people last year, manufacturing products utilized by the Department of Defense in the continued protection of our country. Beyond AbilityOne, Cottonwood fur-

ther employed another 185 individuals with disabilities in other community opportunities. Cottonwood offers a range of services beyond employment to Americans who are in need of assistance. Community agencies like Cottonwood are very important to those who directly utilize them, but also to society as a whole.

It is with great pleasure that I extend my support to the AbilityOne Program. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of Sharon Spratt, Executive Director of Cottonwood Industries, and her staff, for helping individuals who are blind or have a disability find employment. Their work helps Kansans to live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each AbilityOne program employee who works every day to improve their lives and make our country a better place to live.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Republic of China on the occasion of Taiwan's National Day on October 10, 2008. On behalf of my constituents, I extend best wishes and warm greetings to Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou and Taiwan Representative Jason Yuan.

I also extend a warm welcome to the Taiwanese to visit our Virgin Islands shores and I look forward to continued good relations between our two countries for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ABILITY ONE PROGRAM

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the AbilityOne Program for its success this past year in helping 43,000 blind and disabled Americans gain skills and training necessary to be successful in the workforce.

The AbilityOne Program provides much-needed employment opportunities by using the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., a community partner in the AbilityOne program within my own district, stands as a shining example of why this program is a winning proposition for all parties involved.

This past year, New Horizons employed over 70 individuals with severe disabilities through AbilityOne contracts. With the help of AbilityOne and other programs, New Horizons supported over 2,500 individuals in the community.

The direct impact of these organizations on the lives of disabled Americans cannot be overstated. For an individual with a severe disability who has never had the opportunity to