

critical to a dismounted soldier's ability to leverage portable electronic equipment including laptops, GPS, night vision goggles, 2-way radios, laser-designators, chemical sensors, and other network equipment. The soldier's technological edge is rendered ineffective though without equally portable and sustainable power sources. Currently, primary batteries—based on 1960s technology—provide the majority of portable DC power for the dismounted soldier; major drawbacks are added weight, low power density and limited functionality. For example, in a typical 72 hour mission, up to half of the rucksack weight for a dismounted soldier outfitted with standard electronic gear is in batteries. This creates a logistical problem for soldiers who must prioritize either extra batteries or adequate ammunition and supplies. The ever growing power demands for the soldier's electronic gear aggravate this dilemma and as today's soldier becomes increasingly networked on the battlefield, portable DC power sources must provide much higher energy density than current state-of-the-art batteries are providing. The SP3 is also eco-friendly; byproducts are water and CO₂ and a 25W system operating continuously produces 5X less CO₂ than a soldier breathing in that same span. INI Power Systems proposes to build and field test, over a two year period, twenty five (25) of its prototype SP3 power systems for Army soldier portable applications. The systems are designed to meet the specific power, weight and reliability requirements needed for demanding military operations. The 25 watt power pack, engineered for communication and weapon system applications, combines methanol—a high energy density and logistically friendly liquid fuel—with INI Power System's revolutionary direct methanol Laminar Flow Fuel Cell (LFFC®) technology. Hybridized with readily available lithium ion batteries, INI's portable power systems yield instant and continuous power for mission critical needs and functionality well beyond what is capable with batteries alone. The INI power system, weighing just over 3 pounds (1.5 kg), is designed to provide continuous power for 72 hours through the simple exchange of 8 oz fuel cartridges (each weighing less than 0.5 pounds) yet providing 10 hours of constant power per cartridge even at full power load. \$1.7 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sierra Monolithics.

Address of Requesting Entity: 103 West Torrance Blvd, Redondo Beach, CA.

Description of Request: Request \$5 million for Advanced Radar Transceiver IC Development. This project was funded for \$800K in FY 2008 and is currently being used in the demonstration of the Digital Array Radar program. This application allows multiple frequencies to be scanned simultaneously and allows radar beams to be independently operated from the same platform. The net result is better target tracking, more time on target, higher probability of detection and better utilization of the asset. The FY08 funding allows two items, use of the existing commercial IP to demonstrate feasibility and basic architecture of the digital

section of the RFIC. To realize the complete potential of this technology the program needs to be fully funded to allow complete circuit design integration, fabrication and test for the RFIC. In particular a piece of IP must be developed to modify the frequency control of the commercial chip to one suitable for radar applications. This program leverages considerable commercial IP to gain a substantial gain for the government. The U.S. government benefits in several ways from this low cost enabling development. \$800,000 was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, AF.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Timken Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 693, Canton, OH 44706-0930.

Description of Request: Request \$2.4 million on for Hybrid Bearings. Standard aerospace bearings are not adequate for the demands of Joint Strike Fighter engine, or many of our existing engines with the new requirements placed on the weapons platforms, as well as continued high usage in extreme conditions. As a result, the Air Force has been working with industry to develop an improved bearing that is tough, corrosion resistant and can tolerate the high speeds and temperatures of the expanding mission requirements. The purpose of the project is to develop a high speed bearing for aerospace applications that will provide exceptional hot hardness, exceptional fatigue life, exceptional wear resistance, and exceptional fracture toughness. Defense applications would include the JSF main shaft bearing application, as well as other weapons platforms or devices requiring high speed bearings. \$1.6 million was included in the final bill for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROBIN HAYES.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: RDTE, A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alliant Techsystems (ATK).

Address of Requesting Entity: 1215 South Clark Street Suite 1510, Arlington, VA 22202.

Description of Request: Request \$7.4 million for Individual Airburst Weapon System (IAWS). The Individual Automatic Weapons System (IAWS) is a 25mm shoulder-fired weapon that provides the U.S. infantryman—for the first time in a direct fire weapon—the ability to defeat enemy combatants in defile and concealed positions. The system includes the rifle, target acquisition and fire control component, and 25mm high explosive precision air bursting (HEAB) munitions. The program currently is in ACTD, with several weapons systems having been delivered for demonstration. Additional funding is needed to continue development, and in particular to provide sufficient weapons systems and associated ammunition and test support for a complete user "field assessment" needed to qualify the system. \$1 million was included in the final bill for this project.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID YOST

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a southeastern Pennsylvania business leader whose talent and fiscal discipline should serve as a shining example for executives in these trying economic times.

David Yost is Chief Executive Officer of AmerisourceBergen, a drug distribution company located in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Recently, the magazine Business Week highlighted how Mr. Yost's no-frills management style has helped the company thrive.

At a time when the lavish perks of Wall Street executives grab all the headlines, the Business Week article noted that Mr. Yost answers his own phone at the office, flies economy class and limits his power lunches to a turkey hoagie with provolone cheese from a local deli. In addition, the article stated that Mr. Yost's salary is a fraction of his peers in the industry, while the company's profit margins exceed those of its competitors.

Although Mr. Yost is diligent about holding down expenses, he does not shy away from investing in the company. That is evident by the \$100 million dedicated over the next three to five years to improve customer service technology and the \$400 million used for enhancements to company distribution centers, the article stated.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting David Yost for his exemplary leadership and for putting the interests of his company, his customers and his employees first. We also offer Mr. Yost and AmerisourceBergen best wishes and continued success in the future.

[Business Week]

AMERISOURCEBERGEN'S SCRIMP-AND-SAVE
DAVE

(By Aili McConnon)

R. David Yost is acutely aware of tougher times ahead for his customers. Consumers are cutting back on prescription drugs to save money and retailers are struggling with less demand. But the AmerisourceBergen chief isn't worried. The balance sheet of the drug distributor, which acts as a middleman between drugmakers and retailers, is strong. Besides, Yost has been tightening his belt for years.

Even in an industry known for its razor-thin margins, Yost is remarkably cheap. He answers his own phone, flies economy class, and rarely strays beyond a shortie turkey hoagie with provolone from the local deli near his sterile industrial park headquarters in Valley Forge, Pa. Yost, 61, admits that his \$66.1 billion company could absorb the cost of getting him extra secretarial help and a more comfortable seat on planes, but that's not the point. "The leader is very important in controlling business costs," says Yost, whose headquarters lobby is decorated with plastic plants to save on watering.

While Yost's zeal to cut costs may strike some as absurd, his efforts have helped AmerisourceBergen thrive. And he thinks the current credit crisis won't swing the company off course. Not only has AmerisourceBergen held its own against rivals McKesson (MCK) and Cardinal Health (CAH), but leaner operations have helped it grow revenues 8% this year while the broader industry is growing half as fast. In the last quarter, Amerisource profits

increased by 30%, excluding one-time sales; McKesson's and Cardinal's were up 8% and 13%, respectively. Yost's total paycheck last year (including stock options) was \$4.8 million, less than half that of Cardinal's CEO and barely a sixth of McKesson's chief. "He is not flamboyant or flashy," says Banc of America Securities analyst Robert Willoughby, of Yost's inclination to be modest. Adds John W. Ransom of Raymond James & Associates: "At 1% margins, you have to be."

Now he's under even more pressure to watch the bottom line as his customers struggle to stay competitive. Amerisource relies heavily on smaller, independent chains that are fast being gobbled by big players, who may have contracts with the distributor's rivals. But Yost predicts volume will pick up over the long term. "The older we get, the more drugs we take," says Yost, settling comfortably into a 1970s-era plaid chair (the weathered green leather chair at his desk, which he inherited from the previous CEO when he took over in 1997, looks like a yard sale find).

George Barrett, the CEO of Cardinal's drug distribution arm, says that what matters in a leader isn't frugality but foresight. "I don't want our people to see me as cheap but instead very efficient and cognizant of the environment in which we compete," says Barrett. But Yost insists he can be all those things. While he pays competitive salaries to attract talent, he allows employees to fly business class only if they pay for an upgrade themselves. And they must book 30 days in advance to get the best price. Yost is also investing more than \$100 million over the next three to five years to improve customer service technology, and he paid \$400 million to spruce up company distribution centers and consolidate operations.

THE PAYOFF

Of course, new technology also brings new ways to save money. Plant employees now wear wrist bands connected to a thimble device on their finger that uses an infrared laser that reads the bar code of what they unload or pick up. Workers who move more product than average receive bonuses for the time they've saved the company.

If that sounds Orwellian to some, Yost doesn't much care. While the Amerisource chief may not be eager to spend a buck, he certainly knows the value a dollar holds for others. Amerisource has returned more than a third of its free cash flow to shareholders for the last two years and used the rest for core acquisitions. "The landscape is littered with companies that think they can do a lot of businesses well," says Yost, adding that he no longer trots out the cliché "stick to our knitting" because he fears it makes him sound stodgy. "We're focused on knitting faster, better, and more creatively than anyone else."

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, DBE, and the Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, ACDBE, programs that are vitally important components of the aviation programs we are extending today. These programs are aimed at remedying discrimination

to ensure that all American businesses have a fair chance to participate in the business opportunities available at our Nation's airports. The DBE and ACDBE statutes and regulations have been carefully crafted and narrowly tailored to meet the rigorous constitutional standards established by the Supreme Court in *Adarand v. Peña*. As a result, all of the U.S. Federal circuit courts that have considered the constitutionality of the DBE program since the end of the *Adarand* litigation have found the statute and corresponding Federal regulations to be constitutional.

The bottom line is that, despite the assertions of some critics, the DBE and ACDBE programs remain necessary. Discrimination against minority and women business owners continues to plague airport-related industries in both the traditional contracting arena and in the concessions context. Here in Congress, we see the academic and statistical evidence and we hear the stories of business owners that confront discrimination. We know that the evidence is compelling and abundant. For instance, disparity studies have been conducted across this Nation make clear that minority and women owned businesses receive far fewer contract dollars than we would expect in a discrimination-free market. Each disparity study is a little bit different, but most of them contain both statistical and anecdotal evidence of the ongoing existence of discrimination. When these studies are considered as a group the results couldn't be clearer: discrimination continues to be a problem for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American and Native American business owners and for women business owners. This is true in every airport-related industry and in every corner of our Nation.

Earlier this month, Don O'Bannon, chair of the Airport Minority Advisory Council, AMAC, testified in the Senate about the discrimination that airport-related businesses confront. His testimony revealed the severity of the bias that minority and women owned airport-related businesses continue to confront. At that same hearing Mr. O'Bannon also submitted to the record a few of the many disparity studies that have documented discrimination in airport contracting with statistical evidence. While these studies, from Dallas, Texas, the State of Maryland, Denver, Colorado, Phoenix, Arizona, Nashville, Tennessee and Broward County, Florida, represent only a fraction of the airport-related studies that have been conducted, they all tell the same story: discrimination still makes it impossible for our Nation's minority and women owned businesses to contribute fully to our national economy.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to support the continuation of the DBE and ACDBE program and look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthening and improving these programs in the months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER WAN KO YEE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Master Wan Ko Yee, a permanent resident of the United States, on the occasion of the publication of

HH Dorje Chang Buddha III, A Treasury of True Buddha-Dharma, wherein Master Yee has been recognized within the traditions of his religion as the revered master and holy leader of Buddhism.

Buddhism is the world's fourth largest religion after Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, with over 6 million Buddhists in the United States and 360 million adherents of Buddhism world-wide. H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, A Treasury of True Buddha-Dharma, is a book that contains testimonies and affirmations through written proclamations in accordance with Buddhist traditions in recognizing the primordial Dorje Chang Buddha.

Copies of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, A Treasury of True Buddha-Dharma were presented to the Library of Congress at a special ceremony I attended with many other Members of Congress and Buddhist Dharma Kings and Rinpoches from around the world. The book was provided to every Member of Congress as a reference source and is being placed in all Buddhist Temples and public libraries by The International Buddhism Sangha Association, a nonprofit organization headquartered in San Francisco, CA.

Master Wan Ko Yee, who was born in Sichuan, China, is now a permanent resident of the United States and resides in California. Like many in the history of our country, he came with his wife and two children, to this land where there is greater opportunity and freedom to teach and practice religion. Master Yee, who is preparing to become a citizen of the United States, stated, "The American people are kind and noble. People can freely believe in religion in the United States, a country that is spiritually wealthy, powerful and blessed."

It is not my intention by this statement to endorse one religion or religious leader over another. Rather I rise to congratulate Master Yee for his many years of selflessly contributing to relieving the suffering of human beings, furthering world peace and promoting spiritual enlightenment through his teachings of Buddhism. I join his peers in recognizing Master Wan Ko Yee as the true incarnation of the primordial Buddha and commend him for his outstanding contributions to his community, his new country, his religion and all human beings throughout the world.

HONORING COREY ALAN STORTS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Corey Alan Storts of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Corey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Corey has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Corey has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Corey Alan Storts for his