

Address of Requesting Entity: 406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202, Monrovia, CA 91016

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$237,500 to complete an assessment of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along Phase II of the Gold Line Foothill Extension. Approximately, \$100,000 or 42% is for economic analysis; \$100,000 or 42% for engineering; and \$37,500 or 16% for environmental assessment. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Surface Transportation Priorities account. This funding will complete the TOD study. The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority will provide a minimum of a 20% local cost share with local funds.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of our nation's Peace Corps volunteers in honor of National Peace Corps Week. Since the establishment of the Peace Corps by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, more than 195,000 U.S. Citizens have served their country in the cause of peace by living and working in 139 countries throughout the world. Each Volunteer sent out into the field represents another opportunity to dispel myths about the United States, to help people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women, and to create lasting bonds of friendship with host country citizens. Volunteers are currently providing expertise and development assistance to 76 countries and are working to find common ways to address global challenges. These Volunteers share their time and talent serving as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, agriculture and environmental specialists, and health and HIV/AIDS educators. The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grassroots level in the developing world.

I would like to commend our proud nation's Peace Corps volunteers for their service, particularly those 58 men and women of the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia who are currently serving as volunteers: Lauryn Alleva, Alfred Baldwin, Anne Berwick, Albert Bond, Erica Brouillette, Casey Burke, Daniel Cassidy, Alexander Chidakel, Kelly Connors, Rhiannon Cooper, David Coscia, Eric Crowder, Kevin Dansereau, Ryan Dickriede, David Doane, Scott Estep, Brian Fries, Evan Gay, Jeffrey Gilleo, Nathan Graham, Nathan Hernandez, Michaela Hoffman, Thomas Holian, Rachel Kavanagh, Matthew Keenan, Dianne Kim, Shinhee Kim, Melissa Ko, Rachel Kramer, Phuong-Thuy Le, Hye Lee, Laara Manier, Katherine Mariska, Paul Mastin, Alona Mays, Kelly McCormack, Russell McDaniel, John McGrath, Jonathan Mellor, Theresa Milstein, Matthew Mozingo, Karine Nankam, Trevor Perrier, Jessica Pic, Jennifer Polasek, Mathis Pollock, Jonathan Seiden, Hanna Simering, Jonathan Styron, Mary Thur, Rachel Vanderburg, Amy Vaughters, Christine Wahle, Joshua Wayland, Jessica West, Clemens Weygandt, Courtney Wong, and Dale

Yurovich. I consider it a great honor to represent these noble men and women, who travel great distances and make great sacrifices to help reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today to acknowledge the thousands of Americans who serve and have served as Peace Corps Volunteers. They are a great credit to our country, and we should applaud them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. 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 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: FHWA Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) program account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Rosa County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 6495 Caroline St., Suite M, Milton, FL 32570

Description of Request: \$475,000—Four Lane-PD&E Study, State Road 87 in Santa Rosa County, Florida. I requested these funds to expand the Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study phase for SR 87. The study would include a triangular study area defined by the following three points: 1) north of Clear Creek Bridge on SR 87 near NAS Whiting Field, 2) the intersection of US 90/Glover Lane, and 3) the intersection of US 90/SR 87 South. The justification is fivefold: 1) to complete a 4-lane regional corridor from the Gulf Coast to the Alabama State Line with an ultimate goal to connect to I-65 in Alabama; 2) to provide four lanes of capacity for South Santa Rosa hurricane evacuation and recovery along the only road which is open when the US 98, US 90, I-10, and SR 281 bridges are impassable; 3) to provide for economic development among existing and planned industrial/commercial facilities and tourism attractions that lie along SR 87; 4) to support the Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base military missions of national significance; and 5) to solve the issue of additional capacity needed through or around the City of Milton which has local and regional implications. In FY 06, this project received \$4 million in SAFETEA-LU, High Priority Projects account. Last year, the project received \$492,000 in the TSCP Account. I requested funding from the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) program account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Santa Rosa County, Florida located at 6495 Caroline St, Suite M, Milton, FL 32570. The funding would be used to complete the PD&E study phase and design for the project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I

hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Okaloosa County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Suite 400, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Description of Request: \$95,000—Okaloosa County Improvements to Fairchild Road and Hare Street, Florida. I requested funding from the FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program. This funding would help provide for construction and upgrading of these roadways. Both roads serve as an ingress/egress into an industrial airport/airport/military contractor complex. The roads are in need of paving, drainage improvements, and widening.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Okaloosa County, Florida, located at 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Suite 400, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Walton County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Montgomery Circle, P.O. Box 1355, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Description of Request: \$95,000—Choctawhatchee Bay Bridge Widening. I requested funding in the FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program account FY09. Funding will support additional design, right of way and construction to provide enhancements to the Choctawhatchee Bay Bridge in order to allow for additional capacity for evacuation purposes and regional economic development. The bridge and US Highway 331 are the county's major evacuation route and have a 30 hour evacuation time. The Preliminary Design and Engineering Study was done in 1995 and 60 percent of the design has been completed.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Walton County, Florida, located at 117 Montgomery Circle, P.O. Box 1355, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Walton County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Montgomery Circle, P.O. Box 1355, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Description of Request: \$237,500—Highway 331 Bridge Replacement in Walton County, Florida. I requested funding in the FHWA Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program account FY09. Funding would be used for design and construction purposes in order to expand U.S. 331 to four lanes. The widening would allow an evacuation route for residents and visitors of south Walton to evacuate in a timely manner in case of hurricanes or other natural disasters. Currently, U.S. 331 is the sole evacuation route out of south Walton with a 30 hour evacuation time. It would also allow a safer transportation corridor for workers from north Walton who support the tourism industry in south Walton. Upon completion, this project will link Alabama to the Gulf of Mexico and U.S. Highway 98 in Florida. The total cost of the project is \$69,408,000. The Florida DOT has funded the segment from the Choctawhatchee Bay Bridge to State Road 20 at \$41,791,000 for right-of-way acquisition. I requested funding for Highway 331 widening in Walton County, Florida in fiscal year 2009. The entity to receive funding for this project is Walton County, Florida, located at 117 Montgomery Circle, P.O. Box 1355, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435. The funding would be used for design and construction purpose to expand US 331 to four lanes. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Army Corps of Engineers General Investigations Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Okaloosa County, Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 302 N. Wilson St., Suite 302, Crestview, FL 32536

Description of Request: \$96,000—Shoreline Protection Project, Okaloosa County, Florida. I requested these funds to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a Reconnaissance Study of the Okaloosa County shoreline. The Florida Department of Environment Protection’s Critically Eroded Beaches in Florida report identifies 6.5 miles of county beaches and .8 miles of inlet shoreline as “critically eroded.” The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee authorized the project in June 2006 (Docket 2758). I requested funds from the Army Corps of Engineers General Investigations account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Okaloosa County, Florida located at 302 N. Wilson St, Suite 302, Crestview, FL 32536. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership’s policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a “front” or “pass through” entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Justice Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Okaloosa County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

Description of Request: \$500,000—Okaloosa County Public Safety Communications Interoperability Project. I requested these funds to be used to purchase new radio equipment and join the established Florida State-wide Law Enforcement Radio System, which is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-interoperable system. The county’s current public safety systems are working on outdated technologies and must be replaced in order to be updated to FCC mandates and emergency responder needs. Decreased radio communication coverage maps have also placed emergency responders and property owners at risk. I requested funding for this project in the Department of Justice Law Enforcement Technology account.

The entity to receive this funding is Okaloosa County, located at 1804 Lewis Turner Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership’s policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a “front” or “pass through” entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman JEFF MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32504

Description of Request: \$100,000—Florida Business Continuity and Risk Management Center, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida. I requested funding to provide enhanced statewide services of the Business Continuity and Risk Management Center (BCRMC) program that operates through the existing Florida network of 35 Small Business Development Centers associated with seven universities. Funds provide for permanent staffing to assist the BCRMC to respond to a reliance on contracts with out-of-state companies/subcontractors, keeping dollars and jobs in Florida. This project is of great assistance to a large number of business owners who need technical assistance with business planning, loan application assistance, continuity

planning, and assistance in identifying potential insurance risks and assessments in the wake and aftermath of natural disasters. In FY2008 they received \$500,000. I requested funds from the Small Business Administration, Office of Disaster Assistance account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of West Florida, located at 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32504. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (includes Funds for the Improvement of Education aka FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The National Flight Academy

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Radford Blvd. Suite C, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508

Description of Request: \$190,000—Distance Learning program for science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum. I requested these funds from the Department of Education FIE account for a distance learning program at the National Flight Academy. This program would implement a Distance Learning Program to teach 7th through 12th grade students the relevance of math and science in their daily lives through aviation. It will spur their interest in avionics and help produce a pipeline of qualified STEM students. The National Flight Academy centers on a week-long in-residence school program. The Academy has the potential to reach up to 100 million students and their parents, as well as more than two million math and science teachers in the nation through this program. To date, Florida has provided \$1 million in funding. Last year the Academy received \$145,000 in federal funds.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The National Flight Academy, located at 1750 Radford Blvd. Suite C, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508. The funding would be used to provide the wiring and hardware components necessary to provide a distance learning capability throughout the National Flight Academy complex. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership’s policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a “front” or “pass through” entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training and Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The University of West Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 11000 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514

Description of Request: \$333,000—Veterans' training and Employment program. I requested these funds from the Department of Labor ETA and TES account for veterans' training and Employment programs. This program assists veterans with necessary job training and employment skill building.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of West Florida, located at 11000 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514. The funding would be used to provide training and employment counseling to veterans. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that this request (1) is not directed to any entity or program named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Watershed/flood prevention operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwest Missouri Resource Conservation and Development, Inc., at Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Business Loop 70 West Columbia, Missouri 65203

Description of Request: \$287,000 is provided for the Upper White River Basin to provide additional conservation technical assistance to support the South Missouri Water Quality Project staff for a water quality program in southern Missouri. Technical assistance includes forestry conservation, urban nutrient management and storm water planning, farm nutrient planning for confined animal feeding operations, cartography map products, watershed planning and assessment, and water quality information and education activities. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this watershed has experienced tremendous population growth in the last decade that has resulted in an increase in nonpoint source pollution pressure. The funding provides

Account: DOJ—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greene County, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 933 N. Robberson Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: \$800,000 is included for the Greene County Emergency Operations Center. It is my understanding this funding is to be used for the necessary equipment of the emergency operations center. The equipment will include computers, software, televisions, video conference equipment and other specialized equipment for the facility. The use of taxpayer funds is justified as this equipment is necessary for the operation of

the EOC. The total equipment required is for interoperability of all agencies in the event of a disaster.

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO

Description of Request: \$700,000 will be used to help fund replacement of the existing Police Department records management system and automated field reporting software, hardware and servers. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the funding will enable continuous operations and eliminate periods when records are not accessible and field reports created by mobile data units are disrupted. The technology will enable the sharing of law enforcement information with other agencies.

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Taney County, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 127 Main St., Forsyth, MO, 65653

Description of Request: \$400,000 will help Taney County, MO to purchase and implement a county wide, multi-jurisdiction public safety mobile data network as well as a criminal justice information sharing system. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because this project will greatly enhance overall investigations and increase officer safety by enabling them instant access to critical time sensitive information on the street, when they need it most.

Account: Department of Justice—COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Webb City, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 S. Main St, Webb City, MO 64870

Description of Request: \$150,000 will help to fund provide law enforcement technology for Webb City, Missouri. Webb City needs to purchase portable radios and mobile vehicle radios of 800 MHz. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the current radios utilize a 150 MHz frequency that has gaps throughout the city and is very limited outside of the city limits. This prevents a seamless channel of communication in times of disaster.

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springfield, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 840 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO

Description of Request: \$478,000 will be used to help complete the feasibility study and begin pre-construction engineering and design of Jordan Creek. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the Army Corps of Engineers study looks at a range of alternatives to the water resource needs in the area including non-structural flood damage measures, development of environmental and floodplain buffer zones along the river, and creation of floodplain overflow wetlands.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE—Solar Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Crowder College

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 Laclede Avenue, Neosho, MO 64850

Description of Request: \$951,500 will be used to fund programs and services at the

Missouri Alternative Renewable Energy Technology Center. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the funding will be used in part to fund the new center which will be for delivery of new business and incubator services and education and training programs in constructions technologies and renewable energy. The facility will serve as a living laboratory, modeling the best practices known for solar and thermodynamics energy systems and striving for zero energy consumption and serve as a regional center for renewable energy.

Account: Department of Energy—EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greene County, MO

Address of Requesting Entity: 933 N. Robberson, Springfield, MO 65802

Description of Request: \$475,750 will be used to help fund a portion of the renovations of the Greene County courthouse. Greene County would like to add a green roof to the courthouse. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the roof would serve as an environmentally friendly way to insulate the building and control storm water. This project is to assist Greene County in our effort to truly be green citizens. The energy efficiency of the project and the storm water control of the project are the largest benefits to Greene County.

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers—Little Rock

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 W Capitol Ave # 7340, Little Rock, AR 72201

Description of Request: \$6,667,000 will be used by the Corps of Engineers for operational and maintenance items at Table Rock Lake including rehabilitation of head gates and rehabilitation of powerhouse station service units. This request was made by the Administration and is the entire operations and maintenance budget for Table Rock Lake. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because Table Rock Lake provides vital flood control on the White River and is a significant source of peak hydropower.

Account: Department of Interior—EPA—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McDonald County, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. 345 Pineville, MO 64856

Description of Request: \$500,000 will be used by Public Water Supply District (PWSD) #1 for the second phase of a wastewater expansion project to augment recently constructed infrastructure financed from PWSD funds. The proposed project will supply the Village of Jane with needed sewer service. The Village of Jane is a small but rapidly growing community in south-central McDonald County on the bank of Little Sugar Creek, a 303d impaired waterway. In addition to the benefits of improved water quality within the Little Sugar Creek watershed and encouraging additional commercial and residential development in the area, the proposed project will also provide needed wastewater service to properties recently purchased by the McDonald County R-1 School District and Crowder College to house a second high school campus and a community college campus respectively.

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services