

LISTING OF CONGRESSIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS INITIATIVES**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

**BAYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM ELECTRONIC
HEALTH RECORD INITIATIVE**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: BayCare Health System, 16331 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$523,000 is included in the bill for BayCare Health System to incorporate a hand held prescription drug order system into its ongoing electronic health record initiative. BayCare will develop a medication order entry project for physicians, which is a sub-component of a much larger Electronic Health Record initiative for BayCare Health System. The demonstration project involves the purchase of application software, installation and training as well as the purchase of handheld devices for the physician and other clinician users of the system. The project is a critical element of the overall Information Services plan for BayCare Health System. This particular patient care clinical information system will significantly assist in accomplishing improvements in the following areas: (1) Real time communication between physicians, hospitals and pharmacies regarding medication orders which will result in the improvements of prescription legibility, dispensing time and a reduction in drug errors; (2) A decrease in adverse events by improved electronic communication and the use of standard formularies; (3) An increase in the efficiency of operations by reducing the costs of consolidating redundant functions and reducing duplicate orders or inappropriate testing; (4) Knowledge at the point of care will improve the patient care experience. Previous funding for BayCare's electronic health record initiative is as follows: FY 2002-\$1,000,000, FY 2003-\$1,000,000, FY 2004-\$1,000,000, FY 2005-\$1,000,000, FY 2008-\$341,000.

**BAYFRONT MEDICAL CENTER OBSTETRICAL
SERVICES**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Bayfront Medical Center, 701 Sixth Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$571,000 is included in the bill for Bayfront Hospital to expand the availability of obstetrical services and its Level III neonatal intensive care unit, which will allow for the care of mothers and their babies under the same roof. In 2009, Bayfront Medical Center will open Bayfront Baby Place in the brand-new All Children's Hospital in downtown St. Petersburg. It will feature 13 private birthing suites, an eight-bed assessment area, 40-bed postpartum unit, 12-bed ante partum unit, four-room C-section suite with dedicated prep/recovery area and a nursery. Babies needing special care will be transferred to All Children's neonatal intensive care unit. New mothers will be in the same building as their sick babies, separated by a brief elevator ride. Bayfront Baby Place

will feature a dedicated entrance for birthing mothers and their families, as well as a sky-walk connecting Baby Place with Bayfront's main hospital building. Bayfront delivers more than 3,400 babies annually. Some of those babies need special care after they are born. Currently, they are taken from the hospital's joint team of specialists, through a tunnel that connects the two hospital campuses, to specialized neonatal care at All Children's Hospital. Moving the birthing team and unit on the All Children's campus will put the patient at the middle of this process, enabling families to stay together throughout their time in the hospital. These are the first federal funds provided for this project. Bayfront Hospital will contribute \$8,000,000 toward the cost of this project.

**BLIND PASS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, ST. PETE
BEACH**

Account: Federal Highway Administration. Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Pete Beach, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706.

Description of request: \$175,750 is included in the bill for the city of St. Pete Beach to reconstruct Blind Pass Road. This project will narrow the roadway to provide adequate vehicular access, while installing new sidewalks and bike lanes to greatly enhance the intermodal transportation options available. In addition, it is anticipated that enhanced lighting and landscaping will be installed, as well as various drainage improvement to the area. Blind Pass road is a half-mile segment that provides an alternate route to a state road. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The city will provide \$400,000.

**CENTRAL AVENUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT
CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS**

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$475,000 is included in the bill for the city of St. Petersburg for the development of a Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit corridor along Central Avenue. The funding will be used for station development, streetscaping, signalization, surface street improvements, and pedestrian connectors. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The city will provide \$100,000.

**CLEARWATER DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT**

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, 112 S. Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$237,500 is included in the bill for the City of Clearwater to implement projects that will revitalize downtown Clearwater. These funds will enable the city to undertake Phase 2 of the project and to transform Cleveland Street into a pedestrian friendly area with landscaped sidewalks and medians. The project also includes new benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks. The city will also implement waterfront upland improvements with seawall cap repairs, sidewalk widening, parking lot upgrades and landscaping. The city received \$300,000 in appropriations for this project in FY 2008.

EGMONT KEY STABILIZATION

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority, P.O. Box 2192, Tampa, FL 33601.

Description of request: \$38,000 is included in the bill to continue work on a feasibility

study authorized by the Water Resources and Development Act of 2002 to protect this historic island, which is a National Wildlife Refuge and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Egmont Key is a 290 acre island located at the mouth of Tampa Bay that contains a unique collection of natural and cultural resources. The majority of the land is owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Tampa Bay Pilots Association own smaller portions of the island. The island and the fortifications on that island have played an important role in the history of Tampa Bay. Tidal action from Tampa Bay waters is threatening the historic fort and gun emplacements located on the western shore. The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine a long-term strategy for protecting the beach and restoring the shoreline. Previous funding in the amount of \$916,900 has been provided for this project through FY 2008.

**FLORIDA CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL PATIENT/
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION
PROJECT**

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: University of South Florida, College of Education, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620.

Description of request: \$190,000 is included in the bill for the Florida Cancer Clinical Trial Patient/Physician Information and Education Project sponsored by the University of South Florida. This program has developed continuing education and databases for the public on clinical trials for cancer treatments focusing on the nature of clinical trials and how patients might benefit, what trials are being conducted in Florida, the criteria for participation, and contact information. It also has developed an interactive web based program that lists all current cancer clinical trials and allows patients to determine programs for which they might be eligible. Further, it allows patients to share this information with their physicians. Previous funding was provided for this project as follows: FY 2004-\$500,000, FY 2005-\$500,000, FY 2008-\$536,000.

**FLORIDA REGIONAL COMMUNITY POLICING
INSTITUTE AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 3200 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

Description of request: \$400,000 is included in the bill to allow the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute at St. Petersburg College to continue providing, for the Department of Justice, low- and no-cost training and technical assistance to public safety professionals and the people of the communities they serve throughout the nation. This institute has assisted youth, volunteers, city and state employees, community colleges, social service agencies, and community leaders on public safety issues important to their communities. The Department of Justice has asked the institute to develop training materials in areas such as Human Trafficking, Gangs, School Violence, Methamphetamine Labs, Law Enforcement Suicide, Counter-Terrorism Awareness, Community Policing, Offender Re-Entry, Workplace and Domestic Violence, Diversity, Ethics, Problem Solving, and Citizens Police Academies. Over the past 10 years, the institute has delivered training to more than 75,000 participants representing 870 different agencies by customizing curriculum, developing web and CD courses, and providing on-

line registration. No previous funding has been provided to the institute.

GREAT EXPLORATIONS, THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, SERVICES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Account: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Museum and Library Services, Grants and Administration.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Great Explorations, The Children's Museum, 1925 Fourth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.

Description of Request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for Great Explorations, the Children's Museum, for the development of "The Urban Youth Leadership Institute of Florida." This institute will increase the museum's capacity to strengthen communities by providing services to vulnerable children and families throughout the Central Florida region by providing a safe place to gather for early education, marketable vocational skills, mentoring, a healthy start, structured activities and a chance to give back through community service. Great Explorations offers unique academic and leadership initiatives to engage thousands of the most vulnerable youth each year to discontinue the generational pattern of low-income youth living in and depending on programs such as housing assistance from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department. These programs are based on national models implemented by Great Explorations Children's Museum's leaders for more than 65 museums throughout the nation in partnership with multiple community-based organizations also serving our most vulnerable youth and families, including local housing authorities. The goal of these partnerships continues to be the implementation of extensive leadership development programs that have led to proven methods for ensuring a higher income and educational experiences for thousands of youth. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$190,000 is included in the bill for Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services to consolidate its operations into one facility to increase the number of patients served, enhance patient privacy, provide a more seamless system of care, and reduce overhead costs. Gulf Coast serves more than 50,000 at-risk children, youth, adults, and elderly. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FROM CALDOOSAHATCHEE RIVER TO ANCLOTE RIVER

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: West Coast Inland Navigation District, P.O. Box 1845, Venice, FL 34284.

Description of request: \$2,076,000 is included in the bill for the maintenance dredging of sections of the Intracoastal Waterway through six Florida counties, including Pinellas County. The 1945 Rivers and Harbors Act authorized the Intracoastal Waterway to be maintained at a width of 100-feet, and a depth of nine-feet between the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, near Ft. Myers, and the Anclote River, north of Tampa. The channel runs through six counties (Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee) and links natural deep-water sections of bays through a series of man-made channels, thereby providing for the safe pas-

sage of commercial goods and access to commercial fishing grounds. Dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway commenced in 1960 and was completed in 1967, at which time the West Coast Inland Navigation District began maintenance activities. This funding will support maintenance dredging for Longboat Pass (Manatee County), Venice Inlet (Sarasota County), mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County), the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County), and a section of the Intracoastal Waterway in Pinellas County just north of the Tampa Bay port shipping channel. Previous funding totaling \$1,400,000 was included in FY 2004 and FY 2005 for the design, engineering, and permitting for this project and \$1,215,000 was included in FY 2008 for the initial dredging of this waterway.

NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE LAW AT STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

Description of request: \$400,000 is included in the bill for the National Clearing House for Science, Technology, and the Law at Stetson University College of Law to build and maintain the world's only searchable comprehensive bibliography on law, science, and technology. This database contains court decisions and commentary, scholarly publications, commercial applications, professional associations and institutions, and other resources about traditional and new forensic topics, such as Identity Theft, Intra and Interstate Tracking of Sexual Predators, Canine Sniff Detection, and Less Lethal Technologies. It contains 18 resource categories for each of 33 topics in science and technology. At present, it contains more than 65,000 records, and more than 1,500 entries a month are added. Visitors from more than 110 countries have visited the site. In addition, comprehensive Cold Case and Identifying the Missing resources have recently been added to the site. No other such national resource exists. The online database also includes a quarterly newsletter which focuses on the latest topics such as Methamphetamine, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Cyber Forensics, Post-Conviction DNA Testing, Bioterror and the Physician, and Virtual Autopsies. Funding will also enable Stetson to continue building an important reference collection of law, science, and technology material to meet the needs of law enforcement personnel, legal professionals, crime lab personnel, national security professionals, medical examiners, and public health professionals. These professions face challenges due to a lack of access to information regarding new areas of science and technology. The Clearinghouse reference collection allows access via interlibrary loan to physical materials not readily available at local libraries. Important forensic science collections are being donated to the clearinghouse on a regular basis for use by these professionals. Stetson will use this funding for two new initiatives. The first is the development of training modules and primers to be made available through distance education technology. These cross-disciplinary modules will focus on training scientists in the complex workings of the legal system. They also provide lawyers with much needed education in various scientific and technological disciplines. Law 101 will focus on testimony skills for expert witnesses, scientists and law enforcement personnel. The primers, written by lawyers, scientists, and educators, will cover the basic elements of a

science or technology and principles of law. They will provide practical advice regarding motions in limine, locating and qualifying an expert, direct and cross-examination of the expert, and legal issues that arise in such cases. The second initiative will be to support the federal DNA initiative. The goal of this project is to provide training about the applications and limitations of DNA evidence to defense counsel handling cases involving biological evidence, as stated in the President's DNA Initiative. To achieve this goal, the Clearinghouse is working closely with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and an expert Advisory Group to develop training that will provide defense attorneys with the general knowledge of the uses of DNA evidence in judicial proceedings as it pertains to discovery and ethics, proper closing arguments, case assessment, etc. The training will complement other forensic DNA evidence resources developed by NIJ, such as the "Officers of the Court" CD-ROM, which provides a foundational understanding of the science, technology, statistics, and other non-advocacy topics. Training will occur across the country and will incorporate "Train the Trainer" sessions to further broaden outreach efforts. Previous funding has been provided to Stetson for the National Clearinghouse in the following amounts: FY 2003-\$1,768,430, FY 2004-\$2,968,432, FY 2005-\$2,959,930, FY 06-\$1,682,119.

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The National Forensic Science Technology Center, 7881 114th Avenue North, Largo, FL 33773.

Description of request: \$1,750,000 is included in the bill for the National Forensic Science and Training Center (NFSTC), which is a Department of Justice-selected Forensic Technology Center of Excellence. With these funds, the NFSTC will continue to provide for the Office of Justice Programs an assessment program to audit the capabilities and quality of DNA laboratories throughout the United States which receive agency funding. NFSTC not only assists laboratories in improving their performance in DNA analysis, but also provides grant recipients with an objective review of their use of federal funds. Previous funding has been provided to NFSTC, which employs 34 people in Pinellas County, Florida, in the following amounts: FY 2000-\$1,899,822, FY 2001-\$2,594,280, FY 2002-\$8,500,000, FY 2003-\$2,980,000, FY 2004-\$1,978,000, FY 2005-\$1,973,286, FY 2007-\$1,973,286, FY 2008-\$2,030,400.

NATIONAL TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS INSTITUTE AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 3200 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

Description of request: \$800,000 is included in the bill for the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI) at St. Petersburg College, for training support programs for law enforcement and other emergency responders through the rapid research, development, and delivery of customized anti-terrorism training and professional development materials and scenario models. NTPI seeks to deliver the highest quality content and instructional technology delivery systems to meet the unique training needs and time constraints of the trainees. These materials are delivered through traditional classroom training or distance learning technologies and the topics are determined by

and based on the needs of the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security. Areas that have been covered in the past include implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, expanding regional collaboration, implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, strengthening information sharing and collaboration capabilities, and enhancing Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive detection, response, and decontamination capabilities.

PINELLAS COUNTY BEACH EROSION CONTROL

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$6,699,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to continue the Pinellas County beach erosion control program. The Pinellas County program was first authorized by Congress in 1966 and reauthorized in 1976 and has provided immeasurable storm protection and recreation benefits to Pinellas County residents and visitors. These funds will be used for the regularly scheduled renourishment and restoration of beaches at Treasure Island and Long Key. The federal and state/local cost sharing averages 60/40 under the current authorization. The combined state and local share of this project will be an estimated \$4,700,000. With the funds appropriated in this bill, the total federal funds appropriated for the Pinellas County Beach Erosion Control Project will be \$90,815,404 since Fiscal Year 1986.

PINELLAS COUNTY EX-OFFENDER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$300,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to establish an ex-offender re-entry initiative. This funding will enhance the services provided by a collaboration of Pinellas County justice and consumer services departments and other non-profit organizations to better enable the reintegration of ex-offenders as productive members of their communities and prevent recidivism. The Pinellas County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program will provide a spectrum of services to individuals released from incarceration that address the unique needs of ex-offenders to assist their transition to a stable, drug and crime-free, productive life within the community, such as: (1) job training and employment placement; (2) housing assistance; (3) filling literacy and education gaps; (4) substance abuse and mental health counseling; (5) healthcare; (6) legal assistance; and (7) providing basic needs such as food and clothing. The county estimates that the funding will enable the program to reach 7,500 to 10,000 ex-offenders. Federal programs, specifically those administered by the Department of Justice, have increasingly focused support toward offender reentry and recidivism prevention programs, particularly regional and interagency efforts to deliver comprehensive and coordinated interventions across housing, workforce, and social services. The Pinellas County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Initiative reduces recidivism through targeted intervention and rehabilitation services, which are aimed to improve employment outcomes for ex-offenders and direct them toward a productive and self-suf-

ficient lifestyle. The Pinellas County jail manages over 54,000 criminal bookings per year, with an average daily jail population of approximately 3,600 individuals. Over 7,000 sentenced inmates re-enter society in Pinellas County each year. Additionally, over 2,000 inmates from the Department of Corrections come into Pinellas County per year after serving a sentence in the State prison system. Recidivism rates in Pinellas County are 60-70 percent for those coming from the state system and 50-60 percent for those coming from the county system. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. Pinellas County will provide a \$270,000 match.

PINELLAS COUNTY REGIONAL URBAN SUSTAINABILITY DEMONSTRATION AND EDUCATION FACILITY

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$475,750 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for the construction of a regional facility to provide a demonstration of green building techniques, alternative energy initiatives and technologies, and reduced energy consumption. Educational workshops available to the general public also will be taught at the facility by university representative and other experts in energy efficiency and urban sustainability. A partnership among Pinellas County, the University of Florida, Tampa Bay Builders Association, and the Council for Sustainable Florida, the facility's programmatic elements will encourage Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) development practices and showcase green building techniques and sustainable resources implementation. Located on the campus of the Pinellas County Extension Service in Largo, the facility will serve the nearly 1,000,000 residents of Pinellas County, and more from surrounding counties, as an energy efficient model for future development in the region and a training demonstration site for area builders on how to build to green building standards. The Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account funds project by municipalities, universities, and other entities to test and implement solutions for alternative energy and conservation. This program will equip builders and individuals throughout the Central Florida region with knowledge to meet the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE GATHERING TECHNOLOGY

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Sheriff, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778.

Description of request: \$100,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Sheriff to acquire high-technology intelligence gathering equipment and a vehicle for intelligence gathering operations. The equipment would be used in counter terrorism and traditional crime control and public safety operations. Because the Sheriff is a part of a number of regional and state task forces, this equipment would be used by Criminal Intelligence Section detectives assigned to the Regional Domestic Security Task Force, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the Florida Intelligence Unit. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, JOINT-USE OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Sheriff, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778.

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Sheriff to develop an outdoor firing range for joint use by local, state, and federal agencies, including military and federal law enforcement personnel. The demonstrated need for such a range is the result of a survey of these agencies, including DEA, U.S. Marshal, U.S. Secret Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida National Guard, U.S. Air Force, NCIS, and U.S. Marine Corps which found that these agencies lack sufficient outdoor facilities to practice and qualify for firearms proficiency. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has provided \$500,000 to complete pre-construction requirements including architectural services; civil engineering; environmental site assessment; structural engineering; mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering; site surveying and geotechnical testing. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS

Account: Federal Aviation Administration, Grants-in-Aid for Airports.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Description of request: \$831,250 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners for terminal improvements at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. Federal funding will support terminal improvements to the aging and obsolete terminal building at the airport. Improvements will address structural problems and requirements needed to accommodate significant airline growth. Specific projects identified include the addition of two passenger loading bridges and related structural retrofits to enable use, expansion of existing terminal gate hold rooms, reconfiguration of security checkpoints, ticketing area conversions, build-out of new post-security amenities and concession space, and the replacement of a failing chiller unit. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. Pinellas County will contribute \$750,000.

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS WORKFORCE TRAINING

Account: Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for the St. Petersburg College to create a course of study in the area of health care informatics that will meet the needs of the health care industry as it transitions to a system of electronic medical records. The college will develop a new postsecondary health care informatics curriculum, curricular units for secondary students, faculty development, and the marketing materials to recruit high school students and college students into health care informatics careers. The new courses will be designed for on-line learning but they will also be able to be delivered in a blended instructor-led format. Current health care employees will be able to receive individualized or group instruction and with the training will be able to move from entry-level jobs to increasingly responsible positions. A web portal will

also be developed to serve as a source of information about health informatics, the college's certificate and degree programs, and related career and training opportunities. Youth will also learn about health care informatics through a structured high school outreach program and through in-school job and career presentations by college faculty. In addition, an online competency-based Introduction to Health Care Informatics tutorial will also be available free of charge to anyone interested in learning about health care informatics. Finally, an annual Health Care Informatics Symposium will bring nationally known subject matter experts to the region and provide a health care informatics forum for communication industry representatives, secondary and postsecondary faculty, and students. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS PROGRAM

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$476,000 is included in the bill for the St. Petersburg College to expand its Bachelors Degree program in the study of Orthotics and Prosthetics to meet the nationwide shortage of professionals in this field. At present, there are only four baccalaureate programs and five certificate programs to train orthotists and prosthetists in the United States. St. Petersburg College has the only program in the Southeastern United States. The St. Petersburg College is working to increase the availability of Orthotics and Prosthetics education by seeking partnerships with other colleges within the state of Florida and the Southeast. This will include developing and offering courses on-line and through distance learning. St. Petersburg College also will use these funds to host continuing education for practitioners already in the field. The goal is to increase the number of professionals in the field to meet the growing need of service members and civilians. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. St. Petersburg College will provide an \$800,000 match.

ST. PETERSBURG SOLAR PILOT PROJECT

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of St. Petersburg, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Description of request: \$1,427,250 is included in the bill for the City of St. Petersburg to develop and implement a renewable and sustainable solar energy network to provide the electricity required to power 40 city parks. Through a collaboration with Progress Energy Florida and the University of South Florida Center for Utility Exploration, the city will be able to remove all of these parks from the city's power grid. This will demonstrate how the city can reduce peak demand at power generation facilities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the dependence on foreign oil. The City of St. Petersburg is uniquely situated to exploit cheap, clean renewable solar power and is committed to utilize the limitless resource to go solar at all of its City parks and eventually all operating facilities. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The city of St. Petersburg will provide a \$500,000 match.

STEPS TO A HEALTHIER PINELLAS

Account: Centers for Disease Control, Health Promotion.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Schools, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, FL 33770.

Description of request: \$190,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County School System to provide nutrition education, asthma and diabetes, staff wellness and family weight management programs for its students. Steps to a Healthier Pinellas will require physical fitness assessments for all students enrolled in physical education classes. Proposed activities will be aligned to the recommendations produced by the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and have been highlighted as best practices in the State of Florida. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. The school system will provide a \$164,000 match.

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW ELDER JUSTICE PROGRAM

Account: Administration on Aging, Aging Services Programs.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included for the Stetson University College of Law to establish a pilot program to determine the most effective way to educate seniors about mortgage fraud and other financial scams. Through Stetson's Elder Justice Resource Center, this program will focus on ways to communicate with seniors about the inherent dangers from unsolicited offers for home refinancing, reverse mortgages, consumer goods, and financial opportunities. Communications strategies will include a telephone hotline, a web site, onsite visits to senior centers, retirement homes, libraries, clubs, and other places that seniors gather. This is the first federal funding provided for this project. Stetson will match these funds with \$100,000.

TAMPA BAY WATCH EDUCATION BUILDING

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Bay Watch, 3000 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde, FL 33715.

Description of request: \$237,500 is included in the bill for Tampa Bay Watch for the construction of an education building to expand its capacity to hold education and restoration workshops for students and families. Tampa Bay Watch is a community based habitat restoration and education program that has helped bring back to life the waters of Tampa Bay and its surrounding tributaries. It has mobilized more than 65,000 volunteers in what is the first environmental organization of its kind in the Southeastern United States. Tampa Bay Watch's staff and volunteers coordinate a variety of coastal restoration events throughout the year such as salt marsh plantings, oyster dome and reef construction, coastal cleanups and storm drain markings. One of Tampa Bay Watch's greatest assets is its education programs which support year-round school field trips, summer camp programs, and community groups. More than 180 field trips have been held there during which 3,000 students contributed 14,600 hours to learn about and help restore Tampa Bay.

TAMPA PORT PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority, P.O. Box 2192, Tampa, FL 33601.

Description of request: \$478,000 is included in the bill for the continued planning, engineering, and design for a project to widen and deepen the Tampa shipping channel to allow for the safer passage of shipping traffic and to accommodate larger ships requiring a deeper draft. The Army Corps of Engineers

completed a draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) in 2008 which focuses on traffic congestion in the main Tampa Harbor channel where extensive delays occur due to lack of adequate channel width. The 40 mile main federal channel handles traffic in and out of the entire Tampa Bay federal port system for the Ports of Tampa, Manatee and St. Petersburg. The ship channel is too narrow to allow for safe two way vessel traffic due to the introduction of new longer and broader cruise ships. The impacts associated with having a restriction of this nature include vessels waiting at berth or at the sea buoy while large cruise ships transit the channel. The GRR concurs with the Tampa Port Authority and the port community that the resulting congestion causes safety hazards and economic inefficiencies and recommends widening select portions of the main channel. The GRR finds that vessel operation costs would be reduced, resulting in transportation cost savings, increased harbor safety and reduced cargo delivery delays. In addition, the continued reevaluation of the needs in the Tampa Harbor is necessary, to include deepening, in order to facilitate anticipated growth in trade as the Port of Tampa continues its steady growth and diversification. As Florida's largest cargo port, the Port of Tampa handles approximately 50 million tons of cargo per year. The Port of Tampa is also the largest economic engine in West Central Florida and the nation's 14th largest port in terms of short tons. The Port of Tampa generates an annual economic impact of almost \$8 billion on the region which includes the contribution of over \$570 million annually in state and local taxes. This project is authorized by three separate federal statutes: The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-137); The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005 (P.L. 108-447); and the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114). Previous funding for this project has been provided as follows: FY 2008-\$133,000, FY 2004-\$2,500,000, FY 2003-\$200,000, FY 2002-\$500,000, FY 2001-\$300,000.

TREASURE ISLAND WASTEWATER AND SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants Infrastructure Grants.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: City of Treasure Island, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, FL 33706.

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the city of Treasure Island to upgrade its wastewater and sewer system. With these funds, the city will purchase an emergency generator and pump motor controls. The city will also reline water pipes and repair manholes. Failure to complete these necessary wastewater infrastructure upgrades in a timely manner will expose the Gulf of Mexico and Boca Ciega Bay waters to undesirable pollutants and threaten the economic viability of this resort area. Previous appropriations for this project total \$1,250,000.

TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH (T-STAR)

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Research and Education Activities.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The University of Florida, 226 Tigert Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Description of request: \$6,677,000 is included in the bill for Tropical and Sub-Tropical Agriculture Research (T-STAR) at the Universities of Florida and Hawaii to address the problem of exotic pests and other tropical and subtropical problems in America's Caribbean and Pacific Basins. The

major goal of the T-STAR program is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the invasion of exotic diseases, insects, and weeds into the United States. The recent introduction of asian soybean rust into the United States, along with the increasing threat of avian influenza and foot-and-mouth disease entering the country, heightens the possibility of a terrorist-induced attack on the nation's food supply. There is an urgent need to identify exotic pests in other countries with which the United States maintains frequent and extensive trade and travel in order to: (1) determine potential avenues for the introduction of these pests into the United States, (2) develop technologies for the early detection of these pests, (3) find effective and environmentally acceptable methods for the eradication and containment of these pests if they enter the United States. Under the T-STAR program, scientists aggressively protect the nation against the growing environmental and economic threat of invasive exotic pests. The Universities of Florida and Hawaii represent important agricultural states which are prime locations for the introduction of exotic pests from other parts of the world. Previous funding has been provided by the Department of Agriculture for T-STAR in the following amounts: FY 2001—\$3,800,000, FY 2002—\$3,800,000, FY 2003—\$9,000,000, FY 2004—\$9,000,000, FY 2005—\$9,400,000, FY 2006—\$9,500,000, FY 2008—\$7,400,000.

U.S. 19 AT ENTERPRISE

Account: Federal Highway Administration. Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Metropolitan Organization, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL 33755.

Description of request: \$855,000 is included in the bill to continue work on a controlled access project at U.S. 19 and Enterprise Road in Clearwater. With federal, state, and local funds, the Pinellas Metropolitan Organization has been converting U.S. 19 from an arterial roadway into a controlled access roadway. The 1.3 mile Enterprise Road segment is the last remaining grade level interchange. Once complete, there will be 11.2 miles of controlled access, with no traffic signals, between 118th Avenue in mid-Pinellas County north to State Road 580 in north Pinellas County. U.S. 19 is a Regional Emergency Evacuation Route used by an average of 90,000 vehicles per day. Previous federal funding, provided in FY 2001 in the amount of \$4,000,000, was used for preliminary engineering and grade separated design. The Florida Department of Transportation will provide \$17 million toward the completion of this project.

WORKNET PINELLAS EMPLOYED WORKER RETRAINING PROGRAM

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training & Employment Services.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: WorkNet Pinellas, 13805 58th Street North, Suite 2140, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for WorkNet Pinellas to conduct an employer-focused training program for workers to train them in new fields and new technologies. WorkNet will solicit technological training shortfalls from Pinellas County manufacturers. Through consultation with the employers and the local Economic Development Council, WorkNet will certify the validity of the training needs and prepare a training plan based on the employers' technology usage. Through its training partners, Pinellas Technical Education Centers and St. Petersburg College, WorkNet will identify the training resources available and submit the plan to the employer for approval and agreement. The employer will be

expected to contribute at least half of the cost of the training program and consent to meeting the training goals within a specified timeline. This project will be based firmly on the skill needs of the employer and will result in a more highly skilled workforce whose members can continue to progress in their careers. Another clear objective of this program will be to allow the employers to remain competitive in the global economic market without having to relocate or farm-out any of their production. The goal of the program is to training 1,200 workers from at least 15 employers. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting for the RECORD the following revised information regarding two earmarks I requested, which are included in the reported version of H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA—46)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Name of Project: Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology.

Account: DHHS, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: I received \$238,000 for Vanguard University's Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology. Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math, and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. It is my understanding the University will provide the balance of funding through endowments and other major gifts. It is also my understanding funds will be used consistent with the following.

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I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA—46)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Name of Project: Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology.

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: I received \$190,000 for Vanguard University's Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology. Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math, and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. It is my understanding the University will provide the balance of funding through endowments and other major gifts. It is also my understanding funds will be used consistent with the following.

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND ISAAC SINGLETON

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Isaac Singleton's retirement after 47 years with the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. Reverend Singleton earned his recognition as a south suburban icon many years ago. After working on a plantation in Louisiana with his father, he joined the Army Air Force during World War II. He later settled in Joliet, where he has enjoyed a 60 year marriage with his wife Pearl. He is known locally as a symbol of the civil rights movement for marching alongside the great Martin Luther King, Jr. in Montgomery, Alabama and is featured in both "Who's Who Among Black Americans" and the Joliet Will County Hall of Pride.

As pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Reverend Singleton saw the congregation grow from an intimate 100 members to the ever faithful, flourishing parish of 2,000 members it is currently. Reverend Singleton's influence is seen all over Joliet, from the 28,000 square foot presence of Mount Zion Baptist church to the street named after him to the Family Life Center he founded. He is respected internationally as well, having preached in five different continents and having built churches in Africa.

Reverend Singleton retires this month after a fulfilling, impressive, and inspirational career. He is truly an asset to Joliet as well as the