

Representative Steny H. Hoyer's Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Authorization Requests:

Project Name: Advanced Energetics Research Lab (Phase 2)

Proposed Recipient: Indian Head Division/ Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, MD

Amount Requested: \$16.46 million

Project Description: This project constructs Phase 2 of the Advanced Energetics Research Laboratory Complex at Indian Head to enable the Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) to discover and exploit new and advanced energetics materials. Adequate laboratory facilities are required to address existing facility deficiencies. Energetic materials are at the heart of all Navy and DoD ordnance and weapon systems ranging from the explosives in torpedoes, bombs, missile warheads, or gun projectiles to the propellants used in missiles or guns.

Project Name: Air Operations Fire/Rescue Station

Proposed Recipient: Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Webster Field, St. Inigoes, MD

Amount Requested: \$10.15 million

Project Requested: The fire station at Webster Field is currently operating under a Response Requirement Waiver because existing facilities will not house the new Fire trucks that are required to carry at least 2000 gallons of water to combat emergencies for the type of aircraft that use the airfield. The Current Webster Tower was constructed in 1978. It has guide wires holding it in position during high winds, limited visibility of all areas of the airfield and size constraints limit the number of operator positions to two. Additionally, the material condition of the tower has degraded to the point of being unserviceable.

Project Name: Special Communications Engineering Facility P-140

Proposed Recipient: Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Webster Field, St. Inigoes, MD

Amount Requested: \$11,043,000

Project Requested: The funding would be used to build an additional Special Communications facility at Webster Field. This will increase the number of Secure Compartmented Information Facilities to address increased workloads which have exceeded current capacity. This is a good use of taxpayer money because adequate facilities do not exist today at this base to perform work in a secure environment and this will allow this special unit to continue work on communications interoperability for our warfighter faster and much more efficiently.