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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 2, 2003

The Honorable Joel Hefley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Readiness
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Transmitted herewith are three minor construction projects that have been approved by the Department of the Army in conjunction with the review procedures established by the Secretary of Defense. This notification is in compliance with 10 USC 2805(b).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Installations and Housing)
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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz
Ranking Member



**Notification of the Intention to Proceed
with Four Unspecified Minor Construction Projects**

The Department of the Army proposes to authorize the obligation of MCA funds for the following Unspecified Minor construction projects:

**Installation &
Project Description**

Fort Bragg, NC
Fire Station, Project Number 44965
Estimated cost is \$1,500,000

The project will construct 7,050 SF standard design fire station to serve the 82nd Airborne Division area, the new Womack Army Medical Center, and family housing areas in the main cantonment area. The facility will replace the outdated World War II wooden facility currently being utilized for the satellite fire station in this area. New construction in the area, including a new 82nd Airborne Division barracks complex, necessitates the removal of key roads and will thus increase the travel time to many facilities and residences. Increased travel times means that many families, and properties, will be at an increased risk of injury and property loss from fires.

**Installation &
Project Description**

Yuma Proving Ground, AZ
Dynamometer Complex Support Building, Project Number 50642
Estimated cost is \$1,500,000

The project will construct a dynamometer complex support building and infrastructure improvements, to include fenced compound, water distribution system, septic system, electrical distribution and communication system expansion. The dynamometer testing area serves a total of 20 - 30 personnel daily, but was only designed to accommodate 2 - 3 personnel. Test customers and assigned personnel working here all day do not have sanitation facilities commensurate with a complex of this size and levels of maintenance performed. Water for the evasive maneuver course, including refilling the water tanks that cool the overheating test items, is brought to the site by tanker trucks. Instrumentation personnel must travel to their main building four miles away to do repairs, resulting in significant delays to the test mission. Without this project, the installation support for the vehicle test mission will continue to be hampered, resulting in test delays and possible damage to equipment and personnel resulting from unavailability of required resources.

**Notification of the Intention to Proceed
with Four Unspecified Minor Construction Projects
(continued)**

**Installation &
Project Description**

Army Research Laboratory at Adelphi, MD
Fire Protection for Building 205, Project Number 52015
Estimated cost is \$1,900,000

The project will install a sprinkler system in Building 205, providing a fire pump with generator for emergency power backup, converting dry standpipes to wet pipe systems to provide the appropriate protection, and providing stair enclosures in Buildings 202 and 204. Part of Building 205 will be provided with a dry pipe pre-action sprinkler. The fire alarm and detection system will also be replaced and upgraded as a part of this project. Installation of the sprinkler system is required to comply with the NFPA Life Safety Code and the Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection regulatory requirements as noted in the Joint Staff Vulnerability Assessment. The four fire exit stairs require enclosures to comply with the Life Safety Code requirements for means of egress. If adequate fire protection and life safety features are not installed, personnel working these facilities will continue to be placed in jeopardy due to potential exposure to fire and smoke. A small fire could lead to a rapidly spreading large fire resulting in personal harm and property damage. This project meets the requirements for Life / Health / Safety.