

# FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

## GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB February 27, 2009

Please submit completed questionnaire to [matt.johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.johnson@mail.house.gov)

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE**

### I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project: **City of Denton – Regional Public Safety Training Facility**
2. Please describe the project and its purpose: **The project calls equipping a regional public safety training facility to be constructed by the City of Denton.**
3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan: **The City has committed to issuing over \$14 billion in general obligation bonds for construction of the facility.**

### II. BENEFIT TO THE 26<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26<sup>th</sup> District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security): **The Denton Regional Public Safety Training Facility will provide first responders from throughout the region, including federal first responders, with a state-of-the-art training facility. The facility will allow public safety personnel from around the region to meet and exceed ongoing day-to-day training requirements from basic academies to advanced programs and will improve mutual aid and inter-jurisdictional relationships.**
2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority: **This new public safety training facility presents the City of Denton an opportunity to become a leader in setting higher standards for quality emergency service training, which adds to homeland security preparedness and improved community safety. The facility will allow public safety personnel from around the region to meet and exceed ongoing day-to-day training requirements from basic academies to advanced programs and will improve mutual aid and inter-jurisdictional relationships. Funding to purchase technology for the Denton Regional Public Safety Training Facility is needed to help ensure that this joint police and fire regional training facility is available for use in early 2010.**

### III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting: **\$4,100,000**
2. Agency from which you are requesting funds: **Department of Justice**

3. Account from which you are requesting funds: **Byrne Discretionary or COPS Technology**

#### IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

**Total Project Cost = \$19,200,000**

**Federal = \$4,452,000**

**City of Denton = \$14,658,000**

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

**Yes, the project received \$352,000 in FY 2008.**

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

**Yes, the City of Denton will issue bonds for construction of the facility and will also contribute local funds to equip the facility.**

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

**Yes, the City of Denton will issue bonds for construction of the facility and will also contribute local funds to equip the facility.**

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

**The \$4.1 million discretionary funding request will be used to fund the advanced technical needs of the Denton Regional Public Safety Training Facility. Specific technology requests include \$3.5 million to fund the Use of Force and Driving stimulators and \$600,000 to fund administrative/classroom multimedia technology.**

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

**The project is eligible for federal law enforcement assistance.**

#### V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

**The project enjoys widespread support and letters of support will be submitted shortly.**

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

**No.**

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

**Once funding for the entire project is available, the City can proceed quickly to construction.**

#### VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

**John Cabrales, Public Information/Intergovernmental Relations Officer**

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

**940-349-8509**

**john.cabrales@cityofdenton.com**

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

**215 East McKinney**

**Denton TX 76201**

## **VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 20109?

**NA**

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

**NA**

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

**NA**

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

**NA**

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

**NA**

## PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, **Mark Burroughs**, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

**The City of Denton** MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26<sup>th</sup> District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying: **Mark Burroughs**

Title of person certifying: **Mayor**

Project name as it will appear in the bill: **Denton Regional Public Safety Training Facility Equipment**

Legal name of entity making request: **City of Denton, Texas**

Address: **215 East McKinney, Denton TX 76201**

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Signature

Date