

# Congressman Joe Donnelly's FY2009 Congressional Appropriations, Projects Secured

## Requests through the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill

**Mishawaka Police Department: \$210,000** Funds would be used to purchase and install a Motorola Mobile Video Enforcer in-car video recording system in 50 squad cars. The system digitally captures and manages all patrol incidents increasing officer safety, ensuring tamperproof evidence, improving performance and reliability of the officers and making incident review and retrieval possible.

**St. Joseph County YWCA: \$665,000** Funds would be used to continue and improve services for victims of domestic violence. Some funds would be used to hire individuals to monitor court proceedings, building on the successes of the YWCA's Court Watch program. In addition, funds would be used to establish the YWCA as a partner site for the statewide Judicial Technology Initiative. Furthermore, funds would be used to pay for counseling for victims of domestic violence, as well as basic services such as shelter, childcare and meals. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

## Requests through the Defense Appropriations bill

**DefenseCS: \$3,600,000** Funds would be used by DefenseCS of Mishawaka to further the development and evaluation of their light weight bolt on armor-mirror windshield that allows vehicle operators to drive their vehicles and see even after having received multiple rounds or blasts to their already armored windshield.

**University of Notre Dame: \$1,200,000** Funds would be used by Notre Dame to continue research of next generation military vehicles with improved personnel protection through improved armor synthesis and manufacturing and crashworthiness design. The University will continue their collaboration with AM General and General Dynamics to insure production applications. (This project was also supported by Rep. Visclosky.)

## Requests through the Energy and Water Appropriations bill

**Mt. Zion Mill Pond Dam: \$120,000 Funds** would be used by the Army Corps of Engineers to repair and improve this dam in Fulton County which is currently in failing condition and holds back 27 to 55 acres of water depending on rainfall and flooding. Failure of this dam would cause those waters to flow into Lake Manitou and would rise to flood levels in a matter of minutes with little chance for evacuation or warning to its many residents.

**TRANSP0: \$951,500** Funds would be used to construct a new energy efficient and environmentally friendly TRANSP0 bus operation center in South Bend.

TRANSP0 expects the completed project would reduce energy costs by 28% compared to other similar facilities. (This project was also supported by Sens. Lugar and Bayh.)

Request through the Financial Services Appropriations bill

**Saint Mary's College: \$245,643** Funds would be used by the college to coordinate several local community organizations to identify and assist emerging or struggling women-owned small businesses, and provide training workshops, materials and other resources for women entrepreneurs. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

Requests through the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill

**City of South Bend: \$285,000** Funds would be used by the city's Workforce Training Initiative to provide workforce development training and vocational education to adults. This initiative will work in cooperation with the Airport Economic Development Area (Blackthorn) industrial park to strengthen area workforce skills.

**South Bend School Corporation: \$143,000** Funds would be used by the school corporation's PROJECT HELP to acquire computers and other support materials to help improve literacy among at-risk youth.

**The Logan Center: \$143,000** Funds would be used to expand autism services for the community and add therapeutic services for children and young adults faced with autism.

**LaPorte County Comprehensive Mental Health Council, Inc. dba Swanson Center: \$200,000** Funds would be used by the Swanson Center to develop a permanent facility to treat area mental health needs after more than 40 years of providing services to the community.

Requests through the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill

**Marshall County: \$665,000** Funds would be used for the engineering/design and right of way acquisition for the construction of interchange ramps at 7<sup>th</sup> Road and US 31 in Marshall County, Indiana. The project will provide east-west access to US 31, and open a new economic development corridor. Furthermore, the extension project was cited in a US 31 federal environmental impact statement (FEIS) as a priority project. The project is connected to the US 31 Corridor, which is a National Highway System route. (This project was also supported by Sen. Lugar.)

**City of Kokomo: \$1,235,000** Funds would be used to relocate the intersection of Park Avenue and Markland Avenue to the north end of the redeveloped Continental Steel Superfund site and to construct a new bridge over Kokomo Creek. The current intersection has experienced more accidents in the last four years than any other 4-way stop in Kokomo. The project will provide for additional lanes which will improve both the safety and efficiency of the intersection.

