

IRT Background

Civil-Military Programs are improving military readiness and helping to rebuild America. These programs are in keeping with a long military tradition, leveraging training to benefit both units and their home communities. They are strongly supported by The Department of Defense(DoD), Congress, the states and communities.

The military services have always brought to bear their extensive resources to help meet some of the country's civil needs. In recent years, DOD has realized the simultaneous benefits, these civil-military programs can offer to military readiness. This document reviews the resurgence of these dual-benefit programs.

In the 1992 Presidential Campaign - then candidate Bill Clinton challenged Americans with his "Rebuild America" initiative. As President, he challenged the DoD to search for innovative programs, which would serve American communities in need and provide realistic military training benefits. He suggested three primary areas of emphasis which take advantage of the unique resources and capabilities of DoD -- health care, infrastructure support, and youth training programs.

Also in 1992, the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) echoed the President by directing DoD's increased involvement to help meet domestic needs. The SASC Report on the FY93 Defense Authorization Act noted the opportunities for enhancing military readiness while assisting in meeting domestic needs: "The American people have made an enormous investment in developing the skills, capabilities, and resources of the Armed Forces. These resources, if properly matched to local needs and coordinated with civilian efforts, can be a useful contribution to addressing the serious domestic needs of the United States."

In June 1993, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs established the Directorate for Civil-Military Programs. The energy behind this initiative came from President Clinton's call to "Rebuild America" and the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1993.

Unless specified by the Congress, each civil-military project must contribute to and enhance unit training and readiness; fill a need that is not otherwise being met; and may not be used to justify additional expenditures or personnel authorizations.

In FY98, 176 projects were conducted in 39 states, in FY99, 209 in 40 states, the Tinian Islands and the District of Columbia, in FY00 102 in 22 states and the District of Columbia, in FY01, 122 in 34 states, the District of Columbia and the

Virgin Islands. Program expenditures for FY01 was \$29.764 million. The FY02 Program Budget is \$28.5M.

Kansas (2)

Engineering/ Infrastructure

Chanute School—The US Army National Guard will provide engineering services for the construction of a community sports complex for the Chanute School system in Neosho County.

Grant High School—The US Army National Guard will provide engineering services in preparing an athletic field for Grant High School in Dry Prong, Grant Parish.

LSU Arboretum—The US Army National Guard will provide engineering services in the construction of a retention pond, driveway and parking area for LSU Arboretum, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish.

Covington Youth Soccer-- The US Army National Guard will provide engineering services in the development of a soccer field for the Covington Youth Soccer Association of Covington, LA.

Missouri (7)

Engineering/ Infrastructure

Sedalia-Pettis County—The Army Guard will provide engineering services in the construction of a four diamond baseball complex for youth ages 8-18.

Oregon (7)

Engineering/ Infrastructure

Gaston School Field—Engineering services will be provided to construct a covered play area for the Gaston School system, Gaston.

Pine Eagle-- Engineering services will be provided to excavate and site prep a running track for the Pine Eagle school district in Halfway.

Hare Field-- Engineering services will be provided in the construction of a concession stand and concrete pad for a set of bleachers at the school district in Hillsboro.

Heppner Park-- Engineering services will be provided in the construction of a city park located in the City of Heppner.

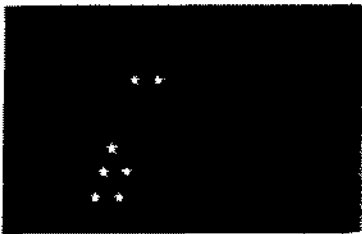
River View Park-- Engineering services will be provided in excavating and hauling dirt at a park site in Independence.

Washington (2)

Engineering / Infrastructure

Lewis and Clark Exp Park-- The North Dakota National Guard will provide engineering services in completing road work including culverts, bridges and a boardwalk that is part of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail, located in Long Beach, Seaview and Ilwaco.

Longmire Park- The US Army will conduct clearing, grading, and erosion control of a future park site in the city of Yelm.



Civil-Military Innovative Readiness Training

Contributing To Military Readiness and "To Rebuilding America

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