

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

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

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB March 7, 2008

Please submit completed questionnaire to josh.martin@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:
Troop Recruit Improvement (TRIM)

2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

Almost 80 percent of recruits who exceed the military weight-to-height standards at entry leave the military before they complete their first term of enlistment. Since most research focuses on treatment, the **Troop Recruit Improvement** program focuses on finding a means of preventing obesity in teens, to ensure that they are able to meet military weight requirements and live full, healthy lives. The consortium is also collaborating with the military on marketing materials that can be used to reach out to young people to teach them about proper nutrition and fitness.

3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

TRIM

Item	Cost
Field Centers: These field centers will include rooms for interaction with youth subjects, including meetings to determine activity levels, body composition analyses sessions, exercise stress tests, and other medical examinations. Cost for incentives will be factored in.	\$3.4 million
Coordinating Center, responsible for standardization of study protocols, personnel training, data quality control, data management, and analyses. Travel for mandatory meetings to report on findings will be factored in.	\$1.0 million
Project Management	\$0.4 million
Withholding amount for DOD TATRC (20%)	\$1.2 million
Total	\$6.0 million

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th 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 26th 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):

This program is designed to cut childhood obesity in the 26th district, across Texas and the US.

2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

The federal government instituted the school lunch program after WWII because too many high school students were malnourished and, therefore, unfit to fight. Today, the pendulum has swung the other way, and at least 13 percent of recruitment-age men and 17 percent of women would fail the Armed Forces weight requirements. Obesity is not just a public health issue, but also a national security concern.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$6 million

2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

Army

3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

Army RDT&E, PE 0603002A, Line 30

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

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

Total cost is \$7 million (1 million in FY07 and this request). Funding breakdown is above, and no match is required for Defense projects.

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

Yes, \$1M in FY07 in Defense Appropriations, PE 0603002A.

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

No

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

No

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

See detailed budget breakdown above.

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.

no

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).

Letter from Cooper Inst. Has been provided.

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.

This project will be undertaken with the Army and can be completed in the statutorily required timeframe.

VI. CONTACTS

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

Tim Fenton

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):
202-842-3203 // Tfenton@khaconsultants.com

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

The Cooper Institute
12330 Preston Road
Dallas, TX 75230

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

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

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

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

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

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, Tim Fenton, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

Cooper Institute MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th 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

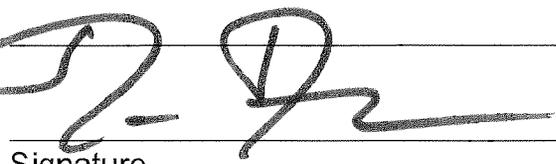
Name of person certifying Tim Fenton

Title of person certifying Kinghorn, Hilbert & Associates, Government Affairs, on behalf of Cooper Institute

Project name as it will appear in the bill Troop Recruit Improvement (TRIM)

Legal name of entity making request The Cooper Institute

Address 12330 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

Signature

3/7/2008

Date