

## FY2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Requests

**Project Title:** Dorchester County Emergency Management Headquarters and  
Emergency Operations Center  
**Amount:** \$8,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Dorchester County, St George, SC  
**Purpose:** For the construction of a new facility to provide security to the county's  
telecommunication and data infrastructure.

### **Description:**

Growing from a population of 96,400 in 2000 to 123,500 in 2007, Dorchester County has outgrown its existing law enforcement complex which houses its Emergency 9-1-1 dispatch center, Emergency Operations Center, and Emergency Management Department. The new center would provide 30,658 square feet of office and storage space for the Emergency Management Department and Communications Division, the Emergency Operations Center, the Dispatch Center, the Information Technology Services Department, and Elections and Voter Registration Center with storage for the voting machines and other equipment. This facility will replace the inadequate facility that the county currently utilizes and will provide much needed security to the county's telecommunication and data infrastructure, which is the backbone for all county operations.

This robust building will serve as the center of emergency and emergent communications for Dorchester County located near the Port of Charleston, SC. It will house the county's Emergency 9-1-1 public safety answer point and computer aided dispatch center as well as the county's computer servers for data and telecommunications. It will house the Emergency Operations Center that will double as a training center. It will have shower and bunk facilities as well as a large kitchen and large break room that will allow the county's Emergency Operations Center personnel to shelter in place in the event of a hurricane, earthquake, flood, or other natural disaster. It will provide secure storage for the county's voting machines which must remain plugged in at all times.

**Project Title:** Project SeaHawk  
**Amount:** \$850,000  
**Intended Recipient:** U.S. Coast Guard, Charleston, SC  
**Purpose:** To continue state and local law enforcement participation in Project SeaHawk, a comprehensive intermodal port security program in Charleston, South Carolina.

### **Description:**

SeaHawk, established through the FY03 Omnibus, is a port security program that coordinates and integrates the efforts of all agencies—federal, state and local—with responsibility for maritime homeland security in Charleston, South Carolina. This successful interagency task force jointly addresses intermodal transportation security issues in and around the port, monitoring traffic entering and leaving the port of Charleston by ship, rail and highway. As an integrated federal, state, and local unit, SeaHawk provides a comprehensive approach to port security with state and local law enforcement providing a significant force multiplier in terms of surveillance and response.

Project SeaHawk has been funded under the Department of Justice and is scheduled to transition to the Department of Homeland Security at the end of this fiscal year. While state and local law enforcement officials have contributed time and resources to Project SeaHawk to date, their

ability to participate in this homeland security work since 2003 has been supplemented by DOJ federal assistance under Project SeaHawk. Under current DHS transition plans, DHS expects state and local law enforcement to assume fully the costs of their continued participation.

Under the SAFE Ports Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-347), Congress directed the DHS Secretary to establish interagency operational centers for port security at all high-priority ports by October 2009. However, state and local budgets do not have resources available in FY10 for state and local law enforcement to continue to fully participate in SeaHawk. Without local law enforcement participation, SeaHawk will lose significant capabilities that are provided by local law enforcement.

**Project Title:** St. Paul's Fire District Capacity Building Project  
**Amount:** \$5,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** St. Paul's Fire District, SC - Hollywood, SC  
**Purpose:** For the renovation of St. Paul's District Fire Station.  
**Description:**

St. Paul's Fire District Station #1 in Hollywood, SC serves as District Headquarters. The scope of work at this station is to include complete renovation of the existing 3,750 gross square feet (gsf) administrative and living areas and a new addition of approximately 4,000 gsf. The work will provide a training classroom and public meeting space, expanded living quarters for the firefighters, gym and training spaces, and additional administrative spaces, including private offices for the chiefs and officers. It will also update the entire station to meet ADA accessibility requirements, which are not currently met. The scope of work will include a 50% extension of the apparatus bay and provide work areas, storage, and room for additional apparatus. Site improvements will include provisions for pull-through apparatus bay access, an apparatus maintenance facility, and additional public parking. The adjacent property will provide exterior training facilities to include a new drill tower.

St. Paul's FD will also construct a new substation, to be Station #7 on Hwy 174. This station will offer a similar 5,500 gsf program to other substations, with a double apparatus bay, living quarters for 2-4 firefighters per shift, and a small office for administrative duties, with complete accessibility throughout, at an estimated total project budget of \$2.2 million. The site will accommodate pull-through apparatus bay access as well. Both stations will be able to accommodate the full staff from all three shifts in the case of storm or emergency events.

**Project Title:** US Coast Guard Aviation Mission Hour Gap  
**Amount:** \$20,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** TKC-Aerospace / US Coast Guard  
USCG 7<sup>th</sup> District in Opa Locka, FL  
**Purpose:** To direct the USCG to enter into a contract with a commercial entity providing aircraft and maintenance to deliver airborne patrol hours out of the USCG 7<sup>th</sup> District in Florida.

**Description:**

Using medium range marine patrol aircraft (MPA), the post 9/11 requirement to achieve 61,600 airborne resource hours is significantly diminished due to delays under the Deepwater Acquisition strategy. Further, the loss of legacy aircraft adds to the loss of resource hours. The USCG long-term strategy is to acquire 36 Spanish made HC-144 aircraft at a cost of \$45M per copy. To date only 11 HC-144 aircraft are in the US and none are operational. Additionally, problems with the integration of the mission system pallets (only 3 are available) persist. The

USCG currently is unable to meet the pre 9/11 MPA hours of 48,000. Congress has stated its concern in the FY08 and FY09 Homeland Security appropriations bills and required the USCG to conduct an analysis of short term, stop-gap measures that would serve as a bridge solution until the long term acquisition strategy is in place. Closing the MPA “gap” of resource hours is not expected until 2017 or later. USCG missions include drug and arms interdiction as well as migrant interdiction. These missions are jeopardized without the proper assets in the near term and increase the risk of successful trafficking in drugs, arms and illegal migrants as well as the potential for terrorists entering our country.