

House Armed Services Committee
Palazzo, Steven M.(R-MS) - Community Project Funding Requests

ID	Request Project Name	Recipient Name	Request Member's Request (in thousands, \$000)
128	281703 Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) Project	Mississippi Army National Guard	\$16,000

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Member Name:	Palazzo, Steven M.(R-MS)	Member's Request: (in thousands, \$000)	\$16,000
Justification:	<p>There are 24 MATES facilities within the DoA. The Camp Shelby MATES employs 160 employees and maintains over 1200 pieces of equipment making it the largest operation in terms of personnel and equipment. The Camp Shelby MATES site employs more personnel and maintains more equipment than any other MATES facility within the DoD system. These factors make the Camp Shelby MATES site unique due to the ability to provide unparalleled customer service and superior Operational Readiness (OR) rates for combat units.</p> <p>Camp Shelby MATES was built in early 1980s and designed to support wheeled and smaller armored vehicles.</p> <p>Current design limits work area, work throughput, and poses potential safety issues.</p> <p>The current MATES facility, located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi has a requirement to store two Armored Brigade Combat Teams (ABCT) equipment, supporting 2,036 tracked and wheeled vehicles. The MATES shop was constructed in 1984 and does not meet current criteria to support the maintenance requirements of these two ABCT's. Currently, the maintenance bay area is only 44% of authorized space as determined as per RPLANS. The facility requires overhead cranes rated to 30 tons, to support the M1 series vehicles. Also, the current bay configuration does not allow for adequate space to conduct maintenance on the M88. This MATES facility has one of the largest assigned equipment densities in the nation but has minimal capacity to support the Army's Two level Maintenance Program.</p> <p>The construction of these 12 M1A1 compatible bays would ensure the readiness of National Guard units in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama.</p>		
Project Purpose:	<p>The current Camp Shelby MATES facility was built in 1984 and was designed to handle wheeled and older (smaller) models of armored vehicles. The current design and size is not adequate for volume of work and bay size for maintenance support. There is an urgent need to expand the number of work bays that meet the current requirements. This project would construct 52,838 sq ft of maintenance training bays and supporting facilities, replacing temporary facilities that are currently being utilized to maintain the equipment that supports the readiness of two heavy brigade combat teams (100% of the 155th ABCT (MS) combat platforms, approximately 50% of the 278th ACR (TN) combat platforms, and 100% of the 31stCBRN BDE (AL) Stryker platforms).</p>		
Project City or County:	Camp Shelby	Project State:	MS
Recipient Name:	Mississippi Army National Guard	Recipient Mailing Address:	1001 Lee Avenue Camp Shelby, MS 39407

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The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Rogers:

I am requesting funding for Mobilization and Annual Training Equipment Site (MATES) Facility Project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mississippi National Guard, Camp Shelby located at 1001 Lee Avenue, Camp Shelby, MS 39407.

The funding would be used to construct 52,838 sq ft of maintenance training bays and supporting facilities. The project will replace temporary facilities that include k-spans and tents that are currently being utilized to maintain equipment that supports 2 heavy brigade combat teams. The existing facilities are inadequately sized based on workload and equipment sets currently based at National Guard Mobilization Force Generation Installations.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress

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