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Construction & Facility Management Office

Ms. Cynthia Kelly, Director
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The Capitol, Room 1702
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Ms. Kelly:

The Agency Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 through Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Military Affairs is submitted and has been posted to the Florida Fiscal Portal, following the instructions dated July 2018. The information provided electronically is a true and accurate presentation of our proposed Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request of \$17,850,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The department is requesting funds to maintain and repair armories which have been revitalized by the Florida Armory Revitalization Program (FARP). Since 2007, the State of Florida has renovated 51 armories with the 52nd, final armory, under renovation now. The revitalization of these centers has greatly increased the Florida Guards ability to gain new units with increased capabilities, made the buildings more energy efficient and stimulated the economies of the community served. In order to sustain the facilities effectively and efficiently while preserving the capital invested in the renovation, a recurring maintenance/sustainment program is imperative. The request for **\$6,000,000** will provide scheduled preventative maintenance and sustainment to major components over the expected economic life of the components spreading the maintenance expense in a manageable fashion.

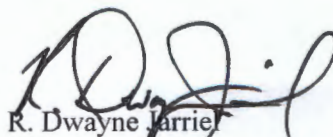
The Florida Army National Guard, FLARNG, is currently over a million square feet short of authorized space for the current force structure. FLARNG has received new force structure this year and is not anticipating receiving Military Construction dollars for this new force structure for at least five years and so the FLARNG acquired two facilities from DCA Courthouse for the new force structure received by the Department of the Army, National Guard Bureau. These facilities require significant maintenance and repair before the facility would be fully operational. The request for **\$6,700,000** will be used to make these facilities fully operational for the unit(s) that will occupy the facility.

In FY 2015, Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order #15-137 directing the Adjutant General to take immediate action to secure the Florida guardsmen and women. The department in conjunction with the Florida National Guard have developed a plan to secure the state's armories, Field Maintenance Shops and Recruiting and Retention stations. The request for **\$4,000,000** will be used to complete one of the multi-phased approach to meet this requirement.

The Camp Blanding Cooper Hall exists within the military historic district of Camp Blanding. The building is owned by the Armory Board, of The State of Florida and receives no federal funds for the maintenance, repair, or renovation. Cooper Hall was designed and built in 1939/1940 as the Officers Club at Camp Blanding. Although no longer utilized as an officer's club, it has remained in full operational use for almost 80 years. In that time, normal wear and tear, non-unified maintenance and repair activity and minor expansions have culminated in the immediate need for a renovation. The renovation design was completed in 2016. The renovation primarily consists of structural and mechanical repairs to systems that are currently threatening the life of the structure. The renovation also includes the required reconfigurations to meet current codes and regulations; and to meet the current operational demands of the building. The estimated renovation cost at that time is **\$750,000**.

The Camp Blanding troop barracks, built in 1940, have been in constant use for nearly 80 years. The barracks served as federal troop housing during World War II. After the end of WWII, the barracks buildings became part of the Florida National Guard's Regional Training Institute (RTI) Officer Candidate School (OCS). After the construction of the modern RTI, the barracks were returned to the garrison for training support use to meet Camp Blanding's core missions. Although the barracks received full federal support for the federally supported activities that occurred in buildings for 75 years, the buildings are no longer available for the use of federal funds. The primary use of the barracks is to meet current readiness requirements of the Florida National Guard. In large part, these requirements are met through an offset of barracks activities; displacing State activities from centralized troop barracks areas into these buildings. These buildings are also utilized for overflow of Florida Guard training needs, housing of State emergency response activities, and local and State support activities. The current design and construction budget of **\$400,000** is for the renovation of 2 barracks buildings. The renovations would include life-cycle roofing replacement, windows replacement, flooring replacement, and mechanical systems replacement. This renovation would return the facilities to a fully functional state, which would not require a capital investment outside of standard maintenance and repair for the next 30 to 50 years.

This submittal has been approved by the head of this agency.



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