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Mr. Chris Spencer, Director
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The Capitol, Room 1702B
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Mr. Spencer,

The Agency Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2024-25 through Fiscal Year 2028-29, for Department of Military Affairs, is submitted and posted to the Florida Fiscal Portal, as per the instruction dated July 2023. The information provided electronically is a true and accurate presentation of our proposed Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request of \$345,305,605 for 2024-25 fiscal year.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$13,200,000 of non-recurring general revenue, to acquire land that enables the Florida National Guard to increase its footprint throughout the State that will facilitate The Adjutant General's goal for growth of end-strength. The purchase of 15-25 acres in Polk County, estimated cost \$4,000,000, would allow for the consolidation of the units already stationed in Polk County and could eliminate the need for the lease funds required for the Bartow readiness center. The purchase of 15-25 acres in Hillsborough County, estimated cost \$6,000,000, would allow for the relocation of the unit that is in the Tampa readiness center and the Field Maintenance Shop (FMS4), so that the current site may be sold to the Jewish Community Center. Lastly, the purchase of 8 acres next to the Robert F. Ensslin Armory, estimated cost \$3,200,000, would allow for the consolidation of the St. Augustine full time force.

Our request for \$900,000, in non-recurring Camp Blanding Management Trust Fund budget authority, supports the repair, upgrade, and renovation of barracks (Buildings 2038 and 2040) on Camp Blanding Joint Training Center in Clay County. These barracks were built in the 1950's and require upgrades to the roofing, carpentry, plumbing, and painting of interior and exterior surfaces. These repairs are required due to their current conditions, are not adequate to house units or personnel due to lack of safety and structural deficiencies. Upgrades to these two barracks will increase the ability to provide adequate bed space for units conducting training at the training center.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$8,991,000 of non-recurring general revenue for the maintenance and repair of readiness centers/armories throughout Florida. The federal government has restricted the use of federal funding on readiness centers/armories to no more than 50% share of what the state provides. Without state match, no federal funding can be spent on the maintenance and repairs of any state-owned facilities. Gaps in state share for these facilities results in deferred maintenance, which results in more damage, deteriorating major components, and increased future repairs. Maintenance and repair funding is spent on roof repairs/replacement, major component life cycle replacements, flood abatement, parking, retention ponds, erosion, lighting upgrades, doors/windows, and interior/exterior renovations. The federal government can match dollar for dollar up to \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-25.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$268,454,855 of non-recurring general revenue, fixed capital budget authority, for the second year of four-year phased projects. The construction projects required to upgrade and construct Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) facilities, meet the requirements as a Level II installation. Additionally, CBJTC is a contingency Mobilization Force Generation Installation (cMFGI) but lacks some of the required facilities to fulfill the requirements of a cMFGI. The funding request as part of phase II, is focused on constructing billeting areas that include barracks, one battalion area, one company operations facility, and one dining facility for \$98,000,000. Additionally, phase two funding would provide a multipurpose machine gun range (MPMG) \$10,800,000, Live Fire Range Upgrades \$14,000,000, Logistics Warehouse Expansion \$5,700,000, Vehicle Wash Rack \$8,000,000, Installation Support Area \$4,000,000, Mission Training Complex \$54,000,000, Collective Live-Fire Training Range \$53,000,000, and Rail Road Repairs \$2,000,000. It is critical that these facilities get constructed to support readiness training and support operations at the Infantry Brigade Combat Team level to minimize the requirements to travel to other State's to accomplish training.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$2,100,000 of non-recurring general revenue budget authority, to fund a structural assessment, demolition of structures not suitable for use, and land clearing on the 70-acre Homestead Air Base property. This funding will enable the DMA to complete a structural assessment on the existing large structures on the property and will help in the determination if these structures can be safely renovated and occupied. This funding will be used to demolish all structures that are not useable. This site is overgrown, and funding will clear and grub the site so that it can be maintained until funding is provided to construct a readiness center.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$5,159,750 of non-recurring general revenue funds in category 086950, in support of the Revitalization and Modernization Program (REVAMP), to complete major renovations and upgrades to the 63 Florida National Guard facilities. This program seeks to achieve major renovations focused on code compliance, energy efficiency/redundancy, ADA compliance, life/safety

upgrades, and general life cycle replacement of major components. All facility renovations will be designed to achieve LEED Silver to reduce energy and utility costs. Without state match, no federal funding can be spent on the maintenance and repairs of any state-owned facilities.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$7,100,000 of non-recurring fixed capital budget authority, for the design of three new facilities that are supporting the strategic objectives around increasing force structure. These funds would provide a design for Camp Blanding Special Forces Readiness Center \$2,500,000, Malabar Readiness Center \$1,900,000, Miramar Facilities Maintenance Shop \$800,000, Miramar Addition \$700,000, Immokalee Facilities Maintenance Shop \$600,000, and Zephyrhills Facilities Maintenance Shop \$600,000.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$39,400,000 of non-recurring general revenue funds, for the design and construction of a new readiness center at the Homestead HARB property. Currently, the Florida National Guard is approximately 1,400,000 square feet short in authorized readiness center space, which hinders the ability of units to conduct readiness driving functions within their assigned facilities. New facilities with adequate, parking, administrative, training, supply, and storage space is needed to meet the current readiness requirements for support to State and Federal missions and allow for the acceptance of new units into the Florida National Guard.

Sincerely,

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