Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

Memorandum - Appropriations FY2011

Individual Requests

Airport Instrument Landing Systems (City of Laredo)

To provide for the acquisition and installation of a new instrument landing system for the Laredo International Airport

Requested Amount: \$500,000 Intended Recipient of Funds City of Laredo

1110 Houston St. Laredo, TX 78040

Border Bus Inspection Terminal (City of Laredo)

The project is part of ongoing efforts by the City to acquire a new inspection facility. This hub will create more efficient and cost effective means of reducing vehicular traffic in metro Laredo. Improved traffic will aid in the free movement of goods and services to and from Mexico. This particular element will also improve security and prevent an environmental disaster.

Requested Amount: \$1,000,000 Intended Recipient of Funds

City of Laredo 1110 Houston St Laredo, TX 78040

City of Cibolo Water and Wastewater lines

This project would install water and wastewater utilities along Cibolo's entire FM 78 frontage and would be sized to meet ultimate build out.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Cibolo 200 SouthMain Street. P.O. Box 826 Cibolo, TX 78108

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

City of Floresville Water Treatment Plant expansion

Plant improvements made to address current deficiencies will also provide for the fixture plant needs. **Intended Recipient of Funds:**

City of Floresville 1120 D St Floresville, TX 78114

Diesville, IX 70114

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

City of Hidalgo Old town Site Drainage

This project is a structural retrofitting to eliminate street flooding that takes place during 10-year storm events, and the recent tropical storms that have taken place in Southern Texas.

Intended Recipient:

City of Hidalgo 704 East Texano Drive, Hidalgo, TX

Request Amount: \$200,000

City of Marion Water Transmission Line

This Project would include the construction of 8000 12" PVC Transmission line. This transmission line will provide additional water for the citizens and water for fire protection for the inter-city population.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Marion P. O. Box 158 Marion, TX 78124

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

City of Pharr Water Reuse and Implementation Master Plan

The project will produce a guide for the reuse of recycled water. The plan consists of: potential recycle water options, cost analysis for direct use, conceptual projects, benefit analysis, and public information plan (education material, presentation, etc). The potential savings of water is 5 to 8 million gallons per day.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Pharr 118 S. Cage Blvd. Pharr, TX 78577

Requested Amount: \$400,000

Comprehensive Care for Low-income Children with Cancer and Blood Diseases in South Texas

Funds will go to upgrade Infusion equipment to improve the long-term prognosis for children with cancer. Funds will provide for equipment to enhance treatment for patients, many of whom are underprivileged.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Texas Children's Hospital, Vannie E. Cook Children's Cancer and Hematology Clinic PO Box 301011 NB-8365

Request Amount: \$250,000

Houston, TX 77230

Computer Information Technology Cyber-Security Lab

This will provide a new curriculum in Cyber Security will attract quality high school Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (HS-STEM) students at Laredo Community College. Recipient: Laredo Community College

Intended Recipient of Funds

Laredo Community College 1 W Washington St.

Laredo, TX 78070

Request Amount: 150,000

Criminal Investigation and Law Enforcement Technology for Wilson, Guadalupe, and Webb County District Attorneys

Funds will be used to purchase equipment that will enable the DAs to conduct and prosecute criminal investigations.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Webb, Wilson and Guadalupe County District Attorneys

113 South River Street, Suite 205, Seguin, Texas 78155 (Guadalupe); 1327 Third Street, Floresville, TX 78114 (Wilson); 1110 Victoria St. Suite 401, Laredo, Texas 78040 (Webb)

Seguin, Floresville, Laredo, TX 78155

Request Amount: \$200,000

Energy Retrofit for South Texas Colonias

To assist low to moderate income eligible *colonia* households with renewable energy technologies such as solar and/or wind power to reduce their energy consumption thus providing relief of their current financial burden.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Webb County Economic Development Department 1200 Washington Street Laredo, TX 78040

Request Amount: \$500,000

Fever Tick Strategies

The project will investigate control of exotic and native tick and tick-borne diseases that threaten the health and safety of humans, wildlife, and domestic animals, with high incidents in Zapata County. The project has potential to reduce the risks of infection with emerging infectious diseases and gain a better understanding of the role of disease as a bioterrorism threat.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

**** (To benefit fever tick epidemic Webb and Zapata County) ****

Texas AgriLife Research 1500 Research Parkway Suite 150 College Station, TX 88843

Request Amount: \$500,000

Floresville Water Treatment Plant

Improvements to continue to meet treatment standards and wastewater flows generated by the City's residences, businesses and the City/County K-12 school system.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Floresville 1120 D St Floresville, TX 78114

Requested Amount: \$3.6 million

Frio County Emergency Operations Center

The Frio County Emergency Operations Center would enhance disaster preparedness by serving as a central location for emergency management personnel to coordinate responses to a potential disaster.

Intended Recipient

Frio County EOC

500 E. San Antonio, Box 7.

Pearsall, Texas 78061 Request Amount: \$250,000

High-Tech Energy Efficient Lighting and Installation

Acquisition and installation of L.E.D. lighting along trails and roadways for Manadas and Laredo Community College.

Intended Recipient of Funds

City of Laredo 1111 Houston Street Laredo, TX 78042 Request: \$550,000

Laredo Animal Protective Society Equipment

Funds purchase equipment to support a veterinary clinic, a care and impoundment facility for rabies control, spay and neuter clinic with an education and prevention center to teach pet responsibility and pet care. The overpopulation of animals is high and there is a need to treat all sick animals. As the only serving animal shelter in Laredo, LAPS is dedicated to saving as many breeds, mixes, and species of animals fit for adoption.

Request Amount: \$100,000 **Intended Recipient of Funds** Laredo Animal Protective Society 2500 Gonzales St. Laredo, TX 78040

La Jova City Hall

Construction of a 14,000 square foot complex that will house city administrative and public service offices.

Requested Amount: \$1,000,000 **Intended Recipient of Funds** Texas Army National Guard 5119 East Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, TX 78041

Law Enforcement Equipment for Pharr, Palmview, Mission, La Joya Police Departments

Funds will be used to purchase equipment that will enable the cities to better fight crime. Intended Recipient of Funds

City of Pharr, City of Palmview, City of Mission Police Departments

1900 S. Cage Blvd. Pharr, TX 78577 (Pharr); 400 W. Veterans Blvd.; Palmview, TX 78572

(Palmview); 1200 E. 8th St. Mission, TX 78572 (Mission) City of Pharr, City of Palmview, City of Mission, TX 78577

Request Amount: \$200,000

Law Enforcement Equipment for Shertz, Cibolo, Seguin, Marion Police Departments

Funds will be used to purchase equipment that will enable the cities to better fight crime. Intended Recipient of Funds

Shertz, Cibolo, Seguin and Marion Police Departments

Intended Recipient of Funds

1404-A Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX 78154 (Shertz); P.O. Box 826 Cibolo, TX 78108 (Cibolo); 350 N. Guadalupe St. Seguin, TX 78155 (Seguin); 303 S. Center St., Marion, TX 78214 (Marion) Shertz, Cibolo, Seguin and Marion, TX 78154

Request Amount: \$200,000

Manadas Creek Hike and Bike Pathways - Laredo, TX

The project will consist of approximately 80,000 linear feet of pathway that will connect the major community elements of North Central Laredo to the Rio Grande River Vega Park System. The largely residential area will be able to utilize the pathways to access most of the schools in the region ranging from elementary school to high school.

Request Amount: \$200,000 Intended Recipient of Funds City of Laredo 1110 Houston St. Laredo, TX 78040

Mobile Firearms Simulator

This simulator for the Texas Army National Guard will allow participants to experience virtual crime fighting scenarios that will better prepare program trainees to fight the crime that many law enforcement departments encounter every day on the Texas-Mexico Border.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Texas Army National Guard 5119 East Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, TX 78041

Requested Amount: \$800,000

Multipurpose National Guard Hangar for National Security Aircraft Texas National Guard

Funding would construct a Multipurpose and Multi-jurisdictional Airport Hangar at the Texas Army National Guard for Fixed Wing Aircraft, Helicopters, Unmanned Arial Vehicles and other related aircraft.

Request Amount: \$5 million Intended Recipient of Funds Texas Army National Guard 5119 East Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, TX 78041

New Braunfels: Airport Hangar Development Project

New Braunfels is planning to build five hangars in response to several major development projects at the New Braunfels Airport in order to meet the growing needs of the local and regional economy. This project will generate economic development by creating construction jobs, maintenance jobs, boosting the local economy, and increasing tax revenues

Intended Recipient of Funds

New Braunfels Airport 424 South Castell Ave. New Braunfels, TX 78130 Requested Amount: \$500,000

Olmitos and Gacia Watershed Dam Improvements Study

This study will determine how to improve the security and protection of citizens by preventing flooding and alleviating current adverse conditions.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

County of Starr 601 E. Main Street Rio Grande City, TX 78582 **Request Amount:** \$300,000

Police Department Equipment for Pleasanton and Poteet Police Departments (Atascosa and La Salle)

Funds will be used to purchase equipment that will enable the cities to better fight crime. Funds will be distributed evenly to the police departments located in the cities of Cotulla, Pleasanton and Poteet.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Pleasanton and Poteet Police Departments

Pleasanton: 704 W. Oaklawn Rd., Pleasanton, TX 78064; Poteet: 412 Fifth St., Poteet, TX 78065

Pleasanton, Poteet, TX 78064 Requested Amount: \$100,000

Poteet Water System

Water system requires replacement of three above-ground water tanks of 100,000 gallon capacity, repair one drinking water well, repair another water well, replace and upgrade the aerators for three out of four wells, and replace and upgrade the pump room equipment that monitors and distributes the city's drinking water.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Poteet 412 Fifth St., Poteet, TX 78065

Requested Amount: \$500,000

Public Safety Shared Radio Tower Replacements

To replace or improve three shared RTRS inadequate radio communications towers and improve the site security of these vital structures

Intended Recipient:

Middle Rio Grande Development Council 707 Buckley Street, Cotulla, TX Requested Amount: \$250,000

Randolph Air Force Base Fire Station

Funds will be used to replace the current facility with one that meets safety regulations.

Requested Amount: \$10 million Intended Recipient of Funds

Randolph Air Force Base Randolph Air Force Base San Antonio, TX 78150

Raw Water Transmission Line (Zapata County)

Zapata County is in the process of constructing a new water plant, one of the essential infrastructure improvements needed to provide adequate raw water to the plant site. The present water lines were inadequate in size and very old.

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Zapata County PO Box 99 Zapata. TX 78076

Requested Amount: \$700,000

Sacred Heart Children's Home Educational Technology Sacred Heart Children's Home

Funds shall be used to purchase computers and technological equipment to Sacred Heart Children's Home Educational Building to enhance tutoring initiatives and to address the needs for the residents of the orphanage.

Request Amount: \$250,000 Intended Recipient of Funds Sacred Heart Children's Home 3310 South Zapata Highway Laredo, TX 78046

South Texas Regional Emergency Operations Center

This project is an essential element of a comprehensive emergency management system to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard in South Texas. For all incidents, regardless of cause, response will focus on actions taken to save lives, sustain life, and protect infrastructure. Its design will be such that public safety officials will be able to mitigate emergencies or disasters and support interoperable communications in the South Texas region.

Request Amount: \$1,500,000 Intended Recipient of Funds

City of Laredo 1110 Houston St. Laredo, TX 78040

Sullivan City—Diaz Ordaz International Border Crossing

The purpose of this project is to design and construct a proposed international border crossing as the Rio Grande, between Sullivan City and Diaz Ordaz, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. Mexico has completed various studies for the development of the project, and Sullivan City has formed a partnership with Mexico to plan, design, and construct the project

Requested Amount: \$500,000 Intended Recipient of Funds Sullivan City PO Box 249 Sullivan City, TX 78595

Technology and Equipment for Zapata County Higher Education Advanced Technology Center

Funds will go to purchase equipment to assist educational needs at the Zapata County Higher Education Advanced Technology Center. Computer equipment will support the resource center and computer lab and technology equipment and furniture will support of the distance-learning center. Funds will enhance the offering and delivery of education and technical training programs to serve high school dual and concurrent enrollment programs and existing business.

Request Amount: \$250,000 Intended Recipient of Funds Zapata County 605 N US Hwy 83, Suite A P.O. Box 549 Zapata, TX 78076

Texas Facilities Initiative

The Texas Facilities Initiative will facilitate the Environmental Impact Study for acquisition of the land for the South Texas Training Center in McMullen County, Texas

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Texas Army National Guard 5119 East Corridor Road Austin, TX 78763

Requested Amount: \$2 million

Texas Lutheran University Small Business Center

To develop a small business center at Texas Lutheran University that serves the region and encourages students to enter the small business industry. This will help prepare a dynamic skilled workforce to meet global demand, bolster industrial development and foster economic growth in Texas. The center will utilize technology, education and training to create an efficient and effective regional collaboration of programs, students, employers, ISDs, colleges, universities, local governments and industry associations.

Request Amount: \$250,000 Intended Recipient of Funds Texas Lutheran University 1000 W. Court St. Seguin, TX 78155

Wastewater System Improvement Project (Rio Grande City)

This project will provide wastewater service to the citizens of Rio Grande City to those who live in unsewered areas. To eliminate potential health risks associated from non-operating private septic systems. This in turn will provide access to a centralized sanitary sewer system to approximately 624 residents residing in distressed colonias. The proposed start date for construction in scheduled for 07/2009 with a completion date of 06/2010. The specific funding use is for first-time sewer services.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Rio Grande City 101 S. Washington St Rio Grande City, TX 78582 Request Amount: \$1,235,000

Joint Request (Requested With Other Members)

Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)

Funding for the continuation of the ALERRT program. ALERRT is a program designed to train first responders with tactics they need to effectively respond to active shooter situations before they become full-blown national tragedies. The officers that responded to the active shooter tragedy at Ft. Hood, Texas had been trained by ALERRT. The FY11 requests further enables a nationally standardized format and builds ALERRT's capacity to meet the training needs of the more than 650,000 law enforcement agents across the nation. FY11 funding would enable ALERRT to provide training to the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office.

Requested Amount: \$1,496,500 million

Intended Recipient of Funds

Texas State University San Marcos Advanced Law Enforcment Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)

601 University Dr. San Marcos, TX 78666

Citrus Health Response

The Citrus Health Response (CHRP) is the primary program in USDA to address citrus diseases in all the citrus producing states including Texas, Florida, California and Arizona with Citrus Greening being by far the most important. The disease is considered the most serious disease in citrus in the world and was first found in Florida in 2005. It has now spread to Louisana and several states in the southeast. Texas does not have disease, but we do have the vector, the Asian Citrus Psyllid, and the disease is persistently moving in our direction. The CHRP funds are being used to develop the program, to do outreach to encourage growers to participate, and monitor and measure the effectiveness of the program.

Request Amount: \$5,000,000 (National Request for Texas, Florida, California, Arizona)

Intended Recipient of Funds

Texas Citrus Mutual 901 Business Park Drive Mission, TX 78572

Haven for Hope Campus Project

This project will serve homeless citizens while also providing new jobs for 34 case managers. It will also greatly increase efficiency by creating and maintaining a shared database which will eliminate duplicated and misused resources.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Haven for Hope of Bexar County 1 Haven for Hope Way San Antonio, TX 78207 Request Amount: \$800,000

Infrastructure Renovations to Address Nursing Shortage Bexar-University of Health Science Center at San Antonio

Funding is requested to improve the infrastructure of the School of Nursing so that it can more easily fulfill its vital mission. The building enhancements and technology upgrades proposed are part of a much larger and all encompassing program study which UTHSCSA hopes to accomplish over the next 3-5 years. The program study addresses the modifications to all areas of the School of Nursing building including the Academic Support offices (Associate Dean's Suite) to allow for enhanced and much needed contiguous student life space, the four underutilized kivas in addition to our large lecture halls, restroom remodel to comply with ADA requirements, mailroom re-location and redesign and main stair renovation and signage replacement.

Intended Recipient of Funds

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio 7703 FLoyd Curl. Dr. MC 7942 San Antonio, TX 78229

Request Amount: \$1,242,000

Nueces River and Tributaries, Texas

The Nueces River Basin feasibility study is a continuation into detailed study of the complex relationships between surface water, groundwater, and the varying ecosystems and communities dependent on such water.

Amount Requested:

\$1,000,000

Intended Recipient:

SAWS

2800 US Highway 281 North San Antonio, TX 78212

OPERATION: Linebacker

The project is a combined effort that is designed to keep our communities safe from criminals both domestic and foreign. Once the grant is awarded to TBSC, sub grants can be made to local communities in order to help meet their needs in protecting their communities and the border.

Requested Amount: \$4,850,000 **Intended Recipient of Funds**

TX Border Sheriff's Coalition 4141 Pinnacle, Suite 118 El Paso, TX 79902

Raymondville Drain Outfall Project (Army Corps of Engineers Project)

The purpose is to formulate a design a flood control plan to divert floodwater form North Main Drain to Raymondville Drain to reduce existing flood problems within urbanized areas.

Requested Amount: \$1,000,000 **Intended Recipient of Funds** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 819 Taylor Street

Ft. Worth, TX 76102

San Antonio Channel Improvements Project 2

The Corps' previous channelization project degraded the river environment and denuded its ecosystem. The project fulfills the Corps restoration policy. It is fully authorized; has obtained all necessary technical project approvals from the Assistant Secretary of the Army and all required construction agreements with the Corps have been executed.

Request Amount: \$65.1 million **Intended Recipient of Funds** San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther San Antonio, TX 78204

SAWS Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements

Funds will help construct the renewal of water and wastewater infrastructure in various areas of San Antonio, Texas.

Amount Requested:

\$5.000.000

Intended Recipient of Funds

San Antonio Water System 2800 US Highway 281 North

San Antonio, TX 78212

South Texas Joint Training Center

Funds will support the acquisition of 25,000 acres and the necessary infrastructure support required to the new training center.

Requested Amount: \$46,350,000

Requested Amount: \$46,350,000 Intended Recipient of Funds Texas Army National Guard Tilden, TX 78072