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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Advanced Disaster Management Simulator (ADMS) Training Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035.

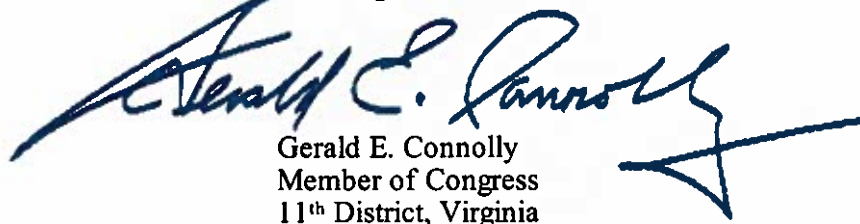
Project: Advanced Disaster Management Simulator (ADMS) Training Project
Recipient: Fairfax County Government, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
Amount: \$175,000

Background: This project would provide funding for an incident command training setup for the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) through the Advanced Disaster Management Simulator (ADMS), a virtual reality training platform designed to prepare emergency responders and disaster management. The technology incorporates elements from the incident command structure (ICS), and trainees are placed into an unscripted and open-ended scenario dictated by the simulator operator on a control station to evoke real-life/time responses. The simulator also provides trainees opportunities to witness the consequences of their decision, enhancing their skills and understanding. There are a variety of different settings and scenarios trainees can be put through and the ADMS removes the logistics issues involved with orchestrating large scale incident training. This simulator will provide law enforcement training to the FCPD. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars, because it will improve the disaster readiness of law enforcement in a region with significant national security equities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia