

TESTIMONY OF  
MAJOR GENERAL ALAN S. DOHRMANN  
NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD  
BEFORE THE  
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NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD ARPA REQUEST

Good afternoon Chairman Delzer and members of the committee, I am Major General Alan Dohrmann, the Adjutant General for the North Dakota National Guard (NDNG). I am here today to testify in support of American Rescue Plan Act funding requests as supported in the Governor's proposal. Our request includes two projects with a total cost of \$2,450,000.

1. Dorm Lodging = \$2,000,000 – A two story building of 32 rooms are for single occupancy with bathrooms. We are utilizing and meeting federal building allowances that will allow us to use federal sustainment funds.
  - Project justification:
    - Camp Grafton Training Center (CGTC) has a shortage in current lodging requirements for a Tier 3 Training Center. The minimum required beds is 1,041 beds. Our current available beds at CGTC is 961. Equaling a gap of 80 beds.
    - This project closes the gap and fulfills the sustainment requirement for military, law enforcement, and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Advanced Law Enforcement Training Academy courses at CGTC.
    - Supports planned growth at Camp Grafton for military and civilian law enforcement training and military engineer training.
  
2. Emergency Response System Upgrade = \$450,000 - The Office of the Adjutant General currently has a state active duty system (IEOMS – Integrated Emergency Operation Management System) used during emergencies for managing state missions personnel pay and equipment reimbursement. The current system is running on outdated software that will no longer be supported starting April 2022 and will be considered a cybersecurity risk. After working with NDIR to identify potential solutions for our current product, one was identified that overcomes current limitations by running in a secure government cloud, allowing the collaboration of users from multiple agencies.
  - Project justification:
    - NDNG operational tempo over last several years – flooding, wildfire, civil unrest, and pandemic – require a fully supported SAD management system.
    - The current system does not incur monthly maintenance costs, but we budget \$20,000 per biennium for any changes that may be necessary.
    - No additional FTEs are required.

- Estimated \$225,000 for implementation, training, first year licensing, and hosting. Annual licensing and hosting costs of \$50,000 are anticipated thereafter.

Mr. Chairman that completes our testimony. I would like to leave you with these final thoughts. This is a pivotal time for the North Dakota National Guard as we evolve to meet the demands of a continuously changing landscape of our state, nation, and world. Our investment in readiness, increased capacity, and future capabilities must keep pace if we are to remain relevant today and able to meet the mission requirements of tomorrow.

I ask for your favorable support of the executive recommendation and am pleased to stand for questions. Thank you.