PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS PROGRAM

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On January 7, 2014, the Department of Defense announced the latest school construction grants from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) of $16,250,000 to Albuquerque Public Schools, Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the new Wherry Elementary School on Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; and $16,096,000 to Geary County Unified School District 475, Junction City, Kansas, for the Fort Riley Elementary School at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Albuquerque Public Schools will use its grant to demolish and rebuild a new Wherry Elementary School. The new school will serve 500 students in grades kindergarten through fifth and address the capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Wherry Elementary School as the eleventh school on the Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List).

Geary County Unified School District 475 will use its grant to remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Fort Riley Elementary School as the twentieth school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. The new school will also serve 500 students in grades kindergarten through fifth.

Funding for these grants is provided under the Department's Public Schools on Military Installations Program. Previously, OEA awarded the following school construction grants:

- **November 19, 2013 -** $16.3 to the Tooele County School District – Dugway Proving Ground, Utah (#17 on the Priority List);
- **June 3, 2013, -** $90.7M to the Clover Park School District – Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington (#13, #16, and #19);
- **February 28, 2013 -** $26.6M to the Hawaii Department of Education – Wheeler Schofield Army Air Field, HI (#9);
- **January 22, 2013** - $1.1M to the Muroc Joint Unified School District – Edwards Air force Base, California (#8);
- **December 10, 2012** - $57.2M to the Sierra Sands Unified School District – Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake (#4 & #10);
    - $18.1M to the Vernon Parish School District – Fort Polk, LA (#6);
    - $35.3M to the Geary County Unified School District – Fort Riley, KS (#7);
- **September 14, 2012** - $37.1M to the Lawton Public Schools – Fort Sill, OK (#3/#12);
- **June 25, 2012 -** $46.4M to the Clover Park School District – Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA (#2/#5); and
- **May 14, 2012 -** $13.2M to the El Paso Independent School District – Fort Bliss, TX (#1).

OEA, in making these funds available, must give priority consideration to those military installations with schools having the most serious capacity or facility condition deficiencies, as determined by the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List.

A multi-disciplined Federal Evaluation Team, with membership from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Military Services, U.S. Department of Education, and OEA, conducted a review of these projects to ensure these awards were appropriate for the noted capacity and facility deficiencies.

The remaining unobligated funds appropriated for this program to assist other local education agencies in addressing the most serious capacity or facility condition deficiencies at public schools located on military installations may be subject to future sequestration reductions.

$16.3M Grant awarded on January 3, 2014, to Albuquerque Public Schools (APS), Albuquerque, New Mexico – Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) – The $16,250,000 award with a non-Federal matching share of $3,366,203 for a total $19,616,203 project, will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Wherry Elementary School as the eleventh school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. APS currently leases land from KAFB for the school. APS will construct the new 500 student school for grades kindergarten through five, and demolish the old school in coordination with the 377th Wing Command at KAFB, and will then own, operate, and maintain the new school.

$16.1M Grant awarded on January 3, 2014, to Geary County Unified School District 475, Junction City, Kansas – Fort Riley, Kansas – The $16,096,000 award with a non-Federal matching share of $4,024,000 for a total $20,120,000 project,will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Fort Riley Elementary School as the twentieth school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. GCUSD will lease the land for the school from Fort Riley, construct the new 500 student school for grades kindergarten through five, in coordination with the Fort Riley Garrison, and will then own, operate, and maintain the new school.

$13.2M Grant awarded on November 19, 2013, to the Tooele County School District (TCSD), Tooele, Utah – Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) – The $13,201,995 award with a non-Federal matching share of $2,684,271 for a total $15,886,266 project, will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Dugway High School as the seventeenth school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. TCSD currently leases land from DPG for the school. TCSD will construct the new 120 student school for grades seven through twelve, and demolish the old school in coordination with the Garrison at DPG, and will then own, operate, and maintain the new school.

$90.78M – Three Grants awarded on June 4, 2013, to the Clover Park School District (CPSD), Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington

1. **A $28,566,022 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $7,141,505 from the State and school district, for a total $35,707,527 project to demolish and replace the existing Greenwood Elementary School with a new 450-student school;
2. **A $30,870,778 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $7,717,694 from the State and school district, for a total $38,588,472 project to demolish and replace the existing Clarkmoor Elementary School with a new 650-student school; and
3. **A $31,331,288 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $8,216,266 from the

State and school district, for a total $39,547,554 project to demolish and replace the existing Beachwood Elementary School with a new 450-student school.

The CPSD awards will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed the Greenwood, Clarkmoor and Beachwood Elementary Schools as the thirteenth, sixteenth and nineteenth schools on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. CPSD currently leases land from JBLM for the schools. CPSD will construct the new schools in coordination with the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Garrison at JBLM, and will then own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed schools.

$26.56M Grant awarded on February 28, 2013, to the Hawaii Department of Education, Honolulu, Hawaii – Wheeler Schofield Army Air Field – The Hawaii Department of Education (HiDoE) will manage a $33,200,000 project, consisting of $26,560,000 grant funds and a non-Federal matching share of $6,640,000 from the school district, to renovate and expand the existing Hale Kula Elementary School to serve 970- pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students on Wheeler Schofield Army Air Field. This award will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Hale Kula Elementary School as the ninth school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List). HiDoE will construct the new schools in coordination with the Garrison at Wheeler Schofield, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school.

$1.12M Grant awarded on January 22, 2013, to Muroc Joint Unified School District, North Edwards, California – Edwards Air Force Base – The Muroc Joint Unified School District will manage a $1,406,850 project, consisting of $1,125,480 grant funds and a non-Federal matching share of $281,370, to complete the design plans and specifications to expand and renovate the existing Branch Elementary School to provide a 913-student school on Edwards AFB serving grades K through six. This award will enable the design phase of the project to move forward while the School District continues its efforts, in collaboration with the State of California, to obtain State design approval, finalize firm construction costs and secure matching funds for the construction phase of the project. The project will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Branch (formerly known as Forbes) Elementary School as the eighth school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List).

$35.2M Grant awarded on December 10, 2012, to the Geary County Unified School District #475, Junction City, Kansas – Fort Riley – The Geary County Unified School District # 475 will manage a $41,961,000 project, consisting of $35,247,240 grant funds and a non-Federal matching share of $6,713,760 from the school district, to demolish and replace the existing Fort Riley Middle School with a new 720-student middle school on Fort Riley serving grades six through eight. This award will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Fort Riley Middle School as the seventh school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List). Geary County Unified School District # 475 currently leases land from the Army for its Fort Riley schools, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school.

$18M Grant awarded on December 10, 2012, to the Vernon Parish School District, Leesville, Louisiana – Fort Polk - The Vernon Parish School District will manage a $21,144,931 project, consisting of $18,070,606 grant funds and a non-Federal matching share of $3,074,325, to replace the existing South Fort Polk Elementary School with a new 875-student school on Fort Polk serving grades one through four. This award will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed South Fort Polk Elementary School as the sixth school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List). Vernon Parish School District, through a long-established relationship, leases land from the Army for its Fort Polk schools, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school.

$57.1M – Two Grants awarded on December 10, 2012, to the Sierra Sands Unified School District, Ridgecrest, California – Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake

1. **A $31,634,270 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $7,908,568, for a total $39,542,838 project to demolish and replace the existing Murray Middle School with a new 610- student school serving grades six through eight; and
2. **A $25,527,419 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $6,381,855, for a total $31,909,274 project to renovate and expand the existing 1,461-student Burroughs High School serving grades nine through twelve.

Both schools are located on NAWS China Lake. These awards will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Murray Middle School as the fourth school, and Burroughs High School as the tenth school, on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List). Sierra Sands Unified School District currently leases land from the Navy for its NAWS China Lake schools, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school.

$37.1M Grant awarded on September 14, 2012, to the Lawton Public Schools, Fort Sill, Oklahoma – The Lawton public Schools will manage a $45,215,368 project, consisting of $37,134,368 grant funds, and a non-Federal matching share of $8,081,000 from the school district, to demolish Sheridan Road and Geronimo Road Elementary Schools and replace them with a single new 1400-student Freedom Elementary School on Fort Sill. This award will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Sheridan Road and Geronimo Road Elementary Schools as the third and twelfth schools on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Priority List. Lawton Public Schools currently leases land from the Army for its Fort Sill schools, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school.

$46.4M – Two Grants awarded on June 25, 2012, to the Clover Park School District (CPSD), Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington

1. **A $22,457,440 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $10,490,527 from the State of Washington, for a total $32,947,967 project to demolish and replace the existing Hillside Elementary School with a new 650-student school; and
2. **A $24,028,028 Grant** with a non-Federal matching share of $7,118,527 from the State of Washington, for a total $31,146,555 project to demolish and replace the

existing Carter Lake Elementary School with a new 500-student school.

The CPSD awards will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed the Hillside and Carter Lake Elementary Schools as the second and fifth schools on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. CPSD currently leases land from JBLM for the schools. CPSD will construct the new schools in coordination with the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Garrison at JBLM, and will then own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed schools.

$13.2M Grant awarded on May 14, 2012, to the El Paso Independent School District (EPISD), Fort Bliss, Texas – The EPISD is matching this $13,215,233 grant, with $3,304,000 in non-federal funds, and will manage a $16,519,233 project to renovate portions of the existing Logan Elementary School and expand with new construction to provide for 833 elementary school students grades pre-K through 5. This award will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Logan Elementary School as the first school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense Priority List. EPISD currently leases land from the Army for the school, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school.