

**TITLE IV—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT**  
[Congressionally Directed Spending Items]

Account	Project	Amount	Requester(s)
Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies	Mississippi Barrier Island Restoration	\$439,000,000	Cochran, Wicker
General Provision	Upper Newport Bay, California		Feinstein

**TITLE V—FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**  
[Congressionally Directed Spending Items]

Account	Project	Amount	Requester(s)
General Provision	Amendment to Federal Deposit Insurance Act—Interest rate ceilings		Lincoln

**TITLE VI—HOMELAND SECURITY**  
[Congressionally Directed Spending Items]

Account	Project	Amount	Requester(s)
General Provision	Jones Act Waiver—Drydock ALABAMA, AL		Bonner, Shelby
General Provision	Jones Act Waiver—Vessel MARYLAND INDEPENDENCE, MD		Ruppersberger
General Provision	Communications System, MS		Cochran, Wicker
General Provision	Hurricanes Katrina/Rita—Case Management, MS		Cochran
General Provision	Hurricanes Katrina/Rita—Primary and Secondary School Repair Reimbursement, LA		Landrieu
General Provision	Hurricane Ike—Disaster Assistance Direct Loans, TX		Hutchison
General Provision	Reimbursements for Presidentially Declared Disasters—TX, LA, KY, WV *		Edwards (TX), Culberson, Hutchison, Melancon, Alexander (LA), Landrieu, Vitter, Rogers (KY), Byrd

**TITLE X—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
 [Congressionally Directed Spending Items]

Account	Project	Amount	Requester(s)
Military Construction, Army	Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant Hurricane Damage Repair	\$49,000,000	Cochran, Taylor
Military Construction, Navy	Vision Center of Excellence, Maryland	\$4,052,000	Murray, Boozman, Nye, Walz

**TITLE XII—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
 [Congressionally Directed Spending Items]

Account	Project	Amount	Requester(s)
Federal-aid Highway Program, Emergency Relief	Devils Lake Roads, North Dakota		Dorgan, Conrad

\* Item was neither committed to the conference committee by either House nor in a report of a committee of either House on either bill.

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FY 2009

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1ST DISTRICT, ALABAMA

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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2009

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The Honorable David R. Obey, Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting bill language in the FY10 Homeland Security bill, US Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Interdiction, Operations, Maintenance, and Procurement account for the Drydock ALABAMA relocation clarification.

The entity to benefit from the requested bill language is Atlantic Marine Alabama, LLC., Main Gate, Dunlap Dr., Mobile, AL 36602.

It is my understanding that the language would be used to:

*Create 350 U.S. shipyard jobs without appropriating a single dollar. Atlantic Marine, a company with shipyards in Florida and Alabama (and more recently in Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts), owns the drydock ALABAMA. A drydock is a piece of floating construction equipment used to raise and lower ships. The ALABAMA has been moored at Atlantic Marine's Mobile, Alabama facility for over fifteen years after it was purchased from another U.S. shipyard that acquired it over a quarter of a century ago from a foreign manufacturer.*

*Atlantic Marine is currently constructing three "Jones Act" ships for a Texas-based customer that will use the ships to transport petroleum. The Jones Act requires all "vessels" that move from one point in the U.S. to another to be built in the U.S., as well as crewed and owned by U.S. citizens. To safely launch these ships, Atlantic Marine must move the ship on to the drydock ALABAMA. The drydock containing the newly constructed ship must then be shifted less than 100 yards to an adjacent pier within the shipyard to launch the ship.*

*Unfortunately, Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) recently determined that this incidental movement of a foreign-built drydock within the shipyard violates the Jones Act, leaving the shipyard without a viable method of launching the ships. This interpretation by CBP is clearly not within the commonly understood attributes of the Jones Act. It is debatable whether a drydock is a "vessel", and the determination of moving the drydock from one pier in a shipyard to another pier in the same shipyard constitutes two points in the U.S. is questionable. Indeed, this provision is supported by the maritime labor unions, longstanding supporters of the Jones Act. In addition, the Maritime Cabotage Task Force (MCTF), the organization tasked with supporting and defending the Jones Act, has no objection to this provision.*

*This provision (a Jones Act waiver for the drydock ALABAMA) will create 350 shipyard jobs and the newly constructed Jones Act ships (once launched) will be crewed by 225 U.S. merchant mariners, all without any cost of the taxpayer.*

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any direct and foreseeable financial interest in this request.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the *Congressional Record* describing how the funds will be spent (or language will be used) and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Bonner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Bonner  
Member of Congress

C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER  
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April 3, 2009

The Honorable David R. Obey, Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting language for the Maryland Independence in Fiscal Year 2010. The entity to receive a waiver for this project is the Maryland Independence LLC, located at 2100 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230. This languugae will grant a Jones Act Waiver for the Maryland Independence.

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

  
C.A. Dutch Ruppensberger  
Member of Congress

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CHARLIE MELANCON  
3RD DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
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June 10, 2009

The Honorable David R. Obey, Chairman  
The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding for **Hurricane Gustav and Ike Cost Share increase** in fiscal year 2010.

The entity to receive funding for this project is:  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
500 C St SW  
Washington, DC 20472

The funding would be used for **increase in the federal cost share for Section 406 and 407 activities after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike**.

**I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Melancon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charlie" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Melancon".

Charlie Melancon  
Member of Congress

**RODNEY ALEXANDER**  
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**Congress of the United States**  
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June 10, 2009

The Honorable David R. Obey, Chairman  
The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding for Hurricane Ike Disaster Relief in fiscal year 2010.

The one-hundred percent federal cost share would be beneficial to individuals and businesses that were affected by Hurricane Ike.

**I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney Alexander".

Rodney Alexander  
Member of Congress

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May 30, 2009

The Honorable David Obey  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-218 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am requesting provisions be included in the FY09 Emergency Supplemental Conference Report to alter Sections 403, 406, & 407 of the Stafford Act as it pertains to the federally declared disaster FEMA-1841-DR. The entities to receive funding include the Commonwealth of Kentucky and fiscal courts of Ballard, Breathitt, Carlisle, Clay, Crittenden, Floyd, Grayson, Hickman, Jackson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Madison, Magoffin, Marshall, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Russell, and Trigg Counties. The cost share provisions will assist debris removal, emergency response, repair, and restoration activities following severe mudslides, thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harold Rogers".  
HAROLD ROGERS  
Member of Congress

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC**

June 2, 2009

The Honorable David R. Obey, Chairman  
The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

**I am requesting 100 percent Federal cost share of FEMA Public Assistance in response to Hurricane Ike and an extension of the 100 percent Federal cost share for debris removal and emergency work.**

The entity to receive funding for these projects is: **The State of Texas.**

**The funding would be used by FEMA for public assistance projects in Categories A-G to those areas affected by Hurricane Ike.**

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Chet Edwards  
Member of Congress

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June 4, 2009

The Honorable David Obey  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
H-218, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting that language be included in the FY2010 Supplemental Appropriations bill for Hurricane Ike relief. The entity to receive funding for this request includes the State of Texas and cities and counties in areas affected by Hurricane Ike. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for debris removal, Stafford Act eligible projects, and Community Development Block Grant eligible projects. *I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.*

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the *Congressional Record* describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

John Culberson  
Member of Congress

JOHN BOOZMAN

3RD DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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June 2, 2009

The Honorable Chet Edwards  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Military Construction & VA  
House Appropriations Committee  
Room H-143, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zach Wamp  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Military Construction & VA  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-143, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Edwards and Ranking Member Wamp,

I am requesting that you keep the Senate level funding of \$4,053,000 for the Vision Center of Excellence in the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Department of Defense and the funding would be used to renovate identified space at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

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Sincerely,



John Boozman  
Member of Congress

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June 4, 2009

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I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Glenn Nye  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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4TH DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI

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June 2, 2009

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Chairman  
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Room 218, The Capitol  
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Room 218, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am writing to request the inclusion of \$49 million for hurricane damage repair to the Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant (MSAAP) in the FY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report. The entity to receive this funding for these repairs is the Department of the Army. The MSAAP facility is located in Hancock County, Mississippi. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely,

  
GENE TAYLOR  
Member of Congress

GT:sp

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June 4, 2009

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Walz". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Tim Walz  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS