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Addressing Welding Shortage

Awardee: Jefferson Davis Community College

Federal ID#: 63-0502384

Awardee Contact: Catherine L. Packer-Williams

Telephone: 251-809-1500

County: Escambia

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	52.54%
Other Public Investment	\$135,505	47.46%
Total	\$285,505	100.00%

Description: The College will take maintenance and storage facilities that are currently fitted with a classroom and acceptable restroom facilities, and convert it for use as a welding program

Benefits: The need for more and better welders has been a common thread in preliminary discussions with local industries, from across the region. The program at JDCC will provide a steady stream of qualified welders to companies across southern and southwestern Alabama. Furthermore, this program will help increase the number of local students who have certificates in a needed trade.

Demopolis Truck Driving School

Awardee: Demopolis Industrial Development Board

Federal ID#: 63-0655018

Awardee Contact: Diane Brooker

Telephone: 334-289-6511

County: Marengo

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	60.00%
Other Public Investment	\$100,000	40.00%
Total	\$250,000	100.00%

Description: Construction of a new driving range in the South Industrial Park in Demopolis that meets new federal regulations of a 240' by 500' driving range. The IDB has deeded six acres to Shelton State Community College for the placement of the driving range.

Benefits/Outcomes: The construction of the new driving range will allow the truck driving school in Demopolis to train twice as many students. These students will leave the program with their CDL and will be immediately employable. The program anticipates training forty students a year. The expansion of the program will lead to an additional teaching position.

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Hudson Branch Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements

Awardee: City of Monroeville

Federal ID#: 63-6001319

Awardee Contact: Mike Kennedy

Telephone: 251-575-2081

County: Monroe

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$155,500	75.00%
Other Public Investment	\$52,000	25.00%
Total	\$207,500	100.00%

Description: The City of Monroeville received a draft consent order for discharge violations at the Hudson Branch WWTP. The City exceeded permitted limits of Nitrogen as Ammonia.

Benefits: Approximately 400 households or 1,160 individuals will benefit from these improvements. The improvements will lead to Alabama Department of Environmental Quality lifting its consent order. The City will be in compliance and will not face fines or litigation. The WWTP will operate more effectively.

Lowndes Sewer Improvements

Awardee: Lowndes County Commission

Federal ID#: 63-6001613

Awardee Contact: Tiffany Horton

Telephone: 334-548-2331

County: Lowndes

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$45,316	100.00%
Total	\$45,316	100.00%

Description: This project will rehabilitate the Industrial Park sewer lift station and replace a pump at the Judge Road lift station. The Industrial Park sewer lift station is currently completely out of service. The station is being served by an emergency pump. As a result, a key employer (Daehan) is experiencing sewer problems within its plant such as slow running drains and toilets.

Benefits/Outcomes: The project will provide for the creation of 17 jobs within two years of completion. The commitment of these jobs has been certified by the president of Daehan Solution.

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Improvements to the City of Jackson ID Building

Awardee: City of Jackson

Federal ID#: 63-6001300

Awardee Contact: Richard Long

Telephone: 251-246-2461

County: Clarke

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$206,000	2.51%
Private Capital Investment	\$8,000,000	97.49%
Total	\$206,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to renovate a building for use by iSpice. Jackson has begun work on an additional \$1,400,000 worth of upgrades to the facility.

Benefits/Outcomes: The benefits of this DRA investment include the creation of 60 jobs in Clarke County, which has an unemployment rate of 13.7%. The new jobs will lead to more disposable income in the county, which will result in higher tax revenues. The outcome of the project will be a facility approved for food production which iSpice will use to fulfill its contracts.

Eufaula Hotel Site Infrastructure

Awardee: City of Eufaula

Federal ID#: 63-6001249

Awardee Contact: Jack B. Tibbs

Telephone: 334-688-2030

County: Barbour

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$49,350	31.40%
Private Capital Investment	\$1,500,000	68.60%
Total	\$1,549,350	100.00%

Description: Funding will be used to install water meter vaults to provide heavy-duty housing for water meters and valves connecting to the development site of a Hampton Inn hotel in southern Eufaula by RAM Eufaula Hospitality, LLC. More specifically, as well as backflow preventers for system safety.

Benefits/Outcomes: The most direct benefit of the proposed project is the creation of 22 full-time jobs through the implementation of the project. The proposed Hampton Inn requires the availability of reliable infrastructure in order to provide quality services to its clientele. The jobs created will enhance the local economy through the payment of competitive wages and benefits.

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Wayne Foods Industrial Access and Site Preparation

Awardee: Bullock County Commission

Federal ID#: 63-6001427

Awardee Contact: Ashton Estes

Telephone: 334-244-6903

County: Bullock

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$177,916	87.73%
Other Public Investment	\$24,876	12.27%
Total	\$202,792	100.00%

Description: The Bullock County Commission will repave approximately one mile of an existing industrial access road (Greenwood Avenue) and provide site preparation of a new parking lot, both of which will accommodate Wayne Farms, LLC, an existing business that supplies food products to a number of local restaurants located in the City of Union Springs.

Benefits/Outcomes: (1) 900 retained jobs; (2) \$12,438 private sector investment; (3) improved county infrastructure; and (4) overall improved quality of life. Opportunities to be provided by the successful implementation of this project will generate a tremendous positive impact on the city and county.

Pop Start Business Incubator

Awardee: Coleman Center

Federal ID#: 63-0844429

Awardee Contact: Nathan Purath

Telephone: 205-392-2005

County: Sumnter

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$80,000	14.925%
Other Public Investment	\$456,000	85.074%
Total	\$536,000	100.00%

Description: Pop Start facility will be a flexible space that can house up to eight business client and showcase Pop Start merchandise made by area creative entrepreneurs, host creative projects and community meetings, house Pop Start staff, and offer technologically viable public space.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will create direct jobs for the incubator staff and participants including a full time manager, 2 part time employees, and 8 to 12 rotating small businesses in incubation at any given time; create temporary construction jobs through renovation of the facility; and create economic activity in York and surrounding area.

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University of Alabama Training and Innovating Delta Entrepreneurs

Awardee: University of Alabama

Federal ID#: 63-6001138

Awardee Contact: Cynthia Hope

Telephone: 205-722-5170

County: Tuscaloosa

Congressional District: 1, 2, 3, & 7

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	90.09%
Other Public Investment	\$10,000	9.91%
Total	\$110,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funding will allow AERN to identify and connect entrepreneur support organizations in the local regions and serve as a catalyst for engaging new entrepreneurs and the business community with academia, local leaders and funding opportunities.

Benefits/Outcomes: Through the implementation of this project, AERN will identify and partner with business-centric agencies and/or business incubators in 7 new Delta counties by establishing business resource centers in these agencies. In addition, 13 existing resource centers in Delta counties will be updated with new technology and resources.

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City of Brewton Gas Line Relocation

Awardee: City of Brewton

Federal ID#: 63-6001208

Awardee Contact: Yank Lovelace

Phone: 251-867-8081

County: Escambia

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$206,000	18.05%
Applicant	\$935,000	81.95%
Total	\$1,141,000	100.00%

Description: With funding from the Delta Regional Authority, the city of Brewton will, for safety reasons, relocate a gas pipeline first installed in 1955.

Benefits: The benefits to the residents of Brewton will be a safer community, as the current gas line poses an imminent safety risk to the citizens.

Ace Tech

Awardee: Bullock County Development Authority

Federal ID#: 63-0817007

Awardee Contact: Ashton Estes

Phone: 334-244-6903

County: Bullock

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$180,000	100.00%
Total	\$180,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funding shall be used to replace the roof of a facility owned by Bullock County Development Authority, which is home to Ace Tech, an automotive supplier.

Benefits: The proposed activities will have a significant impact on the ability of the company to grow and expand. Without the proposed repairs, Ace Tech would have no other option than to relocate. The economic impact of such a loss would be detrimental to Bullock County and the city of Union Springs.

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City of Camden Sewer

Awardee: City of Camden

Federal ID#: 63-6001215

Awardee Contact: Max Baggett

Phone: 334-682-4603

County: Wilcox

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$246,147	100.00%
Total	\$246,147	100.00%

Description: DRA emergency funds were used for wastewater repairs to stop raw sewage from entering the environment.

Benefits: The health hazards associated with the raw sewage being released into the open will be alleviated. The residents of Camden will no longer be exposed to the health risks posed by this situation.

City of Selma Interpretive Center

Awardee: City of Selma

Federal ID#: 63-6001362

Awardee Contact: George Evans

Phone: 334-874-2111

County: Dallas

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	9.09%
Applicant	\$300,000	18.18%
FHWA	\$1,200,000	72.73%
Total	\$1,650,000	100.00%

Description: The currently unoccupied second and third floors of the Selma Interpretive Center have had minimal structural repairs, but not full rehabilitation. Proposed construction activities will install an elevator for accessibility and other improvements to allow expansion of the Center to these floors.

Benefits: The city of Selma will benefit from the Center's expansion due to an expected increase in the number of visitors. The increase in visitors will lead to more tax dollars coming to the community.

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Phenix City Wastewater Plant Improvements

Awardee: City of Phenix

Federal ID#: 63-6001343

Awardee Contact: Eddie Lowe

Phone: 334-448-2727

County: Russell

Congressional District: 3

Funding:

DRA	\$143,480	79.72%
Applicant	\$36,500	20.28%
Total	\$179,980	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used by the City of Phenix to install a new gas scrubbing system. The system is one part of a consent order with 21 different items listed.

Benefits: Ammonia and nitrogen levels in discharged water will decrease to permitted levels, protecting the health of the citizens of Phenix City and the Chattahoochee River system. Additionally, it will ensure that 951 existing manufacturing jobs will remain in Phenix City.

Wilcox IDA GD Copper USA Phase 3

Awardee: Wilcox County Industrial Development Board

Federal ID#: 61-1216796

Awardee Contact: Floyd Harris

Phone: 334-412-9643

County: Wilcox

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$188,048	100.00%
Total	\$188,048	100.00%

Description: The Wilcox County Industrial Development Authority has arranged interim financing to exercise their purchase option. DRA funding will be the final part of an overall three-year \$800,000 project investment for land purchase.

Benefits: The DRA investment helped to secure GD Copper USA's capital investment of \$100 million for the facility and an annual payroll estimated at \$10 million. There are 1,000 construction jobs expected during the 15-month construction period and 300 new full-time jobs to be created.

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Workforce Training to Reduce Recidivism in Alabama Black Belt Project

Awardee: Sumter County Commission

Federal ID#: 63-6001701

Awardee Contact: Marcus Campbell

Telephone: 205-499-6015

County: Sumter, AL

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$93,500	98.94%
Applicant	\$1,000	1.06%
Total	\$94,500	100.00%

Description: This phase of work will allow for a safe, handicapped-accessible training area that will serve the programmatic functions of this job training project, as well as future workforce, economic development, and community/civic initiatives.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will directly benefit 24 first time and non-violent offenders and other adults by providing the training facility to facilitate ongoing instruction, as well as economic development and community and civic meeting space.

University of West Alabama Foundation Automotive Technician Certification

Awardee: University of West Alabama Foundation

Federal ID#: 63-1074127

Awardee Contact: Richard Holland

Telephone: 205-652-5522

County: Sumter, AL

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$93,500	91.00%
Applicant	\$10,000	9.00%
Total	\$103,500	100.00%

Description: The Department of Computer Information Systems and Technology (CIST) of the University of West Alabama (UWA) College of Business has developed a new “Short-term Certification for Automotive Technician” program to service the workforce needs of the automotive industry.

Benefits/Outcomes: One academic year of training or 27 hours with 3 courses per semester.

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Fort Deposit Industrial Access Improvements

Awardee: Town of Fort Deposit

Federal ID#: 63-6001262

Awardee Contact: Fletcher Fountain

Telephone: 334-227-4841

County: Lowndes, AL

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$300,000	91.00%
Local	\$32,700	9.00%
Total	\$332,700	100.00%

Description: The project will improve an industrial access road to serve a new industry locating near the site. Specifically this includes resurfacing approximately one mile of the existing industrial access road known as Benco Industrial Drive.

Benefits/Outcomes: The location of this new industry will have short- and long-term benefits. This project will provide an improved industrial access road to immediately serve a new industry resulting in \$2.5 million in private investment and 120 new jobs for area residents.

Mosses Sewer Expansion

Awardee: Town of Mosses

Federal ID#: 63-0815896

Awardee Contact: Walter Hill

Telephone: 334-563-9141

County: Lowndes, AL

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$15,000	100.00%
Total	\$15,000	100.00%

Description: The proposed project will expand municipal sewer service to approximately 67 houses and 165 low-income families in the Town of Mosses. Specifically, this includes construction of 5,500 linear feet of two-inch PVC sewer force main, 67 STEP Assemble systems, 67 sewer connections, 67 septic tank abandonments, associated electrical work, and grassing and mulching.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will directly impact the health and welfare of 67 households and approximately 165 low-income persons based on surveys in the project area. This project will give the beneficiaries the opportunity to abandon their failing septic systems or, in some cases, have a sewer system for the first time.

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Phenix City Wastewater Plant Improvements

Awardee: City of Phenix

Federal ID#: 63-6001343

Awardee Contact: Eddie Lowe

Telephone: 334-448-2727

County: Russell, AL

Congressional District: 3

Funding:

DRA	\$144,500	68.00%
Other	\$70,000	32.00%
Total	\$214,500	100.00%

Description: The Phenix City Riverfront Hotel Infrastructure and Site Preparation Project will result in new infrastructure to support redevelopment of vacant riverfront property. It will further the City's goal to revitalize the Chattahoochee Riverfront, bring new jobs to the area, and allow the City to capitalize on the expected economic boon of the new urban whitewater rafting course.

Benefits/Outcomes: As a result of the Phenix City Riverfront Hotel Infrastructure and Site Preparation Project the following benefits will be derived: (1) Existing sewer and drainage infrastructure will be relocated to allow the development of two acres of vacant property along the Chattahoochee River in Phenix City. (2) The Phenix City Downtown Redevelopment Authority and Ram Riverfront Hospitality LCC will construct an \$11 million, four-story, 99-room Courtyard Marriott Hotel, creating 36 permanent new full-time jobs with the potential of 20 additional part-time jobs.

Wilcox GD Copper USA

Awardee: Wilcox County Development Board

Federal ID#: 20-5243306

Awardee Contact: Floyd Harris

Telephone: 334-682-4219

County: Wilcox, AL

Congressional District: 7

Funding:

DRA	\$311,952	100.00%
Total	\$311,952	100.00%

Description: The Wilcox County Industrial Development Authority purchased the land along Wilcox County Road 27 (Leroy Randolph Road). The project is located in West Wilcox County. The \$311,952 request will go toward the purchase of land along with the first DRA investment award.

Benefits/Outcomes: The Company's capital investment is \$100,000,000 for the facility and annual payroll estimated at \$10,000,000. There will be 1,000 construction jobs during the construction period. There will be 300 new jobs created with an estimated \$10,000,000 payroll.

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