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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

January 19, 2010

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Sheriff Richard Wiles  
County Sheriff  
El Paso County  
3850 Justice Road  
El Paso, TX 79938-7472

Dear Sheriff Wiles:

I hope this letter finds you and the community you serve thriving in this New Year. It has been a privilege to work with you on issues of common concern over the past year and I eagerly look forward to working with you in the year ahead to meet the needs of our shared constituency. With this objective in mind I am contacting you to announce the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations cycle.

It will be a competitive process thoroughly vetted by myself, my staff, and the House Committee on Appropriations. The process for submitting project requests for FY11 will include the following. We will begin accepting project requests in January 2011 – as soon as you can prepare them. You may contact our office to receive an electronic copy of the form that you will have to complete and return to us via computer, but not by fax or letter. You may of course call our office to confirm your request's receipt. The absolute final deadline for submission of project requests to our office is Friday, February 19, 2010 by close of business. Late submissions will make it impossible for me and my staff to thoroughly review the high and increasing volume of requests we receive. In order to be fair to everyone, it is imperative that each requestor adhere to the deadline.

I want to stress that my office receives a very high volume of requests and the process for receiving funding is extremely competitive. Submitting a request does not ensure that even the worthiest of projects will receive funding. Additionally, some spending bills are funded at much higher levels than others, making their accounts the most competitive funding sources too. In the federal appropriations process less than two percent of all project requests are funded. Especially in light of our nation's lingering economic woes and fiscal difficulties, the FY11 cycle may be subject to additional funding restrictions. For this reason I continue to urge elected officials and community leaders to be aggressive about applying for local, state, and federal grants throughout the year. As you know the wider we cast our net, the likelihood of meritorious projects being funded increases substantially. Use my office as a resource for guidance about federal grant opportunities.

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6363 DEZAVALA ROAD, SUITE 105  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78249  
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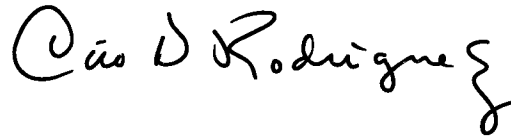
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100 SOUTH MONROE  
EAGLE PASS, TX 78852  
(830) 757-8398 TEL  
(830) 752-1893 FAX

**FORT STOCKTON DISTRICT OFFICE**  
103 WEST CALLAGHAN  
FORT STOCKTON, TX 79735  
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(432) 336-3961 FAX

Communities in my district have seen demonstrable improvements as a result of past projects funded through the appropriations process. The most recent FY10 appropriations cycle was completed in December and many tangible benefits are forthcoming as funds are disbursed for projects across the 23<sup>rd</sup> congressional district. I assure you that I will work very hard through the appropriations process to deliver the vital resources our district requires.

If you have any questions on matters related to appropriations, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff. Depending on the nature of your request and its corresponding spending bill, a designated staff person will be able to field your general inquiries about the process. Call my office, (202) 225-4511, should you need assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ciro D. Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

Ciro D. Rodriguez  
Member of Congress

P.S. Please visit my website at <http://rodriguez.house.gov> where you can find updates on many important issues and sign up for my periodic email newsletter.

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## Congressman Silvestre Reyes

### FY 2011 Appropriations Submission Instructions and Questionnaire

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**If you are seeking projects under the jurisdiction of the Defense Subcommittee or the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, please contact Julie Turner Merberg to obtain an additional questionnaire. Julie can be reached at (202) 225-4831.**

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**Submission Instructions:** Please hand-deliver the completed packet to the **Congressman's DC office or El Paso office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010.** Additionally, please email a copy of the completed questionnaire **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010** to [TX16Appropriations@mail.house.gov](mailto:TX16Appropriations@mail.house.gov). Note: **Multiple requests MUST be submitted separately, each with a completed questionnaire.**

**I. Attach to completed questionnaire:**

- Letter of request
- Requested budget documentation
- Support letters
- Any additional documents to support your request

**II. Hand-deliver the questionnaire packet:**

- Staple letter of request to top of questionnaire
- In the lower left corner of the envelope clearly write **"FY 2011 Appropriations"**
- **Deliver envelope to:**

Congressman Silvestre Reyes	or	Congressman Silvestre Reyes
310 N. Mesa		2433 Rayburn Building
Suite 400		Washington, DC 20515
El Paso, Texas 79901		
- **Please submit the completed packet to the El Paso office or the DC office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010.**

**III. Email a copy of the questionnaire (without supporting materials):**

- Email **only** a copy of the completed questionnaire to:  
[TX16Appropriations@mail.house.gov](mailto:TX16Appropriations@mail.house.gov)
- Questionnaires should be in MS Word format (**not pdf**)
- In the body of the email, please note the organization, name of project, and the Appropriations Subcommittee in which you are seeking funding.
- **Please email the submissions by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010.**

Please feel free to contact Luis Torres if you have any questions or need additional information. Luis can be reached at (202) 225-4831 or [luis.torres@mail.house.gov](mailto:luis.torres@mail.house.gov).

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**ACCORDINGLY:** Please mark N/A to all questions that are not applicable to your request and do not omit any questions; only fully completed questionnaires will be considered.

**Information on Organization**

1. **Name of organization requesting funding:** El Paso County Sheriff's Office
2. **If the potential recipient is a school, please provide the name and location of the school district in which the school is located:** N/A
3. **Address of organization:**  
3850 Justice Drive  
El Paso, TX 79938
4. **Name of contact person at organization. Please also include the contact person's title, office and cell telephone numbers, and email address:**  
Richard D. Wiles  
Sheriff  
(915) 538-2006  
rwiles@epcounty.com
5. **Briefly describe the organization and its main activities: (please limit response to 4-5 sentences)**  

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) is a full service agency providing law enforcement and detention services to the El Paso County, Texas. The EPCSO is committed to serve with pride 1) to protect lives, property, and the rights of the citizens of El Paso County, 2) maintain order, 3) enforce the law impartially, and 4) to provide quality police service in partnership with other members of the community. To fulfill our mission, the EPCSO strives to attain the highest degree of ethical behavior and professional conduct at all times. The EPCSO's employs 253 sworn peace officers, 613 Detention Officers, and 210 civilian support personnel. The employees are assigned to either the Detention Services Bureau or the Law Enforcement Bureau.
6. **If represented by a lobbyist or organization, provide name of contact person, name of organization (if applicable), address, phone number, and email address:**
7. **Does your organization have non-profit status? If so, please attach proof of your IRS tax-exempt status.** N/A

**Information on Project**

1. **Name of your project:** Border Security Initiative for El Paso County
2. **Amount you are requesting:** FY 2011 in the amount of \$1,006,168.00
3. **Please note the appropriations bill or agency, if known, from which you are seeking funding:** Department of Homeland Security.
4. **Account or section within the above appropriations bill from which you are seeking funding:** Aid to Local Governments
5. **Brief description of the project:**  
 The growth in El Paso County from the expansion of Ft. Bliss and BRAC (Base Realignment And Closure) has meant new neighborhoods with more people and increased crime. The criminal element has become sophisticated together with increased counter-intelligence. The ability to track and gather intelligence has become increasingly difficult. The potential “violence spillover” from Juarez, Mexico into the US is a reality. Therefore, the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office request is for technology equipment for law enforcement is essential and warranted in order to avoid a potentially dangerous situation.
6. **In which local governmental jurisdiction(s) will the project be employed:**  
 El Paso County
7. **Total project cost:** \$1,006,168.00
8. **Is this a single or multiple year request?** This is a single year request.
9. **Please indicate what percentage of the total requested funding will be used for administrative costs:** -0-%
10. **Specific purpose for the funds:**

Radio and Accessories	Server Appliance for GPS to track and report incidents. Vendor: INMOTION Technology Inc., onboard Mobility Manager Core (license calculated for 200 oMGs) one @ \$26,500.00 each and (100 units) of an ONBOARD Mobile Gateway, GPS module, wireless communication gateway, integration hub for peripheral devices (MCT, Laptop, video, finger ID system, auto LPR recognition) @\$13,157.85 ea.	\$342,285.00
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Radio and Accessories	COUNTY 911 DISPATCH: Motorola Gold Elite Radio Consoles two (2) @ \$42,000.00 ea. = \$84,000.00; Motorola Case Radios (20) @ \$2,000.00 ea. = \$40,000.00; Motorola P25 Ready Unit Radios (40) @ \$3,500.00 ea. = \$140,000.00; Motorola P25 Ready Mobile Radios (40) @ \$2,500.00 ea. = \$100,000.00	\$364,000.00
Surveillance Equipment and Accessories	EPCSO PATROL: License Plate Readers (LPR) avg. price is between \$25,000-\$29,000 which will include installation & training. LPR consist of the system which includes all necessary hardware, software & computerized control center. Two (2) at \$30,000.00 each. For use by Patrol, Special Operations, Taskforce, Strike Team, and Search & Rescue Team. The goal is to identify arrest and prosecute individuals involved in criminal enterprise, drug smuggling, drug transportation/distribution, gang activity, and other serious criminal activity along the Texas border. Will improve and facilitate the exchange of information and system interoperability within and across jurisdictional boundaries.	\$60,000.00
Automated Fingerprint Information System (AFIS)	Mobile two-finger fast ID systems in EPCSO PATROL vehicle for immediate positive identification of suspected individuals allowing for the interface with AFIS application: SRAP 1100W0-0 RapdID MR1100W @ \$3,438.30 each x 25 patrol units = \$85,957.50.	\$85,958.00
Desktop System and Accessories	EPCSO Computers for Forensics: (2) Dell Desktop Computers @ \$10,000 ea. = \$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Desktop System and Accessories	EPCSO: ICS Forensics Equipment (2) ImageMASter Solo – 4 Forensic with adapters & accessories @ \$3,240 ea. = \$6,480 (3) Super DriveLock @ \$1,000 ea. = \$3,000; (3) Write Protect Card Reader @\$75 ea. = \$225; (1) WipeMASter @ \$2,600 ea. = \$2,600.	\$12,305.00
Stand-Alone Computer Software	EPCSO Forensics: (3) Microsoft Works 9 @ 40 ea. - \$120; (3) Corel WordPerfect Office x4 Pro @ \$400 ea. = \$1200; (3) Corel WinDVD 2010 @ \$100 ea. = \$300; (3) Corel Digital Studio 2010 @\$100 ea. = \$300; (2) Adobe Creative Suite 4 (CS4) Master Collection @ \$2,500 ea. = \$5,000.	\$6,920.00

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Laptop System and Accessories	EPCSO Forensic Laptop Computers (2) Dell Laptops @ \$3,000 ea. = \$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Specialized Computer Software	EPCSO Specialized Computer Software for EPCSO Forensics and Licenses=ENCASE Forensic software license and technical support; (4) licenses @ \$6,000=\$24,000. FTK software for forensics & technical support, (4) licenses @ \$5,000 ea. = \$20,000. E-Fence Helix Forensic software & support; (2) licenses @ \$250 ea. = \$500. Training for ENCASE Forensic software @ \$10,000 for two users, training for FTK Forensic software @10,000 for three users. Training for E-Fence Helix forensic software @ \$1,000 for two users.	\$65,500.00
Network Server System and Accessories	EPCSO Forensic Dell Server & Array for storage of forensics @ \$40,000 (13 Tera Byte Array to house forensic evidence.	\$40,000.00
Network Server System and Accessories	EPCSO: Hard drives for Forensics: (20) Hitachi Deskstar HD32000 idk/7k @ \$160 ea. = \$3,200	\$3,200.00

11. **Has this project received any federal funding in the past? If so, please list the amount of funding received, the year(s) it was received, and the appropriations bill and account from which the funding was received:** This request has not been federally funded.
  
12. **Please note if the project is in the President’s Budget. If so, what is the amount and in what account is it located?** The President’s budget awards grants to local governments to support a broad range of activities that prevent and control crime under Aid to Local Governments for law enforcement agencies.
  
13. **Has this project received state or local funding? If so, please list funding amounts, years, and sources:** N/A
  
14. **Please indicate how this project will be sustained once federal funding is no longer available.** This project can be potentially sustained with available forfeiture funds.
  
15. **Most federal funding requires non-federal matching funds. Does this request have a funding match from a non-federal source? If so, please include a detailed breakdown.** N/A

**16. Would there be significant local, state, and/or national outcomes from this project? Detail why this is a federal responsibility and if the project is eligible to receive federal funding:**

Border Security is a multi-dimensional problem that threatens both the safety of the citizens of El Paso County and the security of our nation. The primary goal is to protect the community and citizens of El Paso County through the reduction of crime with El Paso County and along the US border. Law enforcement efforts are essential and warranted in order to avoid a potential dangerous situation.

**17. Has the project failed to gain public funding in the past? If so, what requests were denied, when, why, and how has the project proposal been modified since the last application?**

In April-May of 2009, the EPCSO applied to the US Department of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2009 Solicitation, Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the US:

**Category I:** COMBATING CRIMINAL NARCOTICS ACTIVITY ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER (GMS 2009-F-6810-TX-SS); denied because project focused on equipment and not jobs.

**Category II:** ENHANCING SOUTHERN BORDER JAILS, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, AND DETENTION OPERATIONS (GMS#2009-F4126-TX-SS); denied because no link of the request and measurable objectives.

**Category III:** IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR CORRECTIONAL CLIENTS; denied because the proposal did not provide the potential to break new ground or provide promising practices to national audience.

**18. Please include information about local support and/or opposition (particularly other Members of Congress and/or U.S. Senators). The names, addresses, email, and phone numbers of supporters/organizations would be appreciated. Additionally, please provide a list of entities that will or potentially will partner with your organization on this project: El Paso County.**

**19. Has another Member of the U.S. House of Representatives or a Member of the United States Senate agreed to submit your request for funding? If so, please provide name and contact information: No.**

**20. Are there additional materials to accompany this questionnaire? If so, please briefly describe:**

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011  
OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ  
DEADLINE: February 26, 2010**

Date submitted:

Organization Name, Address: **El Paso County Sheriff's Office  
3850 Justice Drive  
El Paso, TX 79938**

Local Contact Name, Mailing Address, Phone, Fax, Email address:

**Richard D. Wiles, Sheriff  
3850 Justice Drive  
El Paso, TX 79938  
(915) 538-2028  
rwiles@epcounty.com**

DC Point of Contact Name, Mailing Address, Phone, Fax Email address in Washington, DC (If applicable):

**Congressman Ciro D. Rodriquez  
Jennifer Romero  
2351 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
P: (202) 225-4511  
F: (202) 225-2237**

Official Project Title: **El Paso County Sheriff's Office Border Security Initiative**

City and County in Texas: **El Paso City and El Paso County, Texas**

Is the potential recipient of funding a for-profit or a non-profit entity? *Local government.*

Project description (**Provide a concise descriptive paragraph in 250 words or less**):

**The El Paso County area has long been labeled as the main corridor of drug and human smuggling into the U.S. and is one of the primary areas in which large amounts of money and high caliber weapons are smuggled south into Mexico. The criminal element has become sophisticated with major drug organizations along the U.S. border and together with increased counter intelligence capabilities, any intelligence gathered quickly becomes outdated causing safety concerns for the public as well as for law enforcement. The ability to track and gather intelligence has become difficult when cartels have more sophisticated equipment than our local law enforcement agencies. Our law enforcement agencies need to be equipped to combat dangerous cartel members and provide staff with up-to-date resources and technology. Therefore, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office is requesting law enforcement equipment to provide the necessary support for Deputy's involved in the investigation of violent crimes and/or organized crime to ensure complete and thorough investigations to conduct and gather adequate evidence to prosecute cases.**



Is there any local or state funding support for this project or activity? Please explain.

**There is no local or state funding support for this project.**

Describe total project cost and full financing plan for project, include a detailed budget.

Video Camera/Recorder and Accessories	Cameras and Monitors for EPCSO Downtown DETENTION Facility and Jail Annex 30 cameras (15 for ea. Facility) @ \$1,893.34 each and 8 (4 monitors for ea. facility) monitors @ \$400 to include wiring = \$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
X-Ray Machine	Enhanced Explosive Detection Detector for two Detention Facilities @ \$29,046 each.	\$58,092.00
Bullet Resistant Glass Doors	\$250,000 each @ 2 for each Detention Facilities	\$500,000.00
Metal Detector	ADA Compliant Detector for 2 Detention Facilities @ \$2,600 each.	\$5,200.00
Drug Sniffer Machine	Hand held drug sniffer machine for 2 Detention Facilities @ \$28,000 each.	\$56,000.00
Video Conferencing for Courts	\$46,177.33 ea. for 12 County Courts to video tape inmates from the Jail Annex on Montana Ave, over 15 miles away from the downtown Court House(s).	\$554,080.00

Where will the project funding efforts/services be conducted or performed?

**Our law enforcement efforts are in El Paso County where there are numerous incorporated and unincorporated townships and communities. The incorporated communities are the City of El Paso, Anthony, City of Socorro, the Town of Clint, the City of Horizon, the Village of Vinton and El Paso County. The unincorporated communities are Canutillo, Fabens, San Elizario and Tornillo.**

Number of work phases completed to date? Please elaborate.

**During FY 2010, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office will utilize the requested equipment for our two Detention facilities.**

A number of agencies require recipients to provide matching funds associated with an earmark. Is your organization able to comply with a percentage matching requirement? An inability to fulfill matching requirements may precludes the ability to receive earmark funds.

**Yes, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office can supplement funds and has the capacity to provide matching funds.**

**Disclosure:**

Do you or your organization have any financial, business or other relationship with Congressman Rodriguez, members of his family or any member of his congressional or campaign staff? If so, please provide an explanation and the details of this relationship.

**The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is not aware of any financial, business or relationship with Congressman Ciro Rodriquez, members of his family or any member of his congressional or campaign staff.**

**Letter of support**