



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Congressman Tom Latham, Iowa - 04**  
**Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Member Project Requests**

In accordance with the policies put forth by the House Appropriations Committee, I would like to share with you some information regarding the projects that I have submitted for consideration in the FY2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

**Project Name:** Ames Emergency Operations Center & City Hall Renovation

**Amount Requested:** \$600,000

**Account:** Homeland Security State and Local Programs/Emergency Operations Center

**Recipient:** City of Ames, Iowa

**Recipient's Street Address:** 515 Clark Avenue Ames, IA 50010

**Description:** This is a renovation of the current Ames Communications Center & the expansion of the Emergency Operations Center. It is necessary to accommodate the updated incident command practices --in cases of both natural disasters and man-made incidents. Local emergency operations centers are critical components in the nation's emergency network. The Ames, Ia. Center is particularly important as it is located in an important agriculture production region that is crucial to the nation's food supply; the Ames Emergency Operations Center is also located near the National Animal Disease Center, an important player in any agro-terrorism incident. Given the significance of the threat of agro-terrorism, it is important that this Center be as up-to-date as possible in its operating capacity.

**Project Name:** National Center of Excellence in Critical Infrastructure Protection

**Amount Requested:** \$700,000

**Account:** Homeland Security

**Recipient:** Iowa State University

**Recipient's Street Address:** 1750 Beardshear Hall Ames, IA 50011

**Description:** The National Center of Excellence in Critical Infrastructure Protection is a project aimed at protecting critical electric infrastructures against both cyber and physical threats through research and test-bed development of systems to monitor & provide cyber defense. Protection of critical infrastructure research in connection with DHS is the purpose of the project. Critical infrastructure protection, in general, has been a key national security goal since 9-11 and the creation of DHS. A central component of the nation's infrastructure is the electrical grid; in turn, new and state-of-the-art methods of protecting the grid are essential. Funding for this project moves DHS toward its goal of more thorough infrastructure protection.