

**Project Name:**

Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator, Campus Modernization and Expansion

**Recipient:**

FISTA Trust Development Authority, Lawton Fort Sill, OK

**Address:**

200 SW C. Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501

**Amount Requested:**

\$2,202,626

**Project Explanation:**

The U.S. Army Futures Command, with components based at Fort Sill, has a need for support from both the community and academic intuitions to provide technical innovation, training, higher education, and to sponsor and grow research and development entities in science and technology outside the base. Recognizing the opportunity for economic growth, the citizens of Lawton responded by forming the Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator (FISTA).

The funds would be entirely directed to the build out of the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) and be obligated immediately. Construction and expansion of the facility has been continuous since the acquisition of the facility. The buildout of the SCIF would provide new needed capabilities to companies as well as the government, as they work with and meet with contractors on sensitive projects that are important to our national security.

The work that would be done within the SCIF would be focused on modernization and integration of technology in support of the Army's Long Range Precision Fires modernization mission as well as the Air and Missile Defense mission. These two missions are among the top modernization priorities of the United States Army. Community, academic and industry support are essential to the successful completion of this type of work. A true mutual benefit to both community and the Army exists with this partnership. While this facility will serve as an important ecosystem for industry, academia, and the Army, it is also an important milestone for the community as it grows into high-tech industries.

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April 26, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator (FISTA) Campus Modernization and Expansion Project in Lawton, Oklahoma in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the FISTA Development Authority located at 200 SW C. Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501. The funding would be used for the buildout of the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) to provide new needed capabilities to companies, as well as the government, as they work with and meet with contractors on sensitive projects that are important to our national security.

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

Sincerely,

TOM COLE  
Member of Congress