

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FY 2012-13 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA

Friday, November 18, 2011
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

10:30-10:50 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

10:50-11:10 OVERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. [Background Information: H.B. 10-1140 allows moneys in the State Veterans Trust Fund, which receives tobacco settlement revenue, to pay part of the cost of building National Guard armories at Alamosa, Grand Junction, and Windsor until July 1, 2012. A total of \$4.4 million is expected to be paid for this purpose from the Trust Fund. SECTION (1)(3)(b)(II) of this bill, which is part of the bill's legislative declaration and is not in statute, states: "the general assembly hereby declares that...the department of military and veterans affairs, in consultation with the office of state planning and budgeting in the office of the governor, shall ensure that whatever sum of moneys from the trust fund is used for this purpose shall be repaid to the trust fund, with interest."]

Are the amounts coming out of the Trust Fund to pay for Readiness Centers loans? *The funds made available for utilization in armory projects were done so by legislative action. Does the State of Colorado have a moral obligation to repay these amounts? Repayment can only be contemplated by legislative action, therefore this determination must be made by the General Assembly at such time that funds are available.* What are DMVA's expectations concerning when and how repayment will occur? *When funds are available the Department will propose legislation allowing such funds to be reverted to the principle of the Veterans Trust Fund.*

2. What are annual costs for the Western Slope Veterans Cemetery in Grand Junction? *The SFY 2012-13 Request is \$412,134, the SFY 2011-12 appropriation was \$412,134 and the SFY 2010-11 appropriation was \$410,430. Who pays those costs? The costs are paid by a combination of general funds, cash funds and federal funds. Are we paying all these costs along the way or are we deferring some of today's costs into the future? There are no deferred costs.*
3. How do OIT costs apply to the DMVA? Are state IT costs separated from federal IT costs? Is there any risk of commingling funds? How do you ensure that the proper fund sources pay for each? *IT functions within the Department are managed through the General Fund and the Cooperative Agreement. Due to security requirements and practical considerations, the Department retains a distinct State IT system. Costs associated with joint use systems (e.g. land line phones) that are funded by the Federal government are accounted for by utilizing in-*

kind assistance (IKA). This process allows the cooperative agreement money that would go from Federal to State control for this purpose to remain within the Federal contracting system, preventing the co-mingling of funds.

11:10-11:35 STRATEGIC PLAN ISSUE

4. Please describe the process the department used to develop its strategic plan. *Please reference the applicable OSPB instructions.*
5. Please explain the difference between the performance measure called “Average number of veterans served by the Department” on page 12 of the briefing document and the performance measures on page 15 called “Support Requested.”

Does the Department record the type of services that are provided when individuals seek assistance? If so, please provide information on the types of assistance provided.

Division of Veterans Affairs – Supporting veterans through:

*Support and advocacy in receiving Federal veterans benefits
Training to County Veterans Service Officers
Administering the Veterans Trust Fund and Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption*

National Guard Family Programs – Supporting service members and families through:

*Grants through the Military Family Relief Fund
Reintegration retreats and programs before, during and after deployment
Financial counseling and planning
Counseling and liaison to additional service and resources*

6. Is Objective 3, Federal Support a recruiting goal or a readiness goal? Is your performance measure appropriate? *Objective 3 is a recruiting goal. This goal implies a manning level that is pertinent to readiness. Specific readiness levels are classified.*
7. Please explain the performance measure called "Percentage of ready and trained Specialized Domestic Response Assets."

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, through the Colorado National Guard provides federally funded emergency response teams that fulfill the National Guards’ Defense Support to Civil Authority (DSCA) mission. Teams include:

8th Civil Support Team: 22 Army and Air Guard full-time personnel; specialist training in the CBRNE spectrum; Supports FBI, DHS, and local authorities

CERFP: (Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package) 200 volunteers Army/Air

CIP-MAA: (Critical Infrastructure Protection-Mission Assurance Assessments) 10 Army and Air full-time personnel; One of three Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) certified CIP-MAA teams in nation conducting nationwide Defense Industrial Base (DIB) assessments; assessed State Capitol

Counter Drug: est. 1990; Supports drug seizures; educates Colorado youth

NGCE: (National Guard Communication Element) enables local responders and federal agencies to communicate during a disaster or terrorist strike

11:35-12:00 READINESS CENTER ISSUE

8. The DMVA has indicated that federal funding for the Alamosa readiness center may be in jeopardy if Colorado does not appropriate its share of the center's costs this year. Is a waiver possible? *Federal funding for the Alamosa readiness center is programmed for FFY 2012. Failure to execute the funding in this FFY will create the potential for the funds to be swept. Due to the shrinking Department of Defense budget and the scarcity of military construction (MILCON) funds, the potential to lose this funding is high. There is no waiver process to guarantee this funding for future federal fiscal years.*
9. How does the DMVA project operating and maintenance costs for new facilities? Did the federal or state appropriations for building the readiness centers include any money to pay for operating and maintenance after the centers open? Do federal construction projects include a percentage for future operating and maintenance? Does the federal government require this when building a facility? *The DMVA projects O&M costs for facilities using industry standard projections. All funding for O&M is subject to the cost-sharing allocation between state and federal monies. The federal government does not provide for any portion of the state share of O&M.*
10. Projected utility and maintenance costs for the new readiness centers equals \$81,000 in FY 2011-12 and \$167,000 in 2012-13. This will be paid from the operating expenses line in the EDO, which is not increasing. What will be the impact on utilities and maintenance elsewhere? *The increased O&M costs associated with the new armories will further impact our current "life support" O&M activities. The Department will request a supplemental to support ongoing O&M.*

ADDENDUM: OTHER QUESTIONS FOR WHICH SOLELY WRITTEN RESPONSES ARE REQUESTED

(QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS)

1. What is the Department's entire Information Technology (IT) budget for FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13? *See chart below.*

DMVA IT BUDGET	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
Information Technology Asset Maintenance	\$22,372.00	\$22,372.00
Purchases of Services from Computer Center	\$178,810.00	\$352,381.00
Multi-use Network Payments	\$59,906.00	\$87,235.00
Management and Administration of OIT	\$60,776.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$321,864.00	\$461,988.00

Does the Office of Information Technology (OIT) manage the Department's entire IT budget? *Yes (not including Department of Defense systems)*. If not, what IT activities is the Department managing separate from OIT and what percentage is that of the entire IT budget for the Department for FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13? *N/A* Of the IT activities the Department still manages outside of OIT, what could be moved to OIT? *N/A*

2. What hardware/software systems, if any, is the Department purchasing independently of the Office of Information Technology (OIT)? *Department of Defense required, federally funded systems may be purchased outside of OIT*. If the Department is making such purchases, explain why these purchases are being made outside of OIT? *Federal contracting is utilized to make these purchases*.
3. *[Rep. Gerou]* Please provide updates for the workload and performance measures that appeared in the "Department Description" Chapter and the "Strategic Plan" Chapter of the DMVA's 2011-12 Budget Request. *Updated data will not be available in time for the submission deadline*.