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NAVY HISTORIC BUILDING 209 RENOVATION

ISSUE: Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division (NSWC Corona) has experienced tremendous customer demand over the past 10 years as a critical technical resource within the Department of the Navy (DoN). Prior to COVID-19, NSWC Corona was at 97% seating capacity and deficient 550 seats and 270,749 square feet of critical laboratory and support space. In compliance with the 2025 Presidential Memorandum directing federal employees to return to in-person work, the office space is projected to meet full capacity. Building 209, a National Historic Registered Building, has been vacant for several decades, in disrepair, and does not comply with modern building safety, access or seismic building codes. The renovation and modernization of Building 209 would maximize existing resources, add 126 workspaces and resolve 23% of NSWC Corona's Base Facilities Requirement seating deficiency.

ACTION: Congressional support is needed to appropriate funds to make the needed renovations on Building 209. If no Military Construction (MILCON) funding is received for the restoration and modernization of this critical laboratory and support space, NSWC Corona must invest \$34 million in NWCF funding for the project.

BACKGROUND: The Building 209 design phase is completed with an expected construction contract award in the second quarter of FY2026. Investing in this facility will reimagine a two-story dormitory originally built in 1928, last occupied as an office space in the 1980s. Due to safety risks associated with non-compliance with seismic and egress building codes, Building 209 is vacant and will continue to degrade and become unserviceable or condemned. The project will provide 120 workstations, and six private office spaces dedicated to Research Development, Test and Engineering (RDT&E) work supporting engineering, design, testing and assessment of live, virtual, and constructive (LVC) training range engineering systems across the Department of Defense.

Renovating the historic space offers a unique opportunity to solve NSWC Corona RDT&E space requirements while preserving, through occupancy, a National Historic Registered Building. Through the detailed design process, the Building 209 project has gained the support of local city council members, SHPO, and the Norconian Historical Society. Moreover, the building would meet or exceed Department of Interior Standards while shaping a space dedicated to retaining technical talent in the Inland Empire.

Further, the project would optimally align workspaces by relocating Range Systems Engineering scientists, engineers and technicians near their existing laboratory in the adjacent Building 204. The one-time expense of renovating and modernizing the 17,679 square foot space exceeds the baseline revenue NSWC Corona generates as a Navy Working Capital Fund (NWCF) activity. NSWC Corona has invested nearly \$2 million to produce a complete and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) compliant design for a construction-contract-award shovel-ready ready project opportunity within the DoN.

