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PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT COMBINED LABORATORY

ISSUE: The Naval Surface Warfare Center – Corona Division (NSWC Corona) Performance Assessment Department currently operates in undersized, outdated, and inflexible laboratory spaces that hinder capability assessments for new warfighting systems and limit timely analysis and feedback for Fleet exercises and operational events across key Navy programs.

ACTION: Due to the minor construction (MINCON) authority limit and increasing demands on both ashore and afloat infrastructure investments, Congressional support is required to appropriate $34.2 million in Military Construction (MILCON) funding for construction of a new, purpose-built laboratory at NSWC Corona.

BACKGROUND: NSWC Corona's mission requirements have significantly expanded over the past decade, yet personnel often conduct data communications and networks engineering work outdoors or rely on Conex containers for storage due to insufficient interior space. The current laboratory cannot support required classified operations, and Building 505—constructed in 1944 as part of a Navy hospital—cannot be reconfigured to modern engineering and communications standards because load-bearing corridor walls restrict redesign. Mechanical systems cannot maintain appropriate environmental controls, and both classified and unclassified servers remain in open lab areas instead of dedicated server rooms, creating operational and security constraints.

To address these challenges, NSWC Corona invested $1.2 million to complete a fully compliant, contract-award-ready design approved by the State Historic Preservation Office, resulting in a shovel-ready project that the command cannot execute because the construction cost exceeds the $9 million MINCON limit. The proposed 11,757-square-foot Performance Assessment Combined Laboratory (PAC Lab) would provide purpose-built classified and unclassified laboratories, server rooms, antenna staging areas, project storage, and organized engineering and assessment spaces. The design includes 32 unclassified workstations, 16 classified workstations, two private offices, and secure, natural-light-filled spaces supporting efficient circulation and mission-aligned workflows.