



BG Dean Mann Sioux Falls Readiness Center Watertown Vehicle Maintenance Shop

Department of the Military

Overview

As inflation continues to raise construction costs, projects that have previously been funded by the legislature are being impacted. Governor Noem's recommended budget supports our National Guard by including \$667,000 in general funds and \$37,001,000 in federal fund expenditure authority to support the BG Dean Mann South Dakota Army National Guard (SDARNG) Readiness Center in Sioux Falls and construct a Vehicle Maintenance Shop in Watertown.

Project Description

The BG Dean Mann Sioux Falls Readiness Center will provide top-of-the-line training, logistical support, and administration functions for three National Guard units to meet any mission they may face. The 2022 Legislature approved \$5,685,920 general funds and \$16,291,974 in federal fund expenditure authority for the readiness center, but due to inflation and the competitive construction environment, the bids were over budget.

The \$6,000,000 addition to the BG Dean Mann Readiness Center provides up to 14,500 sq. ft. of space required for a new unit. A recent force structure change results in 78 additional soldiers with the Battery B, 1/147th Field Artillery being located at the new site. The cost of this addition will be funded with 100% federal funds.

The Watertown Vehicle Maintenance Shop will be a 50,000 sq. ft. facility with maintenance bays, a wash bay, tool rooms, cold storage, as well as administrative and training space. The new building will help maintain National Guard equipment, including additional rocket launcher systems. This facility will be designed to accommodate the size of the larger vehicles currently being utilized by Guard.

Funding

The Governor's recommendation includes an additional \$667,000 in general funds and \$8,001,000 in federal fund expenditure authority to complete the BG Dean Mann Sioux Falls Readiness Center, including the space for the additional unit.

The total cost of the Watertown Vehicle Maintenance Shop project is \$29,000,000 in federal funds.