

Joint Ways & Means Committee

Written Testimony for the CORE-3

(Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, Resilient Emergency Coordination and Training Facility)

Members of the committee I was unable to provide my testimony for this important program yesterday. As the Vice- Chair of this program, it was my intent to seek continued additional funding for this valuable project that would not only benefit Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson Counties but the whole state and in particular all of Eastern Oregon. This facility would not only provide Emergency Coordination but would be a regional training facility to benefit all Eastern Oregon city and county law enforcement and fire agencies. The facility would reduce the often costly and excessive travel for all smaller public agencies to travel to Salem or the Portland area for training.

Thank you for your service to our state. Please review the following information on our regional project.

Thanks,

Jeffrey Blake

Fire Chief, Vice-Chair CORE-3 Leadership Team

The Problem

There are insufficient facilities to meet the region's need for coordinated emergency response and recovery, and training and preparedness for emergency services personnel.

The Solution

A multi-agency coordination center for emergency operations that also serves as a training facility for current and future emergency services personnel.

Significance

Emergency Coordination Center – Acts as a staging ground and emergency coordination center to respond to large scale disasters or shocks (e.g. Cascadia). This would be a significant component of Central Oregon and the State's emergency response capability.

Training Facility – Provides high quality facilities for ongoing and specialized training for safety personnel in Central Oregon as well as other regions in the State and the Pacific Northwest.

Scope and Costs

Phase one of development will include an emergency coordination center/classroom facility, an emergency vehicle operator course (EVOC) and a driver's skill pad, and a fire tower and burn building. Phase one of the project is estimated to cost \$34M. This rises to \$50M if you include the value of the land.

The full buildout will include a wide array of additional facilities and props for public safety and emergency preparedness training.

Local partners have provided \$17M in the form of land (300 acres) and project development costs to date. Our goal is to raise essentially the same amount from the state and feds.

Governance and Engagement

The CORE3 Executive Council is the decision-making body for the project, and 27 local, state, and federal agencies have signed the CORE3 MOU. Leadership is comprised of a chair and two vice chairs, representing local government, fire, and law enforcement.

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council has been asked to staff and project manage the CORE3 facility through the development/construction phase of the project.

Supporting Partners Include:

- Bend Fire and Rescue
- Bend Police Department
- Central Oregon Fire Management Service
- City of Madras
- City of Redmond
- Central Oregon Community College
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Crook County
- Crook County Emergency Management
- Deschutes County
- Deschutes County Sheriff's Office
 - Deschutes County Emergency Management
- Deschutes County 9-1-1
- Jefferson County
- Jefferson County Fire & EMS
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
 - Jefferson County Emergency Management
- Oregon Dept of Public Safety Standards & Training
- Oregon Dept of Forestry
- Oregon Dept of Transportation
- Oregon Office of Emergency Management
- Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Oregon State Police
- Redmond Airport
- Redmond Fire and Rescue
- Redmond Police Dept
- Governor's Regional Solutions

- Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District

Leadership:

Tony DeBone – Chair, Deschutes County Commissioner

Mike Krantz – Co-Vice Chair, Bend Police Chief

Jeff Blake – Co-Vice Chair, Jefferson County Fire and EMS Chief

Website & Contact Information:

<https://core3center.org/> - includes Master Business Plan and most up-to-date PowerPoint summarizing the project in greater detail.

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Project Site Plan



Project Site Map

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