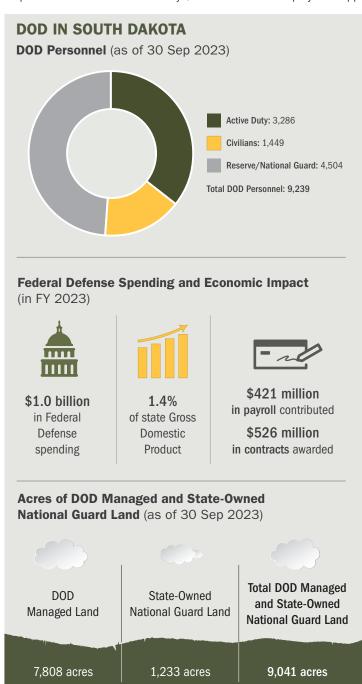
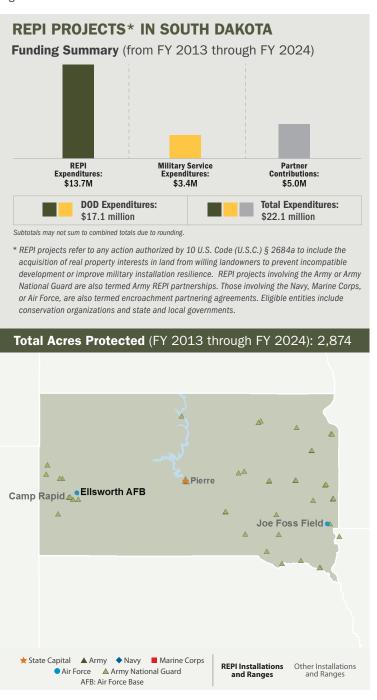


OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of South Dakota received \$1.0 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2013 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed nearly \$22.1 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in South Dakota.





MILITARY PRESENCE

- Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB) is the home of the 28th Bomb Wing, which flies B-1B Lancers. As the host unit, providing all essential base operating support services for Ellsworth and combat support services for an Air Expeditionary Wing.
- In 2021, the Air Force signed a Record of Decision officially naming Ellsworth AFB as the first B-21 Raider stealth bomber Main Operating Base. The B-21 will incrementally replace the B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit to perform both conventional and nuclear missions alongside the B-52 Stratofortress.

REPI PROJECTS

| Installation | County | Congressional District |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Ellsworth AFB | Meade, Pennington | At-large |

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



A B-1B bomber takes off from Ellsworth AFB to take part in a training exercise.

Key REPI Partners

- Black Hills Vision
- City of Box Elder
- Meade County
- Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation
- Pennington County
- City of Rapid City
- South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority
- West River Foundation

Data Sources

- For Economic Impact Information:
 - Ellsworth 2023 Economic Impact Analysis: www.ellsworth.af.mil/About-Us/
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY24 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:
 Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation:
 "Defense Spending by State Fiscal Year 2023":
 www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023
- For REPI Projects Information:
 "2025 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/
 Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/
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