OVERVIEW

South Dakota received $629 million in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, which provides direct funding for 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 investment, 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. DoD 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 REPI, 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 enjoyed broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. Through FY 2019, DoD and its partners have spent over $15 million on REPI projects at 1 installation in South Dakota.

REPI PROJECTS* IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Funding Summary (through FY 2019)

- REPI Expenditures: $8,078,467
- Military Service Expenditures: $3,441,286
- Partner Expenditures: $4,414,691
- Total Expenditures: $15,934,444

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 USC §2684(a) to include the acquisition of interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development and protect habitat or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible partners include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (through FY 2019): 2,872
MILITARY PRESENCE

Ellsworth AFB is the largest employer in the West River Region and second largest in the state, providing nearly $360 million in economic impact the region in FY 2017.

The state created the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority in 2009 to protect and promote the economic impact of Ellsworth Air Force Base and associated industry.

Ellsworth Air Force Base is home to more than 10,000 personnel including military, civilian, contract personnel and dependents. The base was responsible for creating over 4,000 new jobs in the region as of FY 2017.

REPI PROJECTS

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Key REPI Partners

- Black Hills Vision
- City of Box Elder
- Meade County
- Pennington County
- South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority
- West River Foundation

Data Sources


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Ellsworth Air Force Base (EAFB), located in western South Dakota, hosts the 28th Bomb Wing, one of only two B-1B Lancer bomber wings in the world. EAFB also remotely employs MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aircraft from ground control facilities in support of worldwide operations and provides expeditionary combat power for America. For example, in 2011, B-1 bombers launched from Ellsworth to strike targets in Libya in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn.

Protecting EAFB’s single runway from encroachment is vital for continuing operations as well as access to the nearby nine million-acre Powder River Training Airspace. However, residential homes and small businesses located close to the base and within Accident Potential Zones may impede the Air Force’s ability to carry out the mission at EAFB. In addition to Ellsworth’s 9,500 military and civilian employees and families, the base is located 10 miles east of Rapid City and just outside of Box Elder.

To ensure that South Dakota remains a great place for the Air Force to conduct its mission and to protect and promote the economic impact of EAFB, in 2009 the South Dakota Legislature created the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority (SDEDA). SDEDA is building new homes, including low-income housing, in compatible locations outside the safety zones and 100-year floodplain. Meanwhile, EAFB donated lands to the community to develop a new elementary school and mixed-use compatible development area, making this project a win-win for the local economy and military mission.

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