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The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Military Construction,  
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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As stated

cc:  
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Ranking Member



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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Debbie Wasserman-Schultz  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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# Report to Congressional Defense Committees



## Third and Fourth Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2021, on the Status of the Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement Project

**In Response to: House Report 115–188, Pages 27-28, Accompanying H.R. 2998, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2018**

The estimated cost of this report or study for the Department of Defense (DoD) is approximately \$5,200.00. This includes \$ 0.00 in expenses and \$5,200.00 in DoD labor.

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# **Status of the Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement Project**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This third and fourth quarter report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 is in response to the report accompanying H.R. 115-188, pages 27-28, accompanying H.R. 2998, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2018. The financial data presented below, as reported by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as the construction agent, is as of September 15, 2021.

On July 11, 2021, the Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement was activated for patient care.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement Project replaces the existing William Beaumont Army Medical Center and is designed to support the 95,000 eligible beneficiaries in the Fort Bliss market. Upon occupancy, the Fort Bliss hospital will encompass 1,132,460 square feet in new construction, supporting 135 inpatient beds, 12 operating rooms, 269 exam rooms, and ancillary patient care services. The project also supports 15 graduate medical education, nursing, and enlisted training programs. Additional features include a new grade-separated interchange, a dedicated electric substation, two-way approach helipad, and more than 4,000 parking spaces.

In accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 2851 and Department of Defense Directive 4270.5, this construction project is being directed and supervised by the USACE. The first project increment was awarded for construction on January 29, 2013 to the Joint Venture of Clark-McCarthy Healthcare Partners, and construction started on May 29, 2013.

## **PROJECT STATUS**

The Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement Project is an incrementally-funded project initially authorized in FY 2010 at \$966M. Subsequent 10 U.S.C. § 2853 cost variation notifications bring the current authorized cost to \$1.37B, which equals total funding for the project.

The Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement was activated for patient care on July 11, 2021. Minor construction activities will continue over the next several months, upon which time the contract will be financially closed. USACE is confident existing funding is sufficient to complete the project within the \$1.37B authorized cost.

## **CONCLUSION**

On July 11, 2021, the Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement was activated for patient care. As of September 15, 2021, the project remains in that status with minor construction activities ongoing. The most recent construction agent report shows the current working estimate remains at \$1.37B, within the authorized cost.