

TAB A

United Service Organizations (USO)

Amount: \$18,300,000

Background: Established in 1941, the USO provides morale-boosting programs, entertainment, and services, to include providing free Internet and e-mail access, electronics, personal care items, and recreation services to troops in combat zones; a variety of service member family events; and support to wounded warriors. The USO currently has over 160 locations around the world in 11 countries (including the U.S.) and 23 states. In 2012, USO centers served nearly 8 million visitors and produced more than 100 tours with more than 700 special entertainment events.



In determining whether the activities of this organization appropriately “shall serve the national interest” per §8077 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-6), the following criteria, with justification, are submitted:

- Management or Institutional Value: The USO has supported American troops around the world for 70 years, providing a variety of services and entertainment to the U.S. armed forces. USO services are provided free of charge to service members in airports and other locations. The USO has a paid staff of approximately 435 and nearly 27,000 volunteers who contributed more than 1.3M hours of service in 2012. In 2012 and 2011 the USO received three stars (out of four) from Charity Navigator.
- Constituent Interest (Internal and External to DoD): The USO serves a plurality of constituent interests, including:
 - The Congress
 - The American Public
 - Families of members of the Armed Services
 - Members of the Armed Services
 - Members of the Entertainment Industry
- Symbolic Value: The USO is an iconic American institution, with a rich tradition. The USO has provided entertainment to American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Recommendation: Determine that it shall serve the national interest to use \$18,300,000 to make a grant to the USO.

Approve AC Disapprove _____ Other _____
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