Health, Education, and Labor Appropriations Requests

The following requests are Idaho-related projects supported and sponsored by Senators Crapo and Risch:

**Project Name:** Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Improvements  
**Amount Requested:** $350,000  
**Recipient:** Bear Lake Memorial Hospital  
**Location:** Montpelier, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** Bear Lake Memorial Hospital provides care to individuals in Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming, but the hospital lacks sufficient space for all their needs, including Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant restrooms and increased computer access.

**Project Name:** Bingham Memorial Hospital Advanced Imaging Systems Modernization  
**Amount Requested:** $525,000  
**Recipient:** Bingham Memorial Hospital  
**Location:** Blackfoot, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** This project would support Bingham Memorial Hospital’s acquisition of advanced imaging systems, with a special focus on breast cancer detection capabilities.

**Project Name:** Boise State University Arts and Humanities Institute  
**Amount Requested:** $300,000  
**Recipient:** Boise State University  
**Location:** Boise, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For arts and humanities programs at Boise State University  
**Description:** The Institute would build upon Boise State University’s intellectual and cultural activities in Boise and beyond by encouraging studies in the humanities, stimulating creative expression in the arts, and nurturing connections among the humanities and other fields of research and teaching.

**Project Name:** Cassia Regional Medical Center Medical Equipment and Modernization  
**Amount Requested:** $385,000  
**Recipient:** Cassia Regional Medical Center  
**Location:** Burley, Idaho
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities
Description: Cassia Regional Medical Center is seeking equipment and facilities upgrades to increase service capability and improve the level of care available to its rural service area.

Project Name: Children’s Justice/Child Protection Services
Amount Requested: $150,000
Recipient: Nez Perce Tribe
Location: Lapwai, Idaho
Public Interest: To support tribal children protection services
Description: This project supports the Nez Perce Tribe’s efforts to combat child abuse and neglect, making it possible for them to reunify with their families when it is safe for the children. Additionally, information and education will be made available to members of the community about child abuse and neglect in order to reduce the number of children being removed from their homes.

Project Name: Clearwater Valley Hospital Clinic Expansion
Amount Requested: $1,000,000
Recipient: Clearwater Valley Hospital
Location: Orofino, Idaho
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities
Description: This project would provide for clinic expansion where, currently, all hospital rooms are shared and for space for new doctors, exam rooms, or outpatient service areas.

Project Name: College of Idaho Boone Science Hall and Technology Upgrade
Amount Requested: $370,000
Recipient: College of Idaho
Location: Caldwell, Idaho
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities
Description: This project will support ongoing efforts to remodel and expand the College of Idaho’s Boone Science Hall for students and faculty research.

Project Name: College of Idaho Library Technology Infrastructure Upgrade
Amount Requested: $300,000
Recipient: College of Idaho
Location: Caldwell, Idaho
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities
Description: This project will help upgrade and renovate the College of Idaho’s library.

Project Name: College of Southern Idaho Healthcare Workforce Training and Education
Amount Requested: $300,000
Recipient: College of Southern Idaho
Location: Twin Falls, Idaho
Public Interest: For education and training for students in health care fields
Description: This project will support the needs of the College of Southern Idaho’s health care worker education and training programs.

Project Name: College of Southern Idaho Renewable Energy Technician Training Program
Amount Requested: $500,000
Recipient: College of Southern Idaho
Location: Twin Falls, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For education and training for students in energy  
**Description:** The Renewable Energy Technician Training Program will continue to create apprenticeship and job training programs to meet the growing demand for green construction professionals skilled in energy efficiency and renewable energy technology.

**Project Name:** Dental Services for Low-Income Children  
**Amount Requested:** $300,000  
**Recipient:** Idaho Caring Foundation for Children  
**Location:** Boise, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For dental services for low-income Idaho children  
**Description:** This project helps provide access to needed dental services for low-income, uninsured Idaho children.

**Project Name:** Eastern Idaho Regional Electronic Health Records  
**Amount Requested:** $750,000  
**Recipient:** Hospital Cooperative  
**Location:** Pocatello, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For an electronic medical records system  
**Description:** The Hospital Cooperative is developing a protected health information regional electronic health record system. This system will create a central database by pulling information from disparate technologies into a common database to ensure greater quality and interoperability for patient care.

**Project Name:** Education and Health Program Development  
**Amount Requested:** $450,000  
**Recipient:** Special Olympics Idaho  
**Location:** Garden City, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** To support increasing interest in Special Olympics activities and programs  
**Description:** The 2009 Special Olympics Winter Games, which were held in Idaho, were the largest winter games event in the history of the Special Olympics. Idaho has seen significant growth in athlete participation levels and an increased interest in Idahoans to support the needs of Idahoans who suffer from disabilities.

**Project Name:** Empowerment for People with Intellectual Disabilities  
**Amount Requested:** $250,000  
**Recipient:** Best Buddies Idaho  
**Location:** Boise, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** To support programs for social integration of Idahoans with intellectual disabilities  
**Description:** The Best Buddies organization is dedicated to assisting individuals with intellectual disabilities with the challenges of social reintegration. Funding would support training of disabled students to become advocates for others and to expand educational opportunities for youth with disabilities throughout Idaho.

**Project Name:** Energy Systems Technology and Education Center  
**Amount Requested:** $300,000  
**Recipient:** Idaho National Laboratory  
**Location:** Idaho Falls, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For continuation of energy systems technology training and education
**Description:** The Energy Systems Technology and Education Center helps under-represented, displaced, and underemployed individuals successfully graduate with training and education in energy-related fields.

**Project Name:** Exhibit and Program Expansion  
**Amount Requested:** $500,000  
**Recipient:** Discovery Center of Idaho  
**Location:** Boise, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** This project supports the expansion of the Discovery Center of Idaho’s exhibits and programs to promote lifelong learning and interest in science, math, and technology.

**Project Name:** Gritman Medical Center Community Wellness Center  
**Amount Requested:** $1,800,000  
**Recipient:** Gritman Medical Center  
**Location:** Moscow, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** Gritman Medical Center plans to renovate and expand the old Latah Health Services nursing home into a community wellness center.

**Project Name:** Harms Memorial Hospital District Fire Suppression System Project  
**Amount Requested:** $152,200  
**Recipient:** Harms Memorial Hospital District  
**Location:** American Falls, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** This project would support the purchase and installation of an automatic fire suppression sprinkler system in order to bring Harms Memorial Hospital into compliance with a 2008 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ruling for all nursing homes accepting Medicare or Medicaid patients by 2013.

**Project Name:** Idaho Early Literacy Project  
**Amount Requested:** $346,500  
**Recipient:** Lee Pesky Learning Center  
**Location:** Boise, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For literacy programs for pre-Kindergarten low-income Idaho children  
**Description:** This project will support reading and mathematical literacy training programs through partnerships with community organizations, child care providers, online workshops, and parent involvement activities.

**Project Name:** Idaho Healthy Athlete Initiative  
**Amount Requested:** $465,000  
**Recipient:** Game Time International  
**Location:** Nampa, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For substance abuse prevention efforts  
**Description:** This project would help prevent substance abuse by athletes in Idaho high schools and teach life skills to teen athletes by implementing effective drug prevention programs.

**Project Name:** Idaho Museum of Natural History Digital Atlas Portal
Amount Requested: $452,000  
Recipient: Idaho State University  
Location: Pocatello, Idaho  
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities  
Description: The project will permit the Idaho Museum of Natural History to expand the existing Digital Atlas as an Internet portal to deliver educational, research, and science resources to a wide range of museum-dependent national, regional, and local communities.

Project Name: Idaho Nursing Workforce Collaborative  
Amount Requested: $99,600  
Recipient: Idaho Alliance of Leaders in Nursing  
Location: Boise, Idaho  
Public Interest: To address current nursing shortages in Idaho  
Description: The purpose of the Collaborative is to address the current nursing workforce shortage and other employment challenges for nurses through the collection, analysis, and dissemination of nursing workforce data.

Project Name: Idaho State University Biochemistry and Microbiology Laboratory Equipment  
Amount Requested: $510,000  
Recipient: Idaho State University  
Location: Pocatello, Idaho  
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities  
Description: The project will support the acquisition of needed laboratory equipment for biochemistry and microbiology undergraduate programs to enhance curriculum, update laboratories, and facilitate cutting-edge interdisciplinary research opportunities.

Project Name: Idaho State University Microscope Modernization  
Amount Requested: $750,000  
Recipient: Idaho State University  
Location: Pocatello, Idaho  
Public Interest: For equipment  
Description: The project will support the purchase of a multiphoton microscope for research and instruction of students in modern biological imaging techniques.

Project Name: Idaho SySTEMic Solution Plant Early for STEM Learning  
Amount Requested: $250,000  
Recipient: Boise State University  
Location: Boise, Idaho  
Public Interest: To promote science, technology, engineering, and math education programs  
Description: Idaho SySTEMic Solution is a hands-on, project-based STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) learning system designed to spur achievement and confidence among elementary-age learners and their teachers.

Project Name: Lewis-Clark State College Nurse Scholar Program  
Amount Requested: $227,000  
Recipient: Lewis-Clark State College  
Location: Lewiston, Idaho  
Public Interest: For equipment and facilities
**Description:** This project will support the expansion of a pilot program at Lewis-Clark State College to increase the number of minority nurses serving Idaho’s diverse regional population.

**Project Name:** Lewis-Clark State College Ultrasound and Computed Tomography  
**Amount Requested:** $733,980  
**Recipient:** Lewis-Clark State College  
**Location:** Lewiston, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For medical education equipment  
**Description:** This project will support the purchase of equipment for the new radiographic sciences facility at Lewis-Clark State College to train radiographic science and medical diagnostic imaging majors in computed tomography and ultrasound, a specialty area which has been requested by local hospitals.

**Project Name:** Minidoka Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Expansion  
**Amount Requested:** $750,000  
**Recipient:** Minidoka Memorial Hospital  
**Location:** Rupert, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** This project will support the renovation and equipment upgrade of Minidoka Memorial Hospital, including electronic medical records, virtual medicine technology, and other equipment in order to provide better care to patients.

**Project Name:** North Idaho College Physical Therapy Assistant Program  
**Amount Requested:** $200,000  
**Recipient:** North Idaho College  
**Location:** Coeur d’Alene, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For physical therapy assistant training  
**Description:** This project will provide highly-skilled physical therapist assistants to the health care workforce of Idaho. The program will bring together North Idaho College, the College of Western Idaho, and College of Southern Idaho through a distance learning partnership to provide PTA education to Idaho students.

**Project Name:** North Idaho Electronic Medical Records Project  
**Amount Requested:** $2,272,000  
**Recipient:** North Idaho Rural Health Consortium  
**Location:** Coeur d’Alene, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For an electronic medical records system  
**Description:** The Consortium provides a cooperative approach to delivering rural health care in the five northern counties of Idaho. A region-wide electronic medical records network will increase physician efficiency and reduce costs.

**Project Name:** St. Mary’s Hospital Kamiah Clinic  
**Amount Requested:** $500,000  
**Recipient:** St. Mary’s Hospital  
**Location:** Cottonwood, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** The project will help support the establishment of an expanded medical clinic and a physical therapy clinic for increased access to care for residents in the North-Central Idaho region.
**Project Name:** Teton Valley Hospital Infrastructure Upgrade for Safety and Energy Efficiency  
**Amount Requested:** $350,000  
**Recipient:** Teton Valley Hospital  
**Location:** Driggs, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For equipment and facilities  
**Description:** The project will help support the installation of necessary upgrades for aging infrastructure, lower operational costs for heating/cooling, improve the indoor environment enhancing patient health and recovery, and reduce the hospital’s impact on the environment.

**Project Name:** Training for Throw-Away, Put-Away Youth  
**Amount Requested:** $150,000  
**Recipient:** Life’s Kitchen  
**Location:** Boise, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For skill training for at-risk, low-income Idaho youth  
**Description:** This project will help stop the cycle of homelessness and prevent dependence on public assistance for at-risk, low-income youth (ages 16-20) through hands-on experience in the culinary arts combined with life-skills instruction.

**Project Name:** University of Idaho Industrial Training and Safety  
**Amount Requested:** $350,000  
**Recipient:** University of Idaho  
**Location:** Moscow, Idaho  
**Public Interest:** For training for mining industry workers  
**Description:** This project will help support a center at the University of Idaho providing cutting-edge training programs based on risk-analysis of accident and job specification for the high-risk mining industry.