

Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Forbes Request for Comment

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Forbes Request for Comment

All,

Here is our comment:

Air Force JROTC has an annual requirement totaling \$50K for model rockets based upon requests from its more than 890 units worldwide. Rocketry is part of AFJROTC's STEM curriculum. Over the years, AFJROTC has been unable to completely fulfill this annual requirement. However, since AFJROTC is a subordinate unit in the Air Force's Air University organization, end-of-year funding came from excess funds from other AU units.

Respectfully,

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Philip,

My name Brett Abbott, and I am an intern for Adam Andrzejewski, a senior policy contributor at Forbes. We are working on a piece exploring FY2019 contract spending during the final month of the fiscal year -- a phenomena known as 'Use-It-Or-Lose-It-Spending.' My deadline for comment is today, August 24, 2020 at 9pm EST.

Please respond to this email with REPLY ALL. If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece after you respond.

Any on-the-record response, comment, or justification regarding where your department/agency is mentioned in the piece:

\$77.2 million on miscellaneous items – The last-minute shopping spree racked up \$53 million in batteries, \$23 million in books and pamphlets, \$1.1 million on games, toys, and wheeled goods and \$175,877 purchased paint and artist brushes. The Air Force Junior ROTC spent \$49,883 on model rockets, up from \$34,000 spent last year.

Any context, feedback, or comment would be important to our readers at Forbes.

For background, here is the piece we published last year on the FY2018 end-of-year spending.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamandrzejewski/2019/03/11/ten-ways-president-trumps-agencies-spent-100b-in-a-use-it-or-lose-it-shopping-spreed-in-sept-2018/#202bc0b62c43>

Sincerely,

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