

Top Defense Contractors Poised to Benefit from FY09 Earmarks

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Although the House and Senate are still marking up appropriations bills for the FY2009 budget, earmarks in the Defense Authorization bill could have some defense contractors seeing much more green in 2009. According to a Government Executive [article](#), analysis from [TaxPayers for Common Sense](#) (a non-profit budget watchdog), showed \$9.9 billion in earmarks in the House version of the bill, and \$5.4 billion in the Senate version. Looking through the list of "beneficiaries," you can see some familiar names of companies that stand to gain significantly if these earmarks fly. You can access the raw data [here](#), but in case you're not in the mood for spreadsheets, take a look at some of the contractors on the list:

Who Will Benefit from Proposed FY2009 Congressional Earmarks?		
Company	Project Examples	Total Amount
BAE Systems	Headborne Energy Analysis and Diagnostic System (HEADS)	House: \$19.0M
	Flexible Access Secure Transfer (FAST)	Senate: \$17.1M
Boeing	B-52 Combat Network Communications Technology (CONNECT)	House: \$3.94B
	C-17A Globemaster III (strategic/tactical airlifter)	Senate: \$312.5M
CACI	Cyber attack mitigation technologies	House: \$0
	Damage Control Management	Senate: \$5.5M
General Dynamics	Fort Bragg Range 74 Combined Arms Collective Training	House: \$757.0M
	Mk 47 Advanced Lightweight Grenade Launcher	Senate: \$25.0M
IBM	High Performance Computing Capability	House: \$2.0M
		Senate: \$0
L-3	Battlefield Anti-Intrusion System (BAIS)	House: \$19.5M
	RIVET JOINT ISR Network Integration	Senate: \$0
Lockheed Martin	F-22A Raptor	House: \$553.0M
	Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense - Signal Processor	Senate: \$506.0M
Northrop Grumman	Improve maturity of MP-RTIP sensor suite for larger aircraft	House: \$1.8B
	LPD-17 (amphibious assault ship)	Senate: \$140.9M
Raytheon	Space Situational Awareness	House: \$20.0M
	Mobile sensor network	Senate: \$114.5M

Earlier this year, McCain promised to veto all earmarks and "make their authors famous." It looks like Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-CT) with \$292.5 million in earmarks, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) with \$188.0 million, Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) with \$82.6 million, and Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) with \$157.8 million would need an agent in a McCain administration.