Recommendation
The National Guard Association of the United States urges the Congress to authorize and appropriate:

- Fully Integrated Suite of AFSOC Support Equipment and Software
  - $630,000 (3840 Appropriations)
  - $2.58 million (3080 Appropriations)

Background
The Air National Guard Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS), as a part of the Air Force DCGS, lacks the system capability to efficiently provide Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination (PED) support to current and future Combatant Commander (COCOM)-tasked Full Motion Video (FMV) missions. The current system configuration is neither robust nor reliable enough to support COCOM requirements.

To support today’s fast-paced tactical missions and avoid the software limitations inherent in the current architecture, ANG DCGS analysts are growing increasingly reliant on workarounds and supplemental systems. Use of multiple systems has led to task saturation, making it difficult to meet the stringent timelines implemented by COCOMs. Current architecture requires the use of five separate systems to accomplish current COCOM mission taskings. Moving from five systems to a single standardized hardware and software solution immediately reduces exploitation timelines by an average of 50% and will result in less reliance on workarounds, thus enhancing overall analytical support.

In addition, the AF DCGS enterprise has migrated to United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) standards as the baseline for mission execution. As such, it is paramount to implement a solution which provides the same functionality and support employed by Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). This capability would reduce complexity and interface seamlessly with existing AN/GSQ-272 SENTINEL weapons system architecture, which will enhance support to both Conventional and Special Forces ground commanders. Production timelines significantly decrease while providing proven data archival, exploitation, sort, and retrieval capabilities. Additionally, integration into COCOM and AF voice/data networks is essential to providing threat warning while maintaining situational awareness for DCGS analysts. The solution exists and includes the required exploitation capabilities for current and future mission requirements.

ANG DCGS units will be unable to properly and effectively PED USSOCOM Tier 1 and Tier 2 missions. Failure of these missions could jeopardize the safety of U.S. forces.

Units Impacted
- 102 IW Otis ANGB, MA
- 123 IS Little Rock AFB, AR
- 181 IW Terre Haute IAP, IN
- 117 IS Birmingham IAP, AL
- 152 IS Reno-Tahoe IAP, NV
- 184 IW McConnell AFB, KS