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Chairman Eric L. Smith  
Joint Committee on Kansas Security  
State Capitol, Room 512-N  
300 SW 10th Ave  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Adjutant General's Department respectfully submits the following information in response to inquiries received during the agency's presentation to the committee on October 12, 2023.

#### **Representative Pat Proctor**

*QUESTION: How many soldiers are anticipated to be assigned to the new Division Artillery Headquarters (DIVARTY HQ) in Kansas?*

ANSWER: 188 soldiers - 151 enlisted, 25 officers (with an O6 commander), 12 warrant officers.

*QUESTION: Who is the contractor identified for a project that would address sewage challenges at the Great Plains Regional Training Center in Salina? What is the state cost share for this project?*

ANSWER: A construction contract was awarded in September 2023 with Orazem and Scalora Engineers, for \$197,785. The scope of this project is intended to repair the issues that were discovered during an inspection of the facility, which is essentially replacing sections of the vent piping in areas of the building that are failing (NW wing, 1st/2nd floors). Negative air pressure is also a considerable factor in the building, so adjustments to HVAC will be made to create a positive air flow away from the building.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information and for the committee's continued support of The Adjutant General's Department and the Kansas National Guard. If there are additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 785-646-0011 or keith.marshall.1@us.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith L. Marshall".

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