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U.S. Lied About Funding “Dangerous Pathogen” Research in Secret Ukrainian Biolabs, Newly Leaked Documents Reveal - CovertAction Magazine

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Newly Leaked Documents Reveal **Pentagon Contractors Worked Under \$80 Million Program Funded by Defense Department But Kept Hidden from Public**

Leaked documents give new information about the Pentagon program in biolaboratories in Ukraine. According to internal documents, Pentagon contractors were given full access to all Ukrainian biolaboratories which handled dangerous pathogens, while independent experts were denied even a visit. The new revelations challenge the U.S. government statement that the Pentagon just funded biolaboratories in Ukraine but had nothing to do with them.

Last week U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland confirmed that “Ukraine has biological research facilities” and the U.S. is worried that “those research materials” may fall into Russian hands. What “research materials” were studied in these biolaboratories and why are U.S. officials so worried that they may fall into Russian hands?



[Source: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)]



[Source: twitter.com]

The Pentagon activities in Ukrainian biolabs were funded by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). DTRA allocated **\$80 million** for biological research in Ukraine as of July 30, 2020, according to information obtained from the U.S. Federal Contractor Registration. U.S. company Black &

Veatch Special Projects Corp. was tasked with the program.

DTRA ACQUISITION FORECAST 30 JULY 2020

Award PIN / Award Modification PIN	Est. Completion Date	Type of Set Aside	NAICS Code	Global Vendor Name	Description of Requirement	Vehicle	Total Estimated Value
HDTRA115C0073P00010	6/30/2020	8(A)-SS	541611	JAB INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS LLC	ACQUISITION SUPPORT	Contract	\$3,760,126.08
HDTRA117C0014P00008	11/20/2021	8(A)-SS	561210	OLGOONIK AEROSPACE SERVICES LLC	Logistics Support Services	Contract	\$3,900,937.92
HDTRA117C0082P00006	6/30/2021	8(A)-SS	541611	KENT CAMPA AND KATE INCORPORATED	Administrative Support: 3	Contract	\$3,170,563.51
HDTRA117C0081P00005	9/28/2020	8(A)-SS	541611	IBEX IT BUSINESS EXPERTS LLC	Journeymen (PTEs)	Contract	\$3,865,957.84
HDTRA117F0647P00014	5/31/2022	8(A)-SS	541512	SBG TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INC.	MID LEVEL CONSULTANT	TO/DO	\$4,293,168.31
HDTRA108D00007000429	8/14/2020	OTSB-None	541990	BLACK & VEATCH SPECIAL PROJECTS CORP	SUPPORT AND ANALYSIS	TO/DO	\$80,000,000.00
HDTRA108D00007001209	2/1/2021	OTSB-None	541990	BLACK & VEATCH SPECIAL PROJECTS CORP	BTRP-Ukraine	TO/DO	\$23,231,589.27
HDTRA108D00008000910	8/31/2020	OTSB-None	541990	JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC.	BTRIC-Philippines	TO/DO	\$38,427,697.41
HDTRA108D00008001122	7/8/2020	OTSB-None	541990	JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP INC.	NO COST EXTENSION	TO/DO	\$53,939,284.46
HDTRA111D00007001223	10/31/2020	OTSB-None	541990	RAYTHEON COMPANY	DESIGN, RENOVATIONS, TRAINING IN WEST AFRICA	TO/DO	\$14,600,000.00
					Jordan Border Security Program-Sustainment (JBSP-S) Phase 2/3/4		

[Source: dilyana.bg]

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) awarded Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp. an \$80 million contract under the Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) in Ukraine in 2020. Located in Overland Park, Kansas, Black & Veatch [is an employee-owned engineering firm specializing in infrastructure development in power, oil and gas, telecommunications, mining and banking and finance markets](#), which previously obtained more than \$1 billion worth of contracts in Afghanistan. It obtained revenues of more than \$3.7 billion in 2020, It was [sued by dozens of U.S. soldiers, injured in Taliban attacks, who accused Black & Veatch of violating the U.S. Anti-Terrorism Act by making illegal protection payments to the Taliban.](#)

The lawsuit estimates that it cost the Taliban about

\$100 million to \$155 million to launch attacks in 2011 and about \$300 million to maintain the insurgency. The lawsuit said protection money was one the largest and most reliable sources of income for the Taliban.

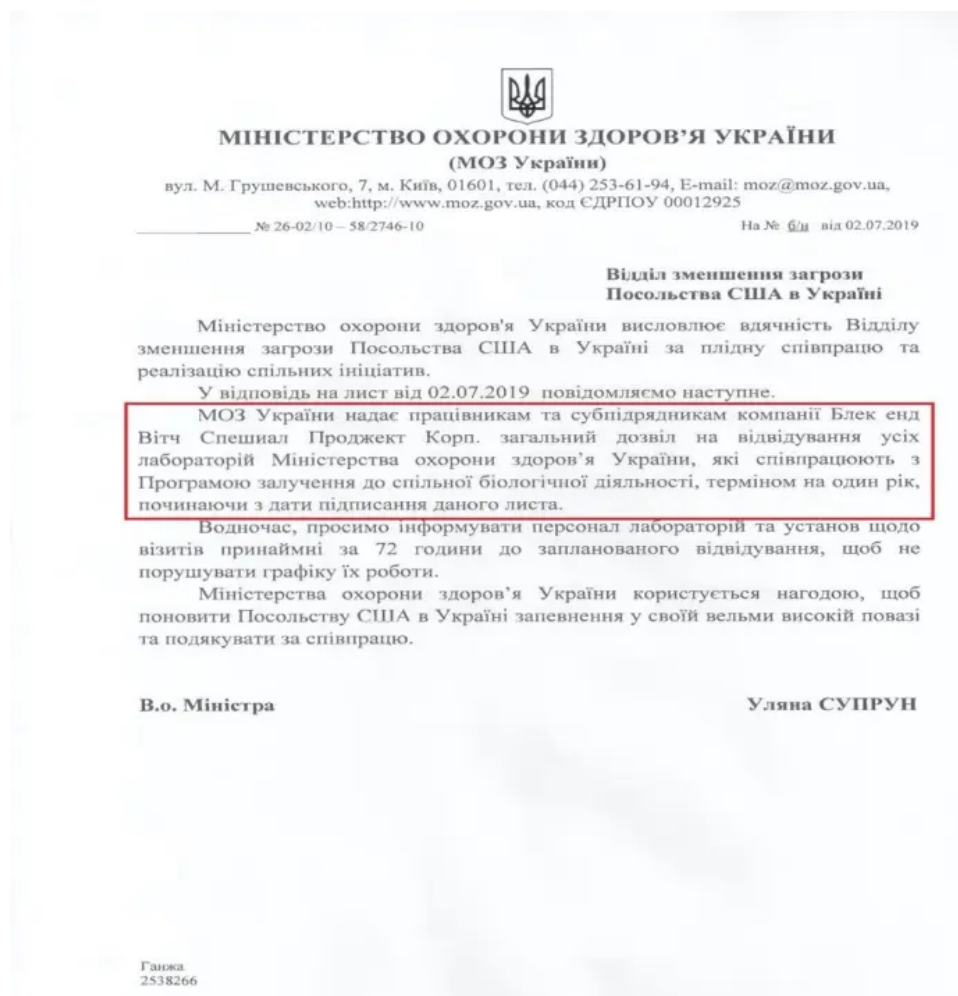


[Source: [foursquare.com](https://www.foursquare.com)]

Pentagon contractors given full access to Ukrainian biolabs

[First constructed following a 2005 agreement](#)

[spearheaded by then Senator Barack Obama](#), the Ukrainian biolabs were accessible to Pentagon contractors but not to independent experts, according to [internal documents](#) published on Reddit by an alleged former employee of the Ukrainian Ministry of Health. Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp. was given full access to freely operate in all biolabs in Ukraine that were engaged in biological research activities under the DTRA program, according to a letter dated July 2, 2019, from the Ukrainian Minister of Health to DTRA in Ukraine.



[Source: dilyana.bg]

A letter dated July 2, 2019, from the Ukrainian Minister of Health Ulana Suprun to DTRA in Ukraine gives Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp. full access to all biolaboratories in Ukraine involved in the U.S. military biological research program. Ulana Suprun is an American national and was conferred Ukrainian citizenship by former president Petro Poroshenko in 2015.





Ulana Suprun [Source: [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulana_Suprun)]

Ukraine rejected proposal for public control over the Pentagon-funded biolabs

While Pentagon contractors were given full access to all biolabs involved in the DTRA program, independent experts were denied such access under the pretext that these biolabs were working with especially dangerous pathogens.

According to a leaked letter, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine denied experts from the scientific journal *Problems of Innovation and Investment Development* access to the Pentagon-funded biolaboratories. The ministry rejected the proposal made by the scientific journal and did not allow an independent public control group of experts to supervise these biolaboratories.

“The Ministry of Health of Ukraine considers it inappropriate to create a working group for public control and it is not possible to allow members of the group to enter the premises of laboratories of especially dangerous infections of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine,” according to a letter dated 21 October 2016 from the Ukrainian Deputy Minister for European Integration Oksana Sivak to the scientific journal “Problems of Innovation and Investment Development.”

Another DTRA contractor that operated in Ukraine was CH2MHill. The Englewood, Colorado-based company, which previously managed the \$5.26 billion Panama Canal expansion project and provided management consultancy services for the Iraq Common Seawater supply project, was awarded a [\\$22.8 million contract](#) (2020-2023) for the reconstruction and equipment of two new biolaboratories: the State Scientific Research Institute of Laboratory Diagnostics and Veterinary-Sanitary Expertise (Kyiv ILD) and the State Service of Ukraine for Food Safety and Consumer Protection Regional Diagnostic Laboratory (Odesa RDL).





[Source: davisvanguard.org]

According to [leaked documents](#), CH2MHill was tasked with an \$11.6 million program “Countering Especially Dangerous Pathogen Threats in Ukraine.”

German-Ukrainian project on bird flu

German and Ukrainian scientists conducted biological research on especially dangerous pathogens in birds (2019-2020). The project was implemented by the Institute of Experimental and Clinical Veterinary Medicine (Kharkov) and the Friedrich Loeffler Institute (Greifswald, Germany). According to the project’s description, the main goal of this project was to carry out sequencing of orthomyxoviruses (causative agents of avian flu) genomes, as well as to discover new viruses in

birds.

According to the Russian Ministry of Defense, DTRA funded a similar project in Ukraine—[UP-4](#)—in 2020. The project’s goal was to research the potential of especially dangerous pathogens to be transmitted via migratory birds, including the highly pathogenic H5N1 flu, whose lethality for humans can reach 50%, as well as Newcastle disease. The use of migratory birds for possible delivery of pathogens was a major research program between the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Department of Defense in the past.



Links to Documents Pointing to Pentagon Funding of Biolabs in Ukraine

(Note: these documents were removed from the U.S. embassy in Kyiv—moved to Lviv on February 24, but have been made accessible by internet sleuths)

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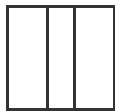
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In December of 2016 while reporting on the battle of Aleppo she discovered and filmed underground warehouses full of heavy weapons with Bulgaria as their country of origin. They were used by Al Nusra Front (the Al Qaeda affiliate in Syria which is designated as a terrorist organization by the UN).

Diplomatic documents which were leaked to her revealed that these weapons were just a small part of a covert international weapons shipment network via 350 diplomatic flights for armament of terrorists in the Middle East and Africa. It was organized by United States Special Operations Command, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

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