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### **Appropriations Subcommittee:**

Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS)

### **DOC Priority:**

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### **Federal Agency:**

Department of Commerce

### **Agency Account:**

Economic Development Administration

### **Program Title:**

Economic Development Administration

### **Program Description:**

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) Program is dedicated to promoting innovation, competitiveness, and regional collaboration to prepare American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA works directly with communities and regions to help them build the capacity for economic development based on local business conditions and needs.

EDA makes grant investments in planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction which are designed to leverage existing regional assets to make it easier for businesses to start and grow.

Based on EDA's track record of successful collaboration with stakeholders (both federal and non-federal), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has designated EDA to lead the federal government's efforts to maximize the integration of economic development resources from all sources, including federal, state, local and philanthropic, to achieve impactful outcomes for the nation's communities.

### **Amount Requested by AFCC:**

\$292,500,000



**Amount of Federal Funding Included in the President’s Budget Request for the Coming Fiscal Year:**

\$0

**Amount of Federal Funding Appropriated for the Program During Previous Fiscal Years:**

**FY 2017:** \$237,000,000

**FY 2018:** \$262,500,000

**FY 2019:** \$266,500,000

**FY 2020:** \$292,500,000

**AFCC’s Justification / Rationale for Its Funding Request:**

AFCC strongly opposes the proposed elimination of this agency. AFCC, instead, requests that funding for the EDA be continued at prior year funding levels.

As the only federal government agency focused exclusively on economic development, the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) plays a critical role in facilitating regional economic development efforts in communities across the nation.

EDA’s Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs provide economically distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible resources to address a wide variety of economic needs.

The EDA’s contributions to infrastructure construction and economic development in local communities are key in facilitating the ability of AFCC’s member companies to expand and locate new facilities, distribution centers, and offices in these communities.

**Proposed Bill Language:**

Use language from pg. 71 of the FY2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 1158 (P.L. 116-93).



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### **Federal Agency:**

Department of Commerce

### **Department:**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

### **Agency Account:**

Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF)

### **Program Title:**

Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

### **Program Description:**

NOAA's Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) or "NOAA Research" seeks to improve the understanding of changes in the Earth's environment, providing the research foundation for understanding the complex systems that support our planet. OAR supports laboratories and programs across the United States and collaborates with external partners. OAR research contributes to better forecasts, earlier warnings for natural disasters, enables communities to plan for and respond to climate events such as drought, enhances the protection and management of the Nation's coastal and ocean resources, and a greater understanding of the Earth.

### **Amount Requested by AFCC:**

\$525,000,000



**Amount of Federal Funding Included in the President’s Budget Request for the Coming Fiscal Year:**

\$352,700,000

**Amount of Federal Funding Appropriated for the Program During Previous Fiscal Years:**

FY 2017: \$461,024,000

FY 2018: \$474,514,000

FY 2019: \$525,060,000

FY 2020: \$548,384,000

**AFCC’s Justification / Rationale for Its Funding Request:**

OAR HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO BE CUT BY 36% in the President’s FY2021 Budget. AFCC OBJECTS TO THIS CUT AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS that full funding – at the same level as appropriated in prior years -- be restored for OAR.

OAR provides the research foundation for understanding the complex systems that support our planet. It supports laboratories and programs across the U.S. and collaborates with external partners. OAR research contributes to better forecasts, earlier warnings for natural disasters, enables communities to plan for and respond to climate events such as drought, and enhances the protection and management of the Nation’s coastal and ocean resources.

**Proposed Bill Language:**

Use language from pg. 74 of the FY2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 1158 (P.L. 116-93) OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES (ORF) along with the FY2020 report language stipulating the amount to be allocated to OAR.



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### **Federal Agency:**

Department of Commerce

### **Agency Account:**

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

### **Program Title:**

Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

### **Program Description:**

NIST promotes U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve the quality of life for American citizens.

### **Amount Requested by AFCC:**

\$754,000,000

### **Amount of Federal Funding Included in the President's Budget Request for the Coming Fiscal Year:**

\$652,000,000

### **Amount of Federal Funding Appropriated for the Program During Previous Fiscal Years:**

FY 2017: \$690,000,000

FY 2018: \$724,500,000

FY 2019: \$724,500,000



**FY 2020:** \$724,000,000

**AFCC's Justification / Rationale for Its Funding Request:**

AFCC RECOMMENDS CONTINUING FUNDING AT THE FY2020 LEVEL FOR the Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS) which provides resources for all of NIST's laboratory programs. NIST's Laboratory Programs work at the frontiers of measurement science to ensure the U.S. system of measurements are grounded on sound science and technical principles. The measurement science research at NIST is the basis for all pure and applied science disciplines that contribute to the productivity and competitiveness of the American economy. Ensuring NIST's continued excellence will provide a critical tool for strengthening American competitiveness.

**Proposed Bill Language:**

Use the bill language from pg. 74 of the FY2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 1158 (P.L. 116-93)



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### **Federal Agency:**

Department of Commerce

### **Department:**

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

### **Agency Account:**

Industrial Technology Services

### **Program Title:**

Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)

### **Program Description:**

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a public-private partnership with Centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico dedicated to serving small and medium-sized manufacturers.

### **Amount Requested by AFCC:**

\$155,000,000

### **Amount of Federal Funding Included in the President's Budget Request for the Coming Fiscal Year:**

\$0

### **Amount of Federal Funding Appropriated for the Program During Previous Fiscal Years:**

**FY 2017:** \$155,000,000

**FY 2018:** \$155,000,000



**FY 2019:** \$155,000,000

**FY 2020:** \$155,000,000

**AFCC's Justification / Rationale for Its Funding Request:**

For the past 30 years, the MEP National Network™ has equipped small and medium-sized manufacturers with the resources needed to grow and thrive. MEP's industry experts work side-by-side with manufacturers to reduce costs, improve efficiencies, develop the next generation workforce, create new products, find new markets and much more. Together, they strengthen communities and U.S. manufacturing.

*Last year, MEP Centers interacted with 28,213 manufacturers, leading to \$15.7 billion in sales, \$1.5 billion in cost savings, \$4.5 billion in new client investments, and helped create or retain 114,650 jobs.*

**Proposed Bill Language:**

Use the bill language from pg. 74 of the FY2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 1158 (P.L. 116-93)