



Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition

Advocating for Public Policies to Promote the Development & Production of Alternative Fuels, Renewable Chemicals, Biobased Products, and Sustainable Aviation Fuels

AFCC FY2025 Appropriation Requests - CJS

FY2025 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS FOR COMMERCE, JUSTICE & SCIENCE OF KEY IMPORTANCE TO AFCC'S 150+ MEMBER COMPANIES

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Appropriations Subcommittee:

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies

CJS Priority: #1

Federal Agencies:

Department of Commerce (DOC) and National Science Foundation (NSF)

Agency Account:

DOC: Economic Development Administration

DOC: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Operations, Research, and Facilities

DOC: National Institute of Standards (NIS), Scientific and Technical Research and Services, and Industrial Technology Services

DOC: Economic and Statistical Analysis, Bureau of the Census

DOC: General Provisions – Department of Commerce

NSF: all

Program Title:

DOC: Economic Development Administration

DOC/NOAA: Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

DOC/NIS: Scientific and Technical Research and Services and Manufacturing Extension Partnership

NSF: Research and Related Activities, Education and Human Resources, Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction, Agency Operations and Award Management, National Science Board, Office of Inspector General

Amount Requested by AFCC:

See the following table showing prior year funding levels and AFCC's FY2025 appropriations requests



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AFCC's 2025 Appropriations Requests – CJS

COMMERCE, JUSTICE & SCIENCE

KEY PROGRAMS OF IMPORTANCE TO AFCC'S 150+ MEMBER COMPANIES

13 requests | 2 priorities | AFCC's priorities are indicated below in green text

Subcommittee: Commerce, Justice & Science

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

Account / Program:	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 President's Request	AFCC's FY 2025 Request	
DOC: General Provisions – Department of Commerce See Rational / Explanation (1) below							
AFCC Request						See Rationale / Explanation (1) below	
DOC: Economic Development Administration (EDA)							
FY Appropriation	\$305,500,000	\$330,000,000	\$306,009,000	\$400,000,000		\$400,000,000	
DOC: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)							
FY Appropriation	included under FY2021 appropriation of \$3,840,300,000 for ORF	included under FY2022 appropriation of \$4,157,311,000 For ORF	included under FY2023 appropriation of \$4,500,997,000 For ORF	\$4,548,485,000 for all of NOAA's initiatives and programs		\$4,550,000,000 for ORF	



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Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

Account / Program:	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 President's Request	AFCC's FY 2025 Request	
DOC: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)							
FY Appropriation	included under FY2021 appropriation of \$3,840,300,000 for ORF	included under FY2022 appropriation of \$4,157,311,000 For ORF	included under FY2023 appropriation of \$4,500,997,000 For ORF	\$4,548,485,000 for all of NOAA's initiatives and programs		\$4,550,000,000 for ORF	
DOC: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)							
FY Appropriation	\$788,000,000	\$850,000,000	\$953,000,000	\$1,080,000,000		\$1,100,000,000	
DOC: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Industrial Technology Services (ITS); Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)							
FY Appropriation	\$166,500,000	\$158,000,000	\$13,000,000	Included under ITS appropriation request of \$212,000,000		\$212,000,000	
DOC: Economic and Statistical Analysis; Bureau of the Census See Rational / Explanation (2) below							
FY Appropriation	\$818,241,000	\$1,054,000,000	\$1,155,000,000	\$1,054,000,000		(2) \$1,155,000,000	



Subcommittee: Commerce, Justice & Science

Agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Account / Program:	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 President's Request	AFCC's FY 2025 Request	
NSF: Research and Related Activities							
FY Appropriation	\$6,909,769,000	\$7,159,500,000	\$7,021,136,000	\$7,176,500,000		\$7,176,500,000	
NSF: STEM Education							
FY Appropriation	\$968,000,000	\$1,005,000,000	\$1,154,000,000	\$1,172,000,000		\$1,172,000,000	
NSF: Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction							
FY Appropriation	\$241,000,000	\$249,000,000	\$187,230,000	\$234,000,000		\$234,000,000	
NSF: Agency Operations and Award Management							
FY Appropriation	\$345,640,000	\$400,000,000	\$448,000,000	\$448,000,000		\$448,000,000	
NSF: National Science Board							
FY Appropriation	\$4,500,000	\$4,600,000	\$5,090,000	\$5,090,000		\$5,090,000	
NSF: Office of Inspector General							
FY Appropriation	\$17,850,000	\$19,000,000	\$23,393,000	\$24,410,000		\$24,410,000	
NSF FY Totals	\$8 billion	\$8.332 billion	\$8.839 billion	\$9.06billion		\$9.06 billion	

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Rationale / Explanation (1)

(1) For General Provisions – Department of Commerce, AFCC is proposing that language be added directing the Secretaries of the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture to work together to create North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes for biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased products, distinct from products produced from fossil fuels. There currently are no NAICS numbers for non-fossil fuel products. Use of the NAICS codes for fossil fuel-based products is inaccurate and misleading, since biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased products are produced specifically as replacements for fossil fuel-derived products.

AFCC and other associations advocated for NAICS codes to be created for renewable chemicals and biobased products, which were incorporated in the 2018 Farm Bill. Several Federal Register notices have been published with requests for information. However, the requested NAICS codes have been denied because the industry is considered to be too small. It is not possible to measure the growth of the industry, nor how the biobased economy has become, if there are no tools to do this without the NAICS codes.

Proposed Legislative Language for (1)

Add to the end of *General Provisions – Department of Commerce* as a new Sec. 113 after Sec. 112 and before the last sentence beginning “This title may be cited as ...” *Commerce* (see page 63, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, P.L. 117-328):

SEC. 113. The Secretary of Commerce shall work with the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and create unique North American Industrial Classification System codes to be assigned by the Census Bureau for biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased products that properly and accurately reflect that these are not fossil-fuel based products and are distinct from and intended as replacements for fossil-fuel based products.

Rationale / Explanation (2)

(1) For the Bureau of the Census, Title IX, Energy, Section 9002(2) of the 2018 Farm Bill directs the Secretary of Commerce to develop NAICS codes for renewable chemicals and biobased products, a provision that was included in the 2018 Farm Bill due to the advocacy of AFCC and other associations.

Several Federal Register notices were subsequently published requesting information from the Census Bureau on the status of this provision in the 2018 Farm Bill. However, the Census Bureau



denied the request to create NAICS codes for these industries. The reason given was that the industry was too small.

Unfortunately, there is no way in which the growth of these industries can be measured or how large the biobased industry is if there are no tools such as NAICS codes specific to these industries?

AFCC is therefore proposing that language be added in its FY2025 appropriation at the end *Periodic Censuses and Programs* directing the Census Bureau to develop and assign NAICS codes and update its searchable NAICS database, consistent with AFCC's Rationale / Explanation (1) above, and consistent with [the Census Bureau's description and explanation of the NAICS codes on its website](#), namely that:

"The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy. It was developed to allow for a high level of comparability in business statistics among the three North American countries. NAICS is based on a production-oriented concept, meaning that *it groups establishments into industries according to similarity in the processes used to produce goods or services.*" [italics added]

Proposed Legislative Language for (2)

Add to *Bureau of the Census* at the end of *Periodic Censuses and Programs* (see page 55, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, P.L. 117-328) by changing the period after "activities" from a period to a colon and adding:

Provided further, That, from amounts provided herein, funds may be used for developing and assigning North American Industrial Classification System codes for biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biobased products, distinct from their fossil-fuel counterparts, and updating the bureau's searchable industry classification database to incorporate said codes, with said updates to be completed no later than September 30, 2025.