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Program (funding levels in millions)	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16 POTUS Request	FY16 Senate
Manufacturing Extension Partnership	121.8	128	130	141	130
Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms	15	15	12.5	10	12.5
Coastal Zone Management Act (grants only)	61.2	66.1	71.2	116	75
Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory	9.96	9.6	9.8	9.9	unknown
National Sea Grant College Program	59.8	62.8	62.8	68.5	62.8

Other notable provisions:

Economic Development Administration – Language provides \$10 million for the Regional Innovation Program, out of a total of \$213 million to the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The program awards grants to regional entities in support of innovation and entrepreneurship, as authorized under the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–235). The Committee directs EDA to invest in university-based, high-tech business incubators to encourage entrepreneurship and promote technology commercialization through business startups, especially in States that have made a significant financial commitment. Committee sets aside \$2 million within the program for cluster grants to support nonprofit, job-creating, revolving, equity-based seed capital funds.

Advanced Manufacturing – Language provides \$15 million for the Advanced Manufacturing Consortia, of which \$5 million is to fund the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) coordination of the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation institutes, as authorized under the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–235). No funds are provided to establish any NIST-led institutes in FY2016.

Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Cost Share – Language also raises concerns about the MEP cost-share structure and requires NIST to provide a report to Congress within 45 days on funding and contribution sources for centers that have transitioned to a lower (50/50) federal cost-share (current federal share is ⅓).

Manufacturing Communities Partnership Program – No funding requested or provided for FY2016. Language notes concern with the underlying premise of the program and awaits a mandated report from the Department of Commerce, outlining a plan to better utilize existing programs to assist various types of distressed communities using a “bottom-up, demand-driven approach to manufacturing investment.”

American Community Survey – Committee supports and affirms the importance of this survey and directs the Census Bureau to continue using it to test innovative survey and data processing techniques to save money and reduce risk during the 2020 Census cycle. Committee also directs the Bureau to provide an updated report to the Committee on efforts to evaluate and, where possible, to reduce questions, as well as ensure that the survey is conducted as efficiently and unobtrusively as possible.

Disaster Resilient Buildings – Language provides full funding (\$10.4 million) for Disaster Resilient Buildings and Infrastructure, of which up to \$5,000,000 shall be distributed through competitive external awards to academic institutions to support the evaluation of potential technologies and architectural design criteria to aid the overall effort for science-based building codes to improve disaster resilience.

Fisheries – Language provides \$3 million for the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act grants to states, \$0.5 million above the authorized level. These grants provide for state and interstate surveys and research. Language also encourages annual stock assessments for horseshoe crab populations in the Mid-Atlantic, where they serve as a source of commercial bait, vital food source for migratory shore birds, and are used by the biomedical industry worldwide to test products for bacterial contamination. Main states where fisheries occur include Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia. Language encourages NOAA Fisheries to prioritize long-time series surveys conducted cooperatively with industry and States. These would include the Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (NEAMAP) survey, which covers inshore areas from Maine to the mid-Atlantic.

Coastal Management Grants – Coastal Zone Management grant projects must have the expressed written support of the State's Governor.