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Program (funding levels in millions)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17 POTUS Request	FY17 Senate
Manufacturing Extension Partnership	128	130	130	142	130
Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms	15	12.5	13	10	13
Coastal Zone Management Act (grants only)	66.1	71.2	75	75	85*
Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory	9.6	9.8	10.5	n/a	n/a
National Sea Grant College Program	62.8	62.8	64	62	64

*Includes \$15,000,000 for Regional Coastal Resilience Grants (RCRG)

Other notable funding and provisions:

Economic Development Administration

Language provides \$20 million for the Regional Innovation Program, out of a total of \$215 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 \$3 million within the program for cluster grants to support nonprofit, job-creating, revolving, equity-based seed capital funds.

National Network for Manufacturing Innovation

Language provides \$25 million for NIST’s activities in the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation [NNMI], to include funding for center establishment and up to \$5 million for coordination activities. NIST shall follow the direction of the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–235), which requires open competition to select the technological focus areas of these industry-driven institutes.

Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Cost Share

The Committee is aware of concerns regarding the MEP’s current cost-share structure. This matter is still being considered by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. NIST is directed to expeditiously submit the report mandated by the Committee in FY2016.

Manufacturing Communities Partnership Program

No funding requested or provided for FY2017. Language notes concern with the underlying premise of the program and the potential for negative impacts on communities not designated under the program. The Department of Commerce is directed to better utilize existing programs to assist various types of

distressed communities across the country 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 calls for no less than \$5 million be used for Disaster Resilient Buildings and Infrastructure through grants 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.

NOAA

Language supports the office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research's continued work on ice cover activities through its cooperative institutes, which are important to various Great Lakes stakeholders, including the fishing industry, the commercial shipping industry, and the U.S. Coast Guard, which has a statutory icebreaking mission in the Great Lakes.

Fisheries

Language provides \$3 million for the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act grants that provide grants for state and interstate surveys and research.

Coastal Management Grants

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