



## FY2017 Omnibus Appropriations Legislation: Top-Line Items for the NEMW Region

Congress has unveiled the fiscal year 2017 Omnibus Appropriations bill, which will provide discretionary funding levels for the government for the remainder of the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2017. The bill provides for a total of \$1.163 trillion in total spending, of which \$1.07 trillion is base spending, \$93.5 billion is Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding, and \$8.2 billion is for emergency and disaster funding in response to fires, floods, and other extreme weather events that have happened during 2017. The following highlights some of the funding levels and provisions that will have the greatest impact on the Northeast-Midwest region. Funding levels for additional priority programs will be updated [here](#) on our website.

Program (funding levels in millions)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Manufacturing Extension Partnership	\$128	\$130	\$130	\$130
Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms	\$15	\$12.5	\$13	\$13
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund	\$1,061	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300
State Energy Program	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Weatherization Assistance Program	\$171	\$193	\$212	\$225
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$306	\$306	\$450	\$400
Clean Water SRF	\$1,449	\$1,449	\$1,394	\$1,394
Drinking Water SRF	\$907	\$907	\$863	\$863
Chesapeake Bay Program	\$70	\$73	\$73	\$73
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
EPA Brownfield Projects (Assess/Cleanup)	\$90	\$80	\$80	\$80
EPA Brownfield Categorical Grants (Sec. 128)	\$48	\$48	\$48	\$48
EPA Nonpoint Source Pollution Categorical Grants (Sec. 319)	\$159	\$158	\$165	\$171
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grants	\$3,425	\$3,390	\$3,390	\$3,390

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Community Development Block Grant - Formula	\$3,030	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$1,000	\$900	\$950	\$950
Choice Neighborhoods Initiative	\$90	\$80	\$125	\$138
St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp.	\$31	\$32	\$28	\$36
Amtrak	\$1,390	\$1,390	\$1,390	\$1,495
TIGER Grants/National Infrastructure Investments	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$500

**Other notable provisions:**

**Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science:**

Includes \$25 million for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI), to include funding for center establishment and up to \$5 million for coordination activities.

Includes \$5.7 billion for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is \$90 million below the enacted level from FY16.

**Division D – Energy and Water Development**

*Great Lakes & Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)*

- Includes \$2.6 million for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to continue to evaluate the range of options and technologies available to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River Basin at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois.
- Includes language stating that the USACE is expected to release the draft GLMRIS Brandon Road Study consistent with the urgency of its previous actions. USACE is directed to adhere to a public and agency review process that is open and transparent, and is to provide quarterly updates to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the progress and status of efforts to prevent the further spread of the carp as well as the location and density of Asian Carp populations, including the use of emergency procedures.

Includes \$12 million for the USACE’s electric fish barriers at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in Illinois.

Prohibits federal funds to be used for an open lake placement alternative of dredged material, after evaluating the least costly, environmentally acceptable manner for the disposal or management of dredged material originating from Lake Erie or tributaries thereto, unless it is approved under a State water quality certification.

**Division G- Interior**

Includes an increase of \$250,000 to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the Great Lakes Fisheries Assessments. Language is also included stating that the Committee expects that GLRI funds will be allocated to provide \$5.5 million for the Survey to address Asian Carp issues in the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River.

Provides \$8.4 million to control invasive Asian carp, \$2 million for quagga and zebra mussels, and \$711,000 for sea lamprey.

Provides \$14 million for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services National Fish Passage Program.

Provides an additional \$10 million for additional water infrastructure projects through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (WIFIA) program, which can leverage additional funding through the private sector.

Provides \$465 million for the "Payments In Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) program.

Provides \$105 million in grants, to reclaim abandoned mine land sites and spur economic development.

Requires EPA to provide Congress with a report within 90 days examining the National Ambient Air Quality Standard and the potential for administrative options to enable States to enter into cooperative agreements with the EPA that provide regulatory relief and meaningfully clean up the air.

Prohibits the regulation of the lead content of ammunition and fishing tackle.

**Division K – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development**

Includes \$98 million for railroad safety improvements and investments to the physical rail infrastructure.

Includes \$523 million for the Maritime Administration, which is an increase of \$123 from FY16. This increase will seek to improve the productivity, efficiency and safety of the nation's ports.

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