

Title I of the bill provides \$5,492,499,000 for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$25,000,000 above fiscal year 2014 and \$959,499,000 above the budget request. Total funding for activities eligible for reimbursement from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund is estimated at more than \$1,100,000,000, more than \$185,000,000 above the budget request.

#### ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ONGOING WORK

As mentioned above, the budget request is woefully inadequate for meeting the critical water resources infrastructure needs of this nation. Numerous continuing studies and construction projects will be suspended or slowed, leaving many communities vulnerable to floods and coastal storms longer than necessary and hindering economic growth and international competitiveness. Underfunding operation and maintenance of existing assets results in economic inefficiencies and risks infrastructure failure, which can cause substantial economic losses. For these reasons, the Committee provides a total of \$916,599,000 above the budget request within the Investigations, Construction, Mississippi River and Tributaries, and Operation and Maintenance accounts for additional work that either was not included in the Administration's request or was inadequately budgeted. The executive branch retains complete discretion over project-specific allocation decisions within the additional funds provided.

A project or study shall be eligible for additional funding within the Investigations, Construction, and Mississippi River and Tributaries accounts if: (1) it has received funding, other than through a reprogramming, in at least one of the previous three fiscal years; or (2) it was previously funded and could reach a significant mile-stone or produce significant outputs in fiscal year 2015. None of the additional funding in any account may be used for any item where funding was specifically denied; to initiate new studies, projects, programs, or activities; to alter any existing cost-share requirement; or for projects in the Continuing Authorities Program.

Funding associated with each category may be allocated to any eligible study or project, as appropriate, within that category; funding associated with each subcategory may be allocated only to eligible studies or projects, as appropriate, within that subcategory.

*Additional Funding for Ongoing Work.*—The Corps shall allocate the additional funding provided in this account in accordance with only the direction provided here and in the Title I front matter of this report. When developing the rating system(s) for use in allocating additional funds under this account, the Corps shall consider giving priority to the following:

- (1) ability to complete ongoing work maintaining authorized depths and widths of harbors and shipping channels, including where contaminated sediments are present;
- (2) ability to address critical maintenance backlog;
- (3) presence of the U.S. Coast Guard;
- (4) extent to which the work will enhance national, regional, or local economic development, including domestic manufacturing capacity;
- (5) extent to which the work will promote job growth or international competitiveness;
- (6) number of jobs created directly by the funded activity;
- (7) ability to obligate the funds allocated within the fiscal year;
- (8) ability to complete the project, separable element, project phase, or useful increment of work within the funds allocated;
- (9) the risk of imminent failure or closure of the facility; and
- (10) for harbor maintenance activities,
  - total tonnage handled;
  - total exports;
  - total imports;
  - dollar value of cargo handled;
  - energy infrastructure and national security needs served;
  - designation as strategic seaports;
  - lack of alternative means of freight movement;
  - savings over alternative means of freight movement.

The executive branch retains complete discretion over methodology of the ratings system(s) and project-specific allocation decisions within the additional funds provided.