



## U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

### MAINTAIN VITAL JOB CREATION FUNDING IN THE FY2017 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

**ACTON NEEDED:** Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to support at least level funding for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in a final fiscal year (FY) 2017 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations measure.

**LATEST ACTION:** Federal programs are currently operating at fiscal year 2016 levels under a Continuing Resolution that expires April 28. It is anticipated that Congress will approve a FY2017 omnibus appropriations bill after the incoming administration takes office, providing specific funding levels for agencies through October 1, 2017.

On February 9, 2016 the president released his FY2017 budget proposal, which includes \$258 million for EDA, a \$3 million decrease from the FY2015 enacted level. The budget proposes a \$3 million increase for Planning Grants and a decrease of \$15 million in Public Works from FY2015 levels. Economic Adjustment Assistance is funded at \$50 million, a \$15 million increase over the FY2015 enacted level. The budget also recommends \$20 million for Regional Innovation Strategies to promote economic development planning and projects at the regional level. In addition, a new competitive grant program is funded at \$50 million to accelerate the transfer of federally-funded research from the laboratory to the marketplace.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FY2017 Commerce-Justice Science Appropriations bill on April 21 and the House Appropriations Committee approved their version on May 24. Neither bill has advanced past the committee level.

#### Comparison of FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017 Requested EDA Funding

<i>Budget figures are in millions</i>	Final FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	Senate FY2017 Request	House FY2017 Request
Economic Development Administration	\$261	\$258	\$254	\$264.5
Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$222	\$215	\$215	\$225
Planning Grants	\$32	\$35	\$33	\$30
Public Works	\$100	\$85	\$100	\$102
Economic Adjustment Grants	\$35	\$50	\$36.5	\$38
Technical Assistance	\$11	\$12	\$11	\$10.5
Research & Evaluation	\$1.5	\$3	\$1.5	\$1.5
Trade Adjustment Assistance	\$13	\$10	\$13	\$12
Innovative Manufacturing Loans/Sec. 26	\$0	\$6	\$0	\$0
Regional Innovation Program/Sec. 27	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$0
Assistance to Coal Mining Communities	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$15
Salaries and Expenses	\$39	\$43	\$39	\$39.5

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**KEY TALKING POINTS:**

**The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is the only federal agency focused solely on private sector job creation in distressed areas as its entire mission.** With its modest budget, EDA has developed an impressive record of making strategic investments and building partnerships that help regions and communities address severe unemployment challenges recover from plant closures, major natural disasters, and other chronic and sudden and severe economic hardships. At a time when the nation must make the public sector investments necessary to compete in the global economy, the flexibility, partnership structure, and accountability of EDA's programs should be at the forefront of the federal toolbox. EDA's portfolio of economic development infrastructure, business development finance, regional innovation strategies, and public-private partnerships are tailored to support the unique needs of each region.

- **EDA is unique among federal programs.** While other federal programs often support broader community development activities, EDA focuses solely on private sector job creation and economic growth.
- **By federal law, EDA projects typically require a 50 percent local cost share and significant private sector investment, ensuring that local leaders and businesses are committed to the project's success.** In addition, EDA investments are focused on high quality jobs, especially in advanced manufacturing, science and technology, and emerging knowledge-based industries.
- **By federal law, EDA project investments must be tied into a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed and vetted by local officials (including Economic Development Districts)—**this helps ensure projects have significant local support and are part of a broader regional strategy.
- **EDA creates American jobs.** Two major independent studies conducted over the past decade have concluded that EDA projects have a significant impact on employment levels in communities where EDA investments are made. The most recent analysis released by Grant Thornton and ASR Analytics found that EDA's public works program generates "between 2.2 and 5.0 jobs per \$10,000 in incremental EDA funding, at a cost per job of between \$2,001 and \$4,611." These results mirror an in-depth study of EDA's public works and economic adjustment assistance programs by Rutgers University and a consortium of researchers in 1998. EDA's job creation and private sector leveraging ratios are highly cost effective and rank at the very top of any public economic development agency.
- **EDA partners with the nationwide network of 380 Economic Development Districts and other state and local officials** to address the fundamental building blocks for economic growth, such as regional innovation strategies, vital public infrastructure, business loan funds, and flexible resources for communities to respond to plant closings, base closures, natural disasters, and other sudden and severe economic dislocations. EDA's infrastructure investments are targeted at essential facilities like water and wastewater treatment systems, broadband networks, workforce training centers, business incubators, and science and research parks. These assets are often lacking in the nation's most distressed areas, yet they are a prerequisite for private industry to invest in job creation and economic growth activities in these areas. As we have witnessed in recent years, private companies will relocate to places with these basic yet vital public infrastructure assets, including outside of the United States.

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**For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, see reverse.**

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