



NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE FY2017 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

ACTION NEEDED: Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to support funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission's (NBRC) community and economic development programs at the Senate approved level \$10 million in a final fiscal year (FY) 2017 Energy and Water Development Appropriations measure. NBRC resources are used for transportation and basic infrastructure, job skills training and entrepreneurial development, comprehensive strategy development, advanced technologies and telecommunications, and sustainable energy solutions in the most severely distressed portions of the Northeastern United States.

BACKGROUND: The Northern Border Regional Commission was first authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill (P.L. 110-627) to help address community and economic development needs within the northern portions of the four-state region of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. This federal-state regional commission was established to leverage the public, private, and philanthropic resources needed to develop and sustain the community building blocks for economic competitiveness and development in the region. NBRC is composed of a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, along with the governors of each state in the region.

LATEST ACTION: Federal programs are currently operating at FY2016 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.

The House was unable to advance its FY2017 Energy and Water spending bill on May 26 when a vote on passage failed. The bill included \$5 million for NBRC. The Senate approved its FY2017 Energy and Water spending bill on May 12. The bill provides \$10 million for NBRC.

On February 9, 2016, the President released his FY2017 budget proposal which includes \$5 million for NBRC.

AREA COVERED: Portions of the four-state region of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. NBRC counties in these states include:

- **Maine** – Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington
- **New Hampshire** – Carroll, Coos, Grafton, and Sullivan
- **New York** – Cayuga, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca, and St. Lawrence
- **Vermont** – Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, and Orleans

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For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115th Congress, see reverse.

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