



FY2016 Appropriations Priorities

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) PROGRAMS

Office of Science

APLU Request: \$5.34 billion

(FY2016 PBR = \$5.34B; FY2015 = \$5.07B; FY2014 = \$5.07B)

APLU advocates for an increase, consistent with the President's Budget, for the DOE Office of Science, bringing the funding level to \$5.34 billion in FY2016. This would help continue support for leading-edge energy research and for educating the next generation of scientists. The Office of Science is our country's largest supporter of foundational research in the physical sciences, helping to advance the fundamental science knowledge base and train future scientists. Robust funding for the Office of Science is necessary to ensure we close the innovation deficit and build a better America by remaining a global leader in science and technology. As Congress seeks to optimally allocate limited resources, funding scientific research, including the Office of Science should be a priority. The technological advances, like those funded by DOE, are the basis of our nation's economic growth and aid in our national defense. APLU is not supportive of the administration's proposed cuts to fusion

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy (ARPA-E)

APLU Request: \$325 million

(FY2016 PBR = \$325M; FY2015 = \$280M; FY2014 = \$280M)

APLU supports funding ARPA-E at \$325 million in FY2016. ARPA-E assembles some of the country's brightest minds in cross-disciplinary research teams to focus on creative, high-risk/high-reward energy research and the rapid development of transformational clean energy technologies. By leveraging talent in all sectors - from private industry, to universities, to government labs - ARPA-E fosters a robust and cohesive community of energy researchers and technology developers in the U.S.