APLU FY2011 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES
COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
APLU Request: $7.424 billion
(PBR = $7.424B; FY2010=$6.926B; FY2009 = $6.49B) APLU supports an increase of at least 7.2% over FY2010 for NSF, the figure included in the Administration’s budget. The NSF funds merit-based research and supports science, STEM education across the country, including at APLU universities in all 50 states. These activities lead to the technological advances which build our economic strength and national defense and ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in science and technology. Funding the NSF at least at the President’s request level would keep the agency on a steady growth path and move toward the goals outlined in the bipartisan America COMPETES Act.

NASA
Science Mission Directorate APLU Request: $5.0 billion
(PBR = $5.0B; FY2010=$4.47B; FY2009 = $4.5B) The NASA Science Mission Directorate is an essential part of meeting the growing challenges to fully understand global changes to the Earth and answer fundamental questions regarding the universe through space exploration. APLU supports and endorses the Administration’s budget request providing a significant increase to this account.

Aeronautics Research and Space Technology Mission Directorate
APLU Request: $1.152 billion
(PBR=$1.152B; Aeronautics only: FY2010=$507M; FY2009=$500M) The Aeronautics and Space Technology Mission Directorate funds research vital to the aviation field. This field requires solutions for the next generation of aeronautics advances. Additional funding is needed to answer the questions surrounding safety, capacity and environmental compatibility.

NOAA
Sea Grant Program APLU Request: $76.5 million
(PBR = $64.5M; FY2010=$63.0M; FY2009 = $54.99M) Sea Grant is a nationwide network of 30 university-based programs that work with coastal communities on research and outreach programs.

Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) APLU Request: $465 million
(PBR = $465M; FY2010=$438.8M; FY2009 = $396.7M; FY2008 = $398M) APLU supports the Administration’s requested level for OAR., which provides the research foundation for understanding the complex systems that support the Earth, helps provide better forecasts, and earlier warnings for natural disasters.

NIST
Technology Innovation Program (TIP) APLU Request: $79.9 million
(PBR = $79.9M; FY2010 = $69.9M; FY2009 = $65M) The NIST TIP program funds high-risk, high reward research proposals from U.S. universities, businesses, national laboratories, and consortia to support, promote and accelerate innovation.

Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP) APLU Request: $129.7 million
(PBR = $129.7M; FY2010 = $124.7M; FY2009 = $110M) MEP, with centers in every state, focuses on increasing the competitiveness of the U.S. industrial base by bridging the productivity gap for manufacturers, identifying opportunities for growth, and encouraging technology development

Competitive Construction Grants Program APLU Request: $30 million
(PBR = $0; FY2010 = $20M; FY2009 = $30M) APLU urges continued funding at NIST for the competitive extramural research facilitates construction grant program at the level funded in FY2009. There is much demand for this program which supports the construction of new and expanded scientific research facilities across the country.