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APLU FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

NSF

APLU Request: \$7.373 billion

(FY13 PBR = \$7.373B; FY2012 = \$7.033B; FY2011 = \$6.87B)

APLU supports a request of 7.373 billion for FY2013 for the National Science Foundation (NSF), an agency key to the development of new innovations and our national economic competitiveness. The NSF funds merit-based research and supports science, math and engineering education across the country, including at APLU universities in all 50 states. In these challenging budget times, funding scientific research should be a priority. NSF funding is necessary to ensure we build a better America by remaining a global leader as science and technological advances are the foundation of our nation's economic growth and aid in our national defense.

NASA

Science Mission Directorate: APLU Request: \$5.0 billion

(FY13 PBR = \$4.911B; FY2012 = \$5.09B; FY2011 = \$4.95B)

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 a \$5.0 billion budget request, the same funding level as NASA SMD received in FY12. We urge that this \$161 million increase over the Administration's request for SMD, would sustain a sufficient level of support for the Planetary Science research programs within SMD.

Additional NASA Requests

Aeronautics Research: APLU Request: \$552 million (FY13 PBR= \$552M)

Space Technology: APLU Request: \$699 million (FY13 PBR= \$699M)

Space Grant Program: APLU Request: \$39 million (FY13 PBR = \$24M)

NOAA

Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) APLU Request: \$465 million

(FY13 PBR = \$413.8M; FY2012 = \$384.7M; FY2011 = \$427M)

APLU supports \$413.8 million for NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) in FY2013. NOAA funds crucial science related to our oceans and atmosphere that provides decision makers with critically important data and services which enhance the nation's economy, security, and environment. Of importance, is the National Sea Grant program, a nationwide network of 30 university-based programs that work with communities on research and outreach programs to promote better understanding, conservation and use of our coastal resources. We also support the proposed increase to the Competitive Climate Research program in OAR as this external research program was drastically cut in FY12.

NIST

Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP) APLU Request: at least \$128 million

(FY13 PBR = \$128.0; FY2012 = \$128.4M; FY2011 = \$128.7M)

MEP focuses on increasing the competitiveness of the U.S. industrial base in every state. The MEP centers are non-profit, university or state-based organizations which provide manufacturers with an array of services that focus on growth, productivity, and efficiency. APLU urges Congress to at least sustain the MEP program at \$128 M.