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FY2014 Appropriations Priorities COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

APLU Request: \$7.626 billion

(FY2014 PBR = \$7.626B; FY2013 = \$7.393B*; FY2012 = \$7.033B)

APLU supports a request of \$7.626 billion for FY2014 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. As Congress seeks to optimally allocate limited resources, 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.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMIN (NASA)

Science Mission Directorate

APLU Request: \$5.144 billion

(FY2014 PBR = \$5.017B; FY2013 = \$5.144B*; FY2012 = \$5.09B)

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. NASA Science includes Earth Science, Planetary Science, Astrophysics, the James Webb Space Telescope and Heliophysics. APLU recommends funding of \$5.144 billion for NASA Science in FY2014.

Aeronautics Research Directorate

APLU Request: \$570 million

(FY2014 PBR = \$566M; FY2013 = \$570M*; FY2012 = \$570M)

Space Technology Directorate

APLU Request: \$743 million

(FY2014 PBR = \$743M; FY2013 = \$642M*; FY2012 = \$575M)

National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

APLU Request: \$40 million

(FY2014 PBR = \$24M; FY2013 = \$40M*; FY2012 = \$39M)

**FY2013 appropriated amounts, pre- across-the-board cuts to achieve ATRA budget caps AND pre-sequester cuts*

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APLU FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES (continued)

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)

APLU Request: \$465 million

(FY2014 PBR = \$472M; FY2013= \$391M*; FY2012 = \$385M)

APLU supports \$472 million for NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) in FY2014. The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) provides the research foundation for understanding the complex systems that support our planet. 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.

NOAA National Sea Grant College Program

APLU Request: \$73 million

(FY2014 PBR = \$73M; FY2013= \$63M*; FY2012 = \$63M)

The National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) is a nationwide network of 32 university-based programs that work with coastal communities. Sea Grant engages this network of the nation's top universities in conducting scientific research, education, training, and extension projects designed to foster science-based decisions about the use and conservation of our aquatic resources. The program addresses national priorities at the local level, while identifying citizens' needs in order to help guide state and national research agendas. While APLU is highly supportive of the Administration's request of \$73 million for the Sea Grant Program, we do not support the Administration's request to terminate the Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship Program or the Sea Grant-NOAA Fisheries Fellowship Program.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY (NIST)

Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP)

APLU Request: \$153.1 million

(FY2014 PBR = \$153.1M; FY2013 = \$128.5M*; FY2012 = \$128.4M)

The Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP) focuses on increasing the competitiveness of the U.S. industrial base in every state by acting as a catalyst for strengthening American manufacturing helping transformation the sector into a more efficient and powerful engine of innovation. 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 fund the MEP program at the requested level of \$153.1 million.

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